

# A Man Named Jesus

## Chapter 1: Two Miraculous Babies

Based on Luke 1.

Our story began about 2,000 years ago in the small town of Nazareth, in Galilee.



There lived a young woman named Mary, who was promised in marriage to a man named Joseph, who was a carpenter.

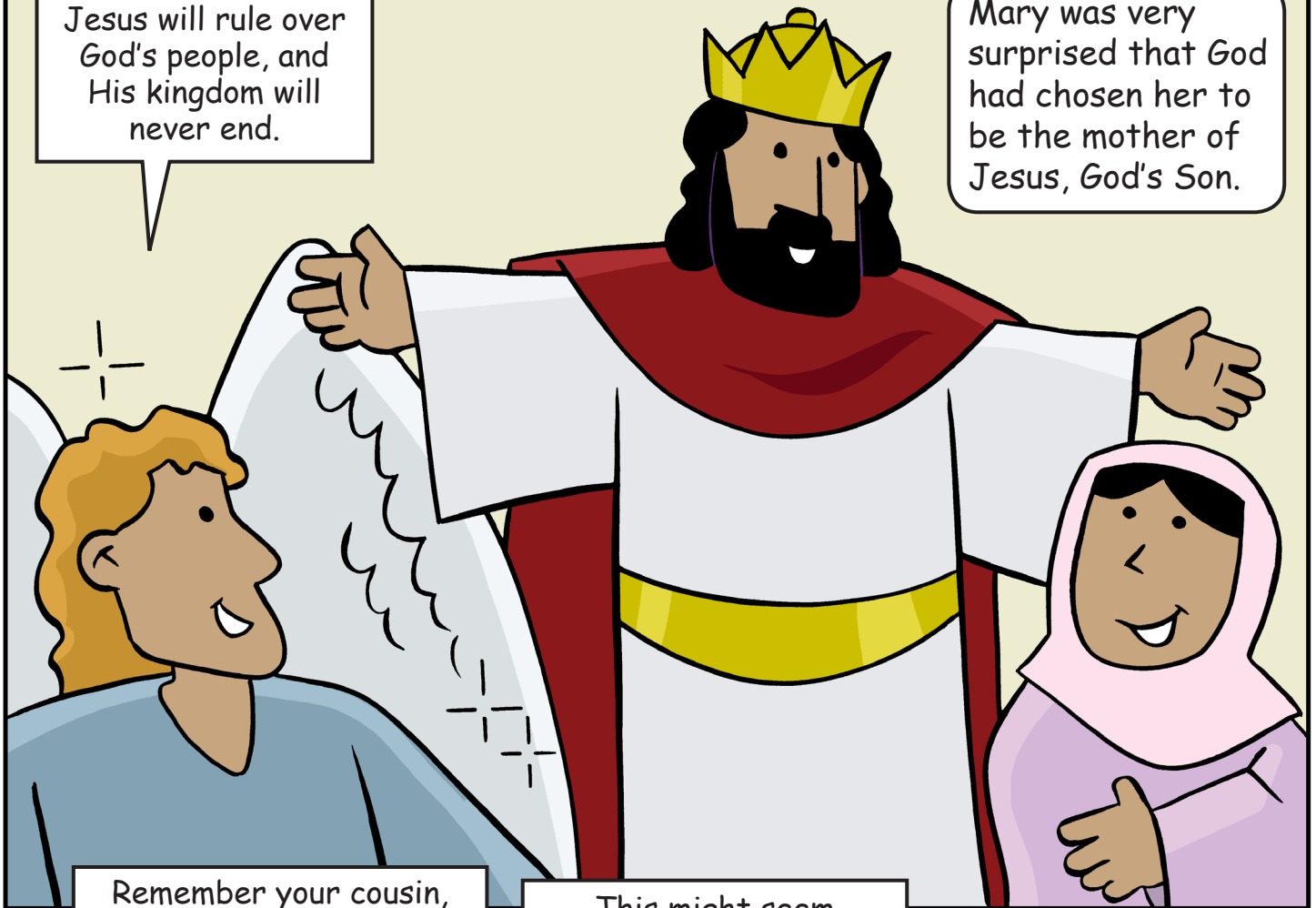






Jesus will rule over  
God's people, and  
His kingdom will  
never end.

Mary was very  
surprised that God  
had chosen her to  
be the mother of  
Jesus, God's Son.



Remember your cousin,  
Elizabeth? Though she is  
old and has never had any  
children, she is now six  
months pregnant.

This might seem  
impossible, but there  
is nothing that God  
cannot do!



Then the angel  
departed.



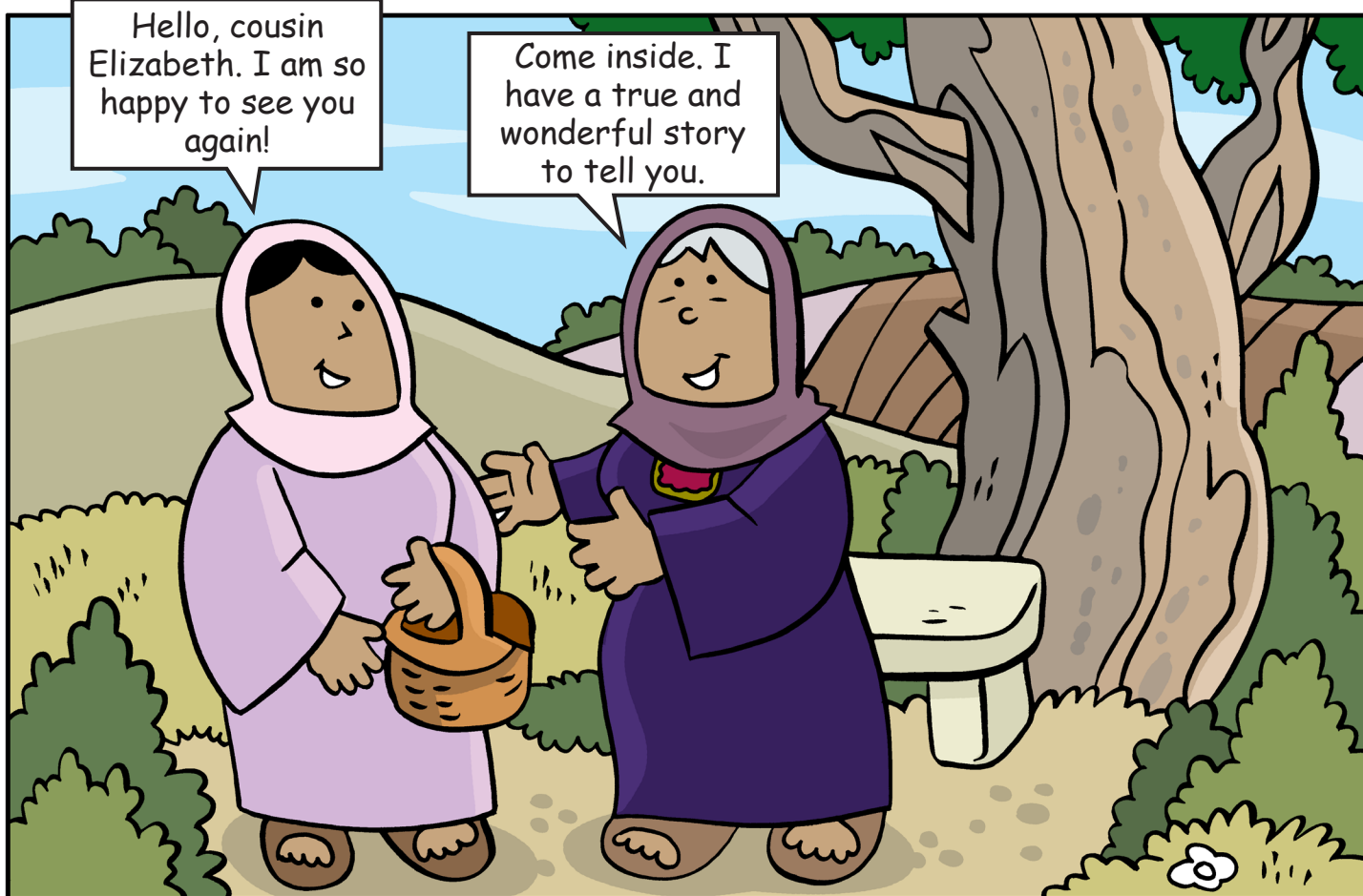


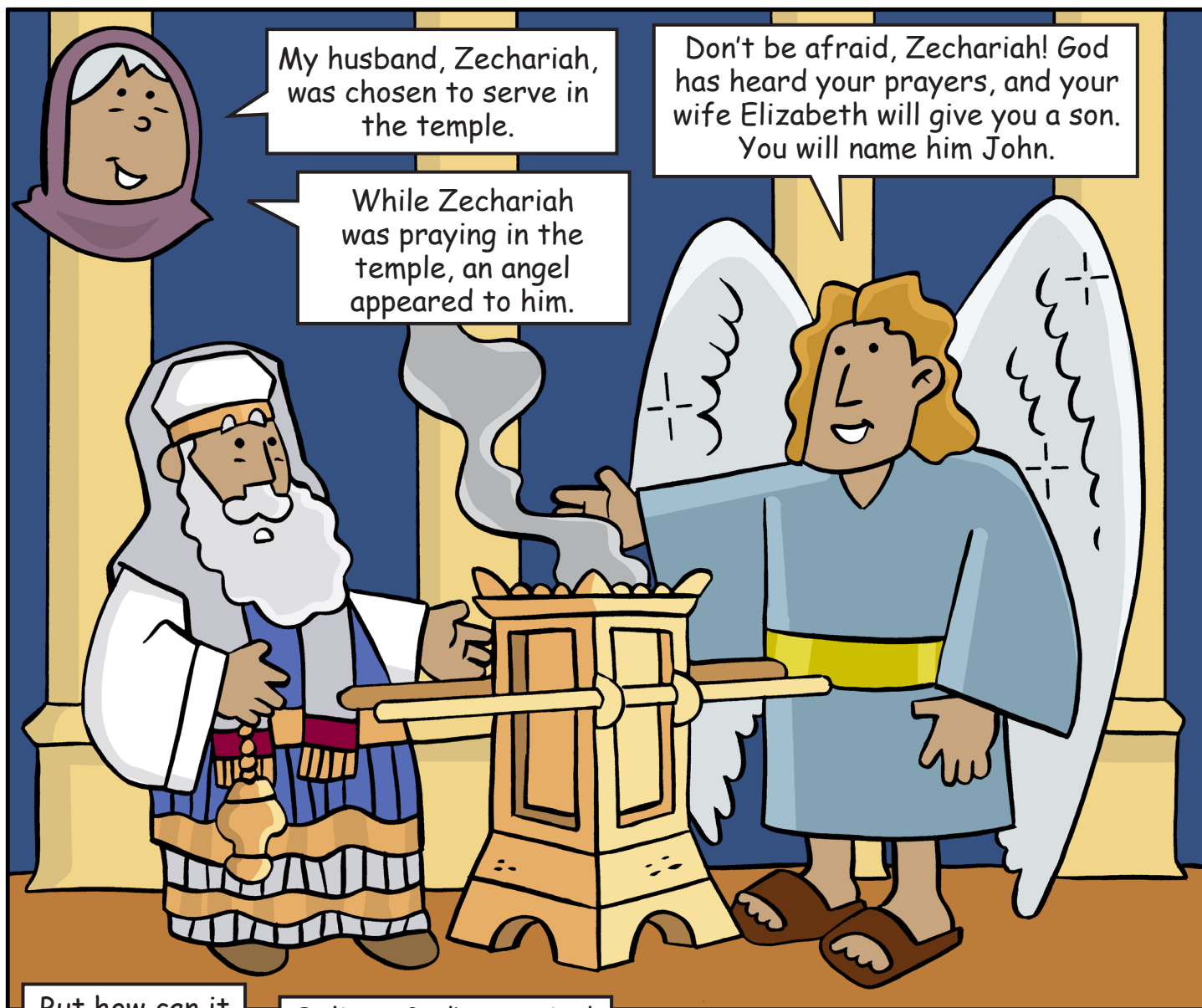
Soon after, Mary went to visit Elizabeth.



Hello, cousin Elizabeth. I am so happy to see you again!

Come inside. I have a true and wonderful story to tell you.





My husband, Zechariah, was chosen to serve in the temple.

Don't be afraid, Zechariah! God has heard your prayers, and your wife Elizabeth will give you a son. You will name him John.

While Zechariah was praying in the temple, an angel appeared to him.

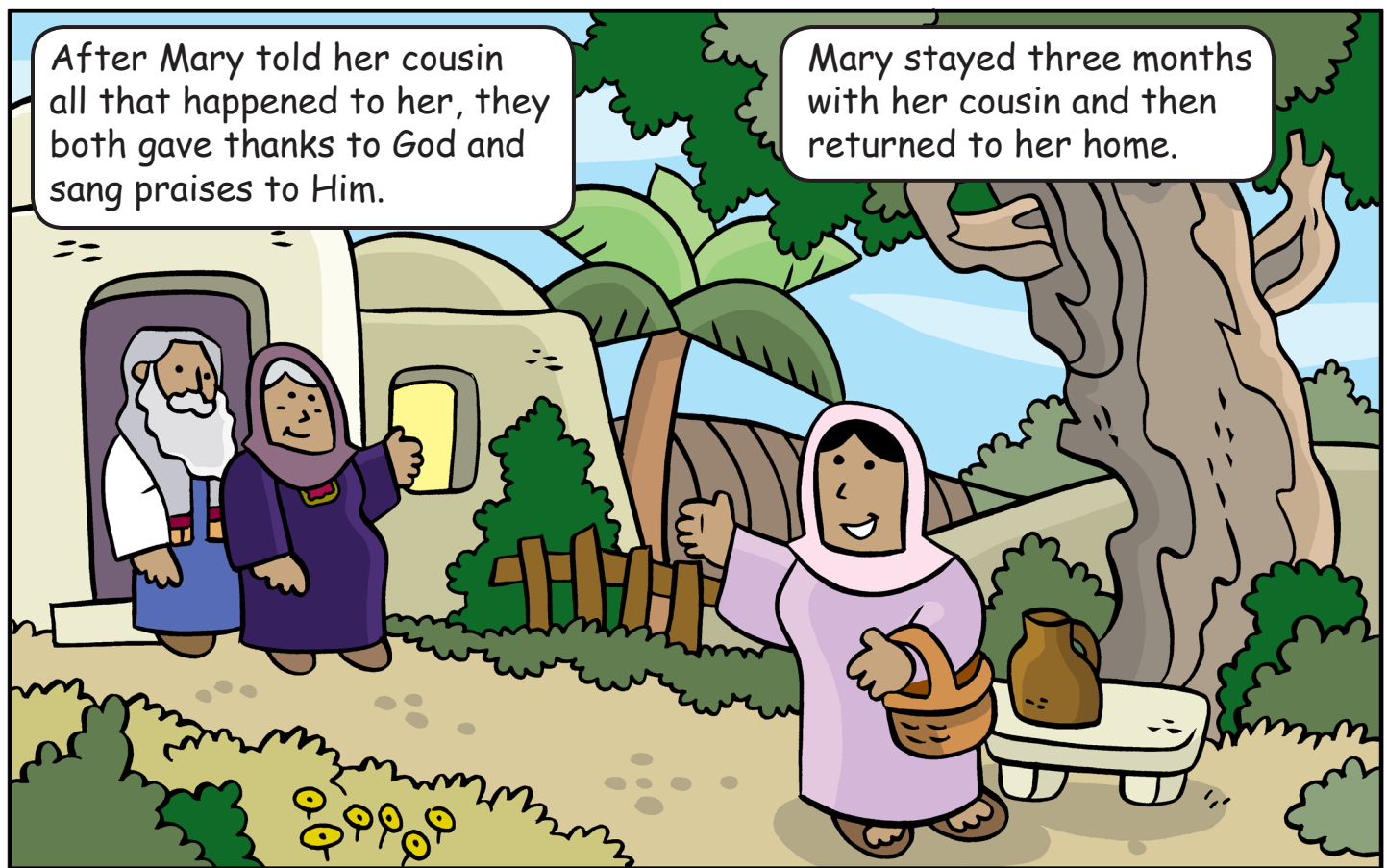
But how can it be possible? My wife and I are too old.

Believe God's promise! Because you have doubted what I've told you, you won't be able to talk until the baby is born.



Ever since Zechariah returned home, he has been unable to talk. Instead he writes messages on a tablet.

I am so happy you will have a child! I have come to bring you wonderful news.



After Mary told her cousin all that happened to her, they both gave thanks to God and sang praises to Him.

Mary stayed three months with her cousin and then returned to her home.



Soon, the time came for Elizabeth to have her baby, and she gave birth to a son.

How proud Zechariah must be to have a son who will be named after him!



But Zechariah surprised them and wrote that the baby would be named John, not Zechariah.

At that moment Zechariah was able to speak again, and he started praising God.



The child, John, grew and developed in body and spirit. When older, John lived in the desert until the day when he appeared publicly to speak to the people of Israel.

He became known as John the Baptist.

