

## A surprise for Mary

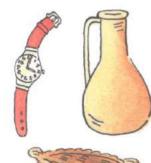
Mary lived in the town of Nazareth. She was going to marry Joseph, the carpenter. One day an angel appeared in Mary's house!

"Don't be afraid!" said the angel. "God has chosen you to have a very special baby—God's own Son! You will call him Jesus."

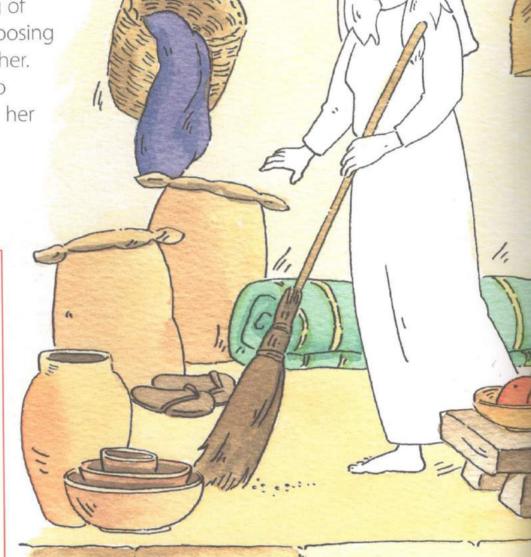
Mary sang a song of praise to God for choosing her to be Jesus' mother. She was happy to do whatever God asked her to do.

Mary lived a long, long time ago. Cross out the one thing that doesn't belong in Mary's world.

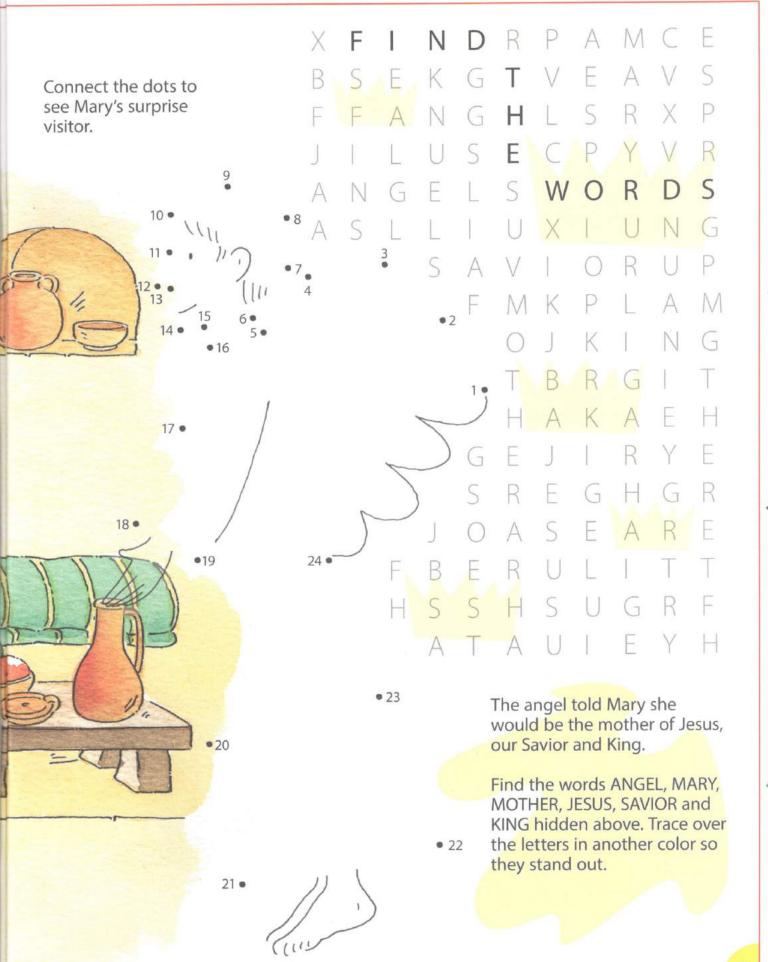








You can finish the picture by coloring in Mary.



## Mary visits Elizabeth

Mary's cousin Elizabeth lived in the hills. Elizabeth was quite old, but she was going to have a baby too!

Mary set off to see her so that she could help Elizabeth get ready for the baby to be born.

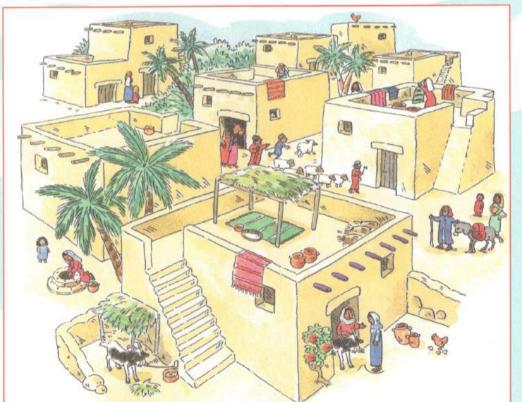
"Hello, Elizabeth!" called Mary when she reached Elizabeth's house. Elizabeth felt her baby jump for joy in her tummy! Elizabeth knew that Mary's baby was the Son of God.

"You are very special, Mary," said Elizabeth, "because God has chosen you to be the mother of his Son."

Soon afterwards, Elizabeth's baby was born. They called him John. When he grew up, he was going to have a very important job—telling people about why Jesus had come.



Talk about good news. Think of something good that has happened to you that you have wanted to tell other people about. Thank God for all the good things he gives us.



Mary is looking for Elizabeth's house. All the houses look the same, but Elizabeth's house has a goat outside of it. Put a check beside the right house.

Spot ten differences between these two pictures. Draw a circle round them.

