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A MAN
SENT
FROM GOD



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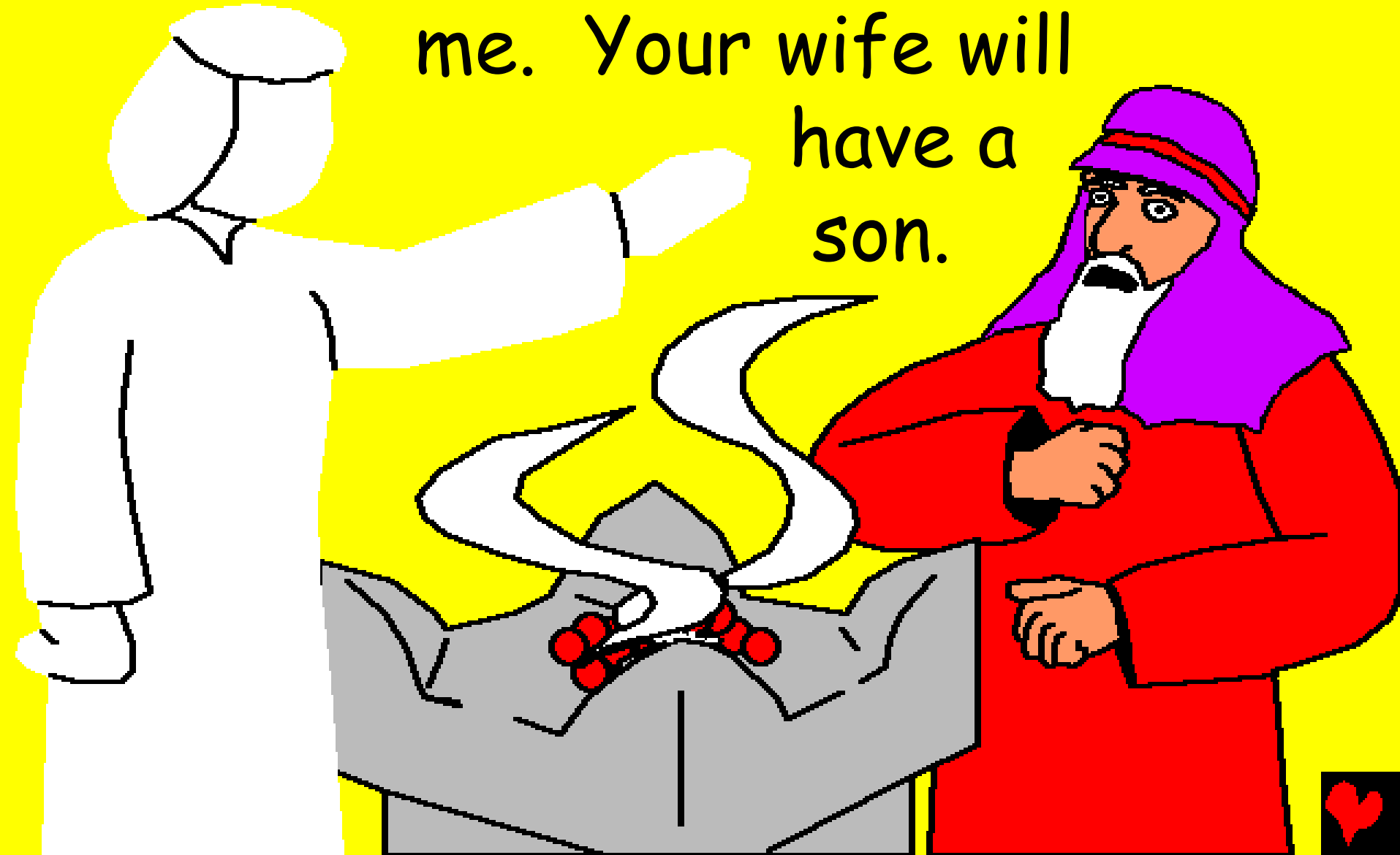
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Inside God's temple one day, an old priest, named Zacharias, was burning incense. Outside, people prayed. Suddenly, Zacharias trembled.



An angel had come. "Don't be afraid," he said. "God sent me. Your wife will have a son."



Call him John. He will be filled with the Holy Spirit from birth. He will turn many people to God."



"Speak to us,
Zacharias." The
people outside
were puzzled.



They did not know that
Gabriel the angel said
Zacharias would be
unable to talk until
the baby's
birth ...



... because he didn't believe the message from God. He thought his wife was too old to have a baby.



At home, Zacharias wrote all the angel told him. Elizabeth, his wife, was amazed. They had always prayed for a child. Could it happen now?





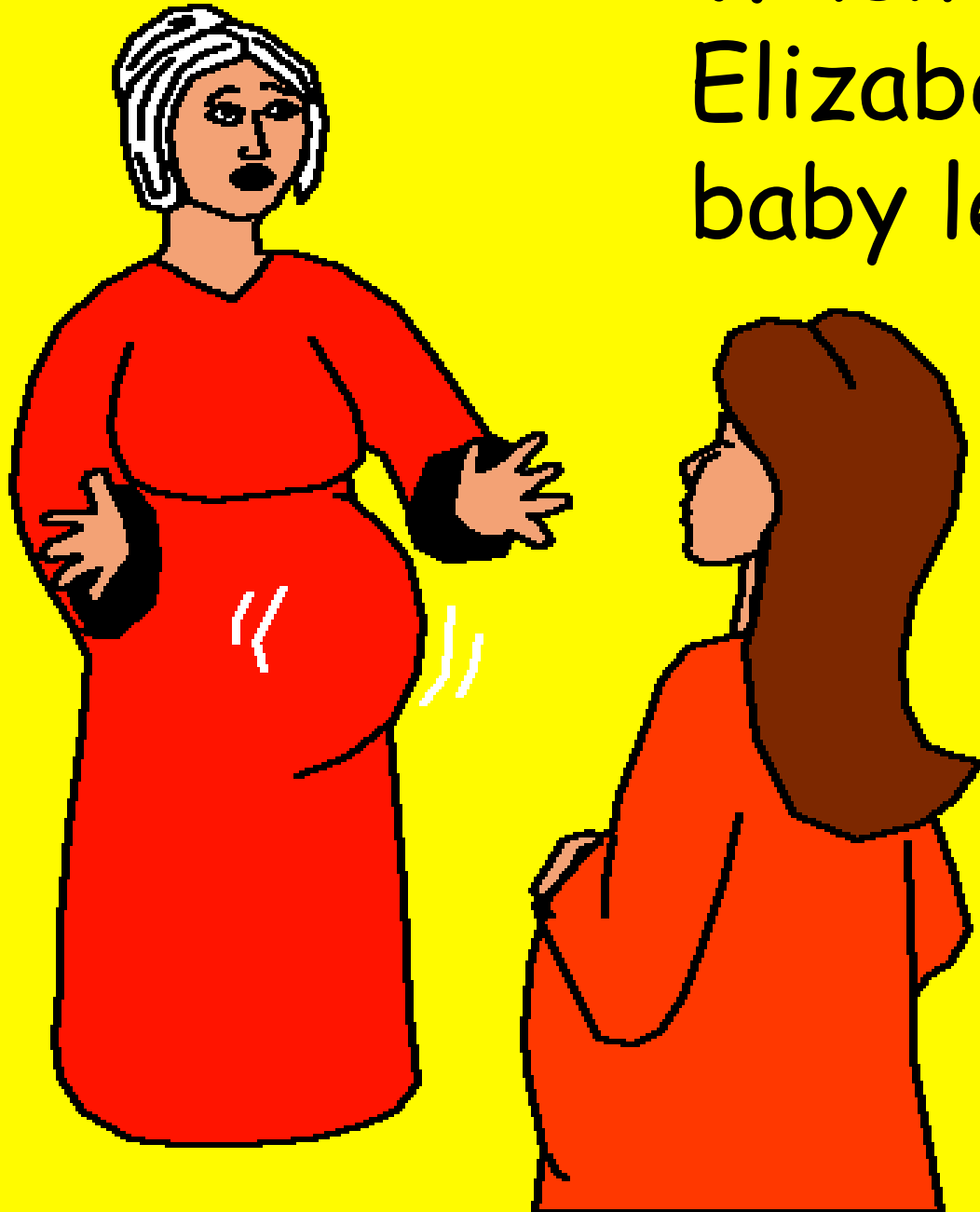
Soon
Elizabeth
knew a
baby was
coming.
She
praised
God.





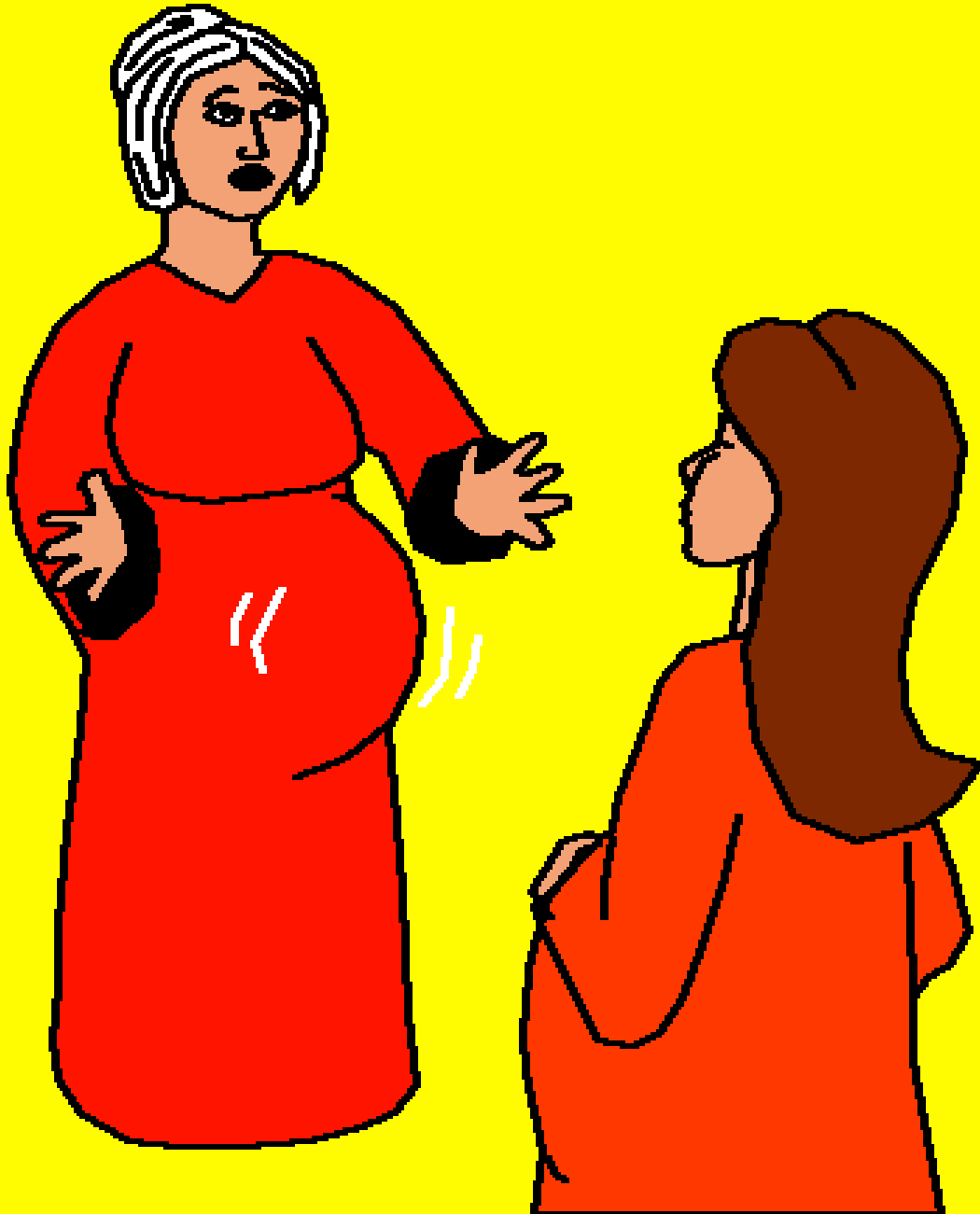
One day,
Elizabeth's
cousin Mary
visited.
Mary was
also
expecting
a baby.





When Mary arrived,
Elizabeth felt her
baby leap within
her body.
Elizabeth
was filled
with the
Holy
Spirit.



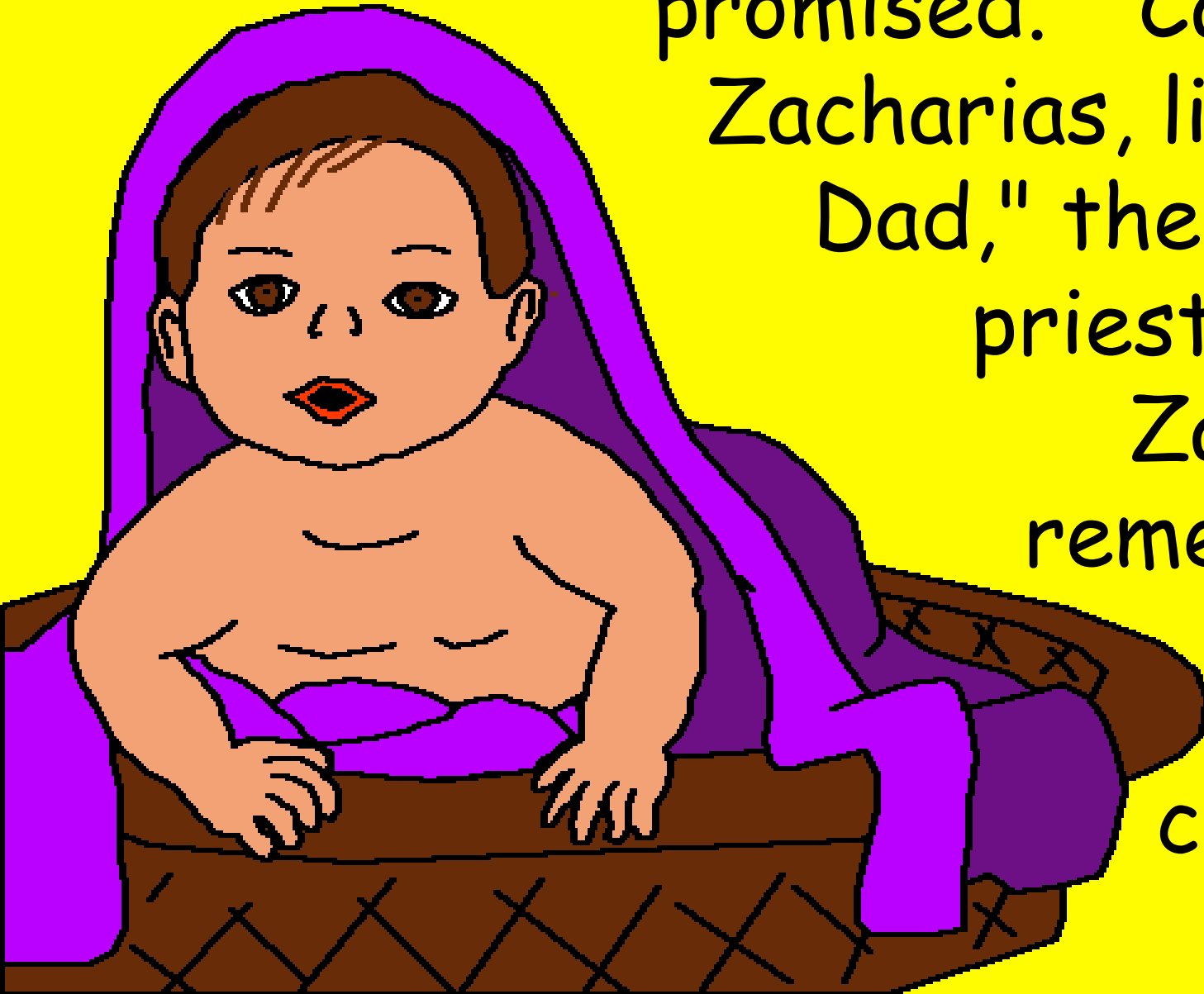


She knew
Mary's baby
would be the
Lord Jesus
Christ.
Together,
the two
women
praised God
with joy.



Elizabeth's baby was born as God promised. "Call him Zacharias, like his Dad," the other priests said.

Zacharias remembered God's command.

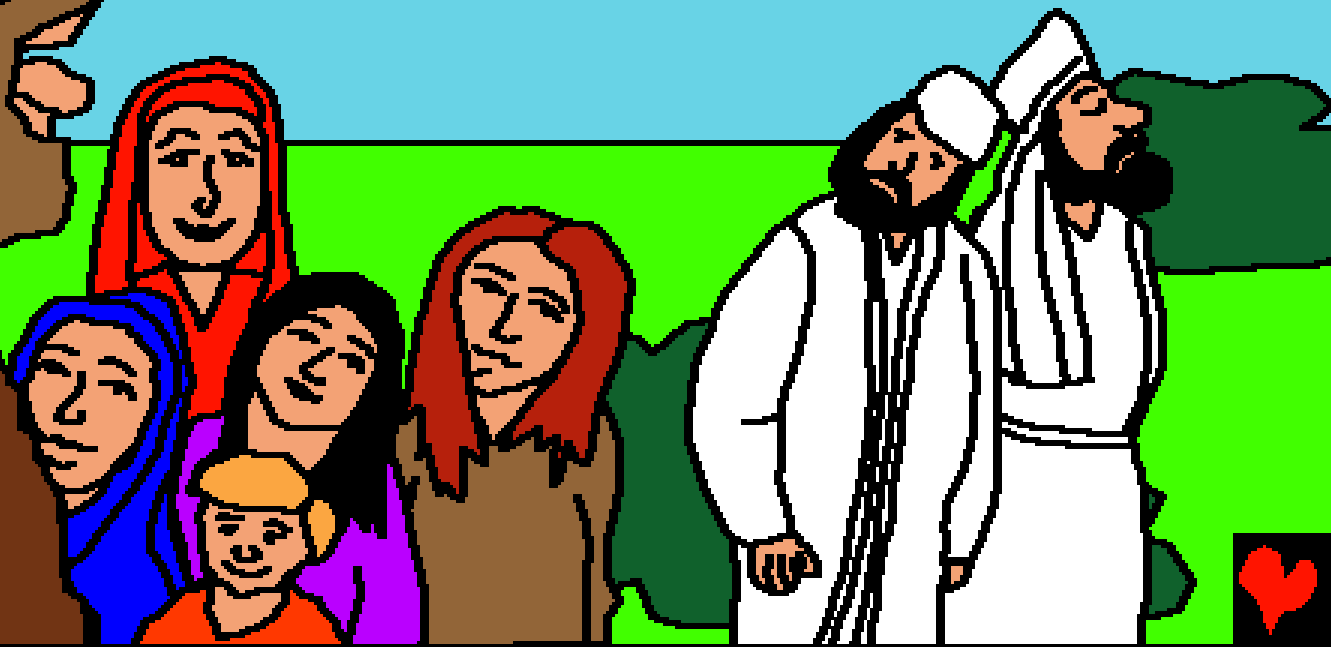


"No! The baby's name is John."

When Zacharias wrote
those words, his
speech came back.
Then he praised
God.



When John grew up he was
like Elijah, the
great man of God.
John told people
God's Son was soon
coming to bless them.



Jewish leaders hated John because he said to them, "Repent! Stop sinning." They did not want to hear about their sins.



Others called him John the Baptist because he dipped people under water to show they were sorry for their sins. One day, Jesus came to John to be baptized.



"You should baptize me," John protested. But Jesus said, "Let it be so." And John baptized Him.



After Jesus' baptism, John saw the Holy Spirit come upon Jesus in the form of a dove. This was God's sign.



John knew
that Jesus
was God's Son.
John called
Jesus the
Lamb of God
Who takes
away the sin
of the world.



John led many people to God. But Herod, the wicked ruler, threw John in prison.





"It is a sin for you to have Herodias, your brother's wife, as your own," John told Herod. Herod knew this was true.



He knew John was God's servant, a just and holy man. But he did not



want to stop sinning. And John would not stop preaching against sin, even if it meant prison.

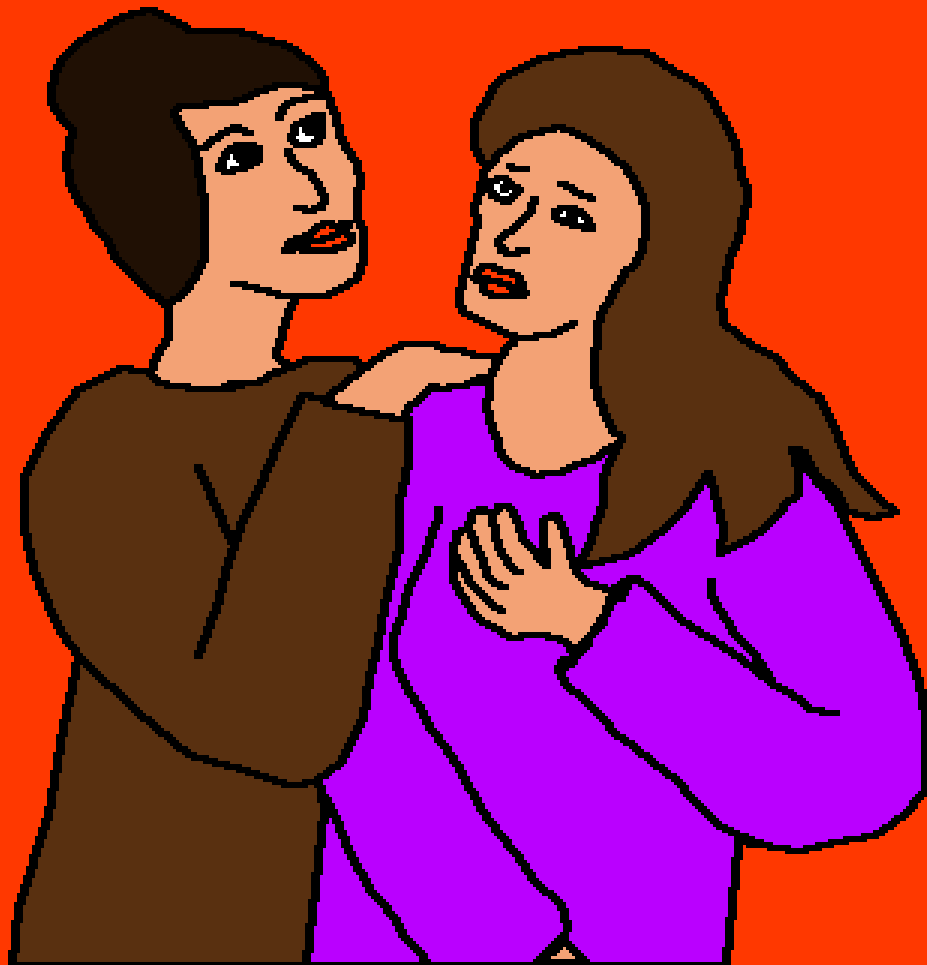


On his birthday Herod had a big party. The daughter of Herodias danced for him.



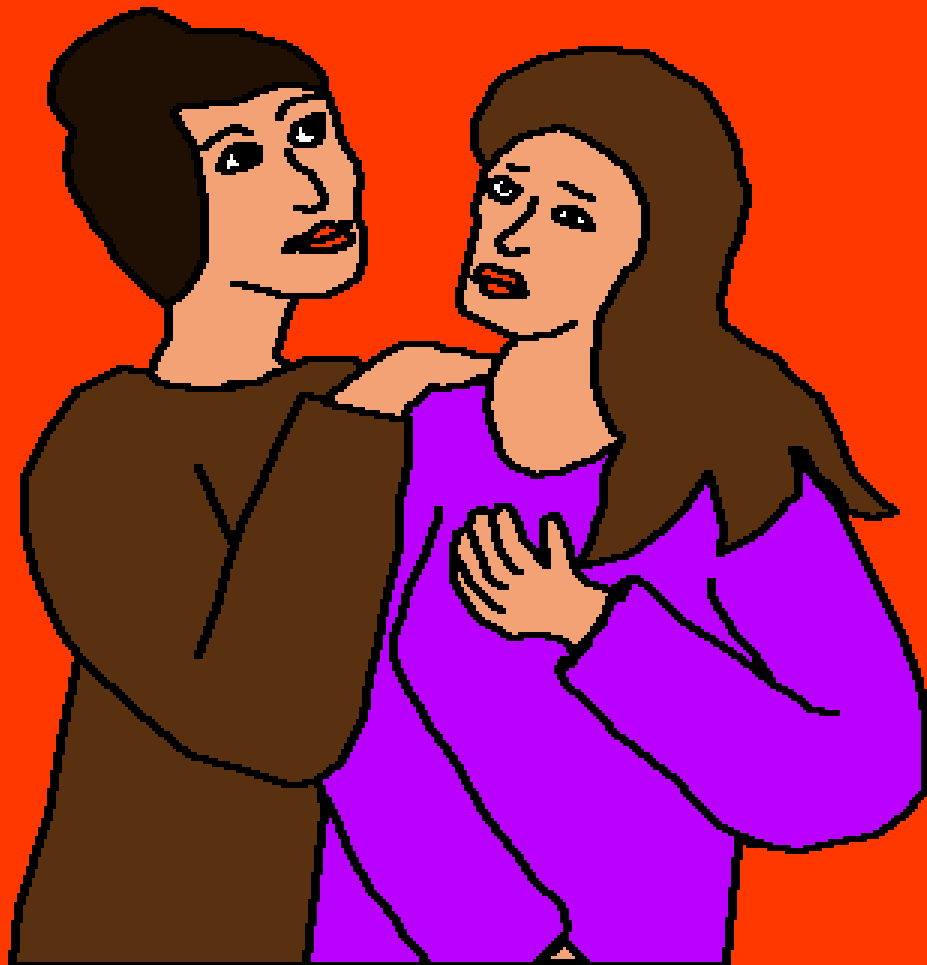
This pleased Herod.
"You can have anything
you want," he promised.
"Even half my kingdom."





"What shall
I ask for?"
the girl
wondered.





Her evil
mother
Herodias,
who hated
John, told
her what
to ask for!
It was
terrible!



"Give me John the Baptist's head on a plate," the girl said to Herod. He was sorry for his promise, but too proud to break it.



"Cut off John's head
and bring it here,"
commanded Herod.
His soldiers
obeyed
him.



Sadly John's friends buried the body of God's brave and faithful servant. John's work for God was now finished. Perhaps they knew Jesus could comfort them in their sorrow.



A Man Sent From God

A story from God's Word, the Bible,
is found in

Mark 6; Luke 1, 3

"The entrance of Your Word gives light."
Psalm 119:130



The End



This Bible story tells us about our wonderful God who made us and who wants us to know Him.

God knows we have done bad things, which He calls sin. The punishment for sin is death, but God loves us so much He sent His Son, Jesus, to die on a Cross and be punished for our sins. Then Jesus came back to life and went home to Heaven! If you believe in Jesus and ask Him to forgive your sins, He will do it! He will come and live in you now, and you will live with Him forever.



If you want to turn from your sins,
say this to God:

Dear God, I believe that Jesus died for me
and now lives again. Please come into my
life and forgive my sins, so that I can have
new life now, and one day go to be with You
forever. Help me to live for You as Your
child. Amen.

Read the Bible and talk with God every
day! John 3:16

