## Important Announcement

Mary lived in Nazareth, a town in Israel. She was engaged to be married to Joseph, a carpenter.

God sent the angel Gabriel to give Mary important news.

"You are going to have a special baby," he said. "You shall call his name JESUS."

Mary was scared. She could not understand how that could happen.

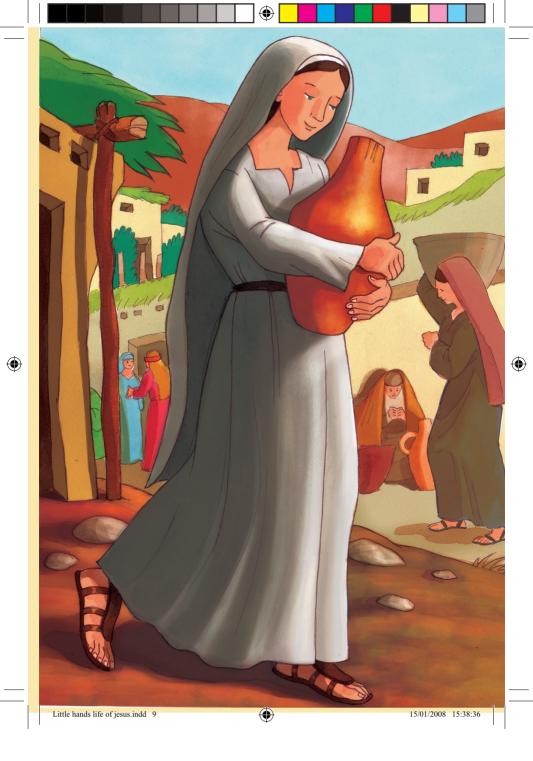
"Your baby is the Son of God," the angel said. "Nothing is impossible with God."

Mary knew she could trust God. "May everything you have said about me be true," she said. Then the angel left.



In your Bible: Luke 1: 26–38
Question time: What name did
God tell Mary to give her baby?
Spot this: How many water pots
can you see?

You can be like Mary by believing that Jesus is the Son of God.



## To Bethlehem

Joseph was a good man. At first he was troubled when he learned that Mary was expecting a baby. The angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream



"Don't be afraid to marry Mary. The baby is God's Son. You will give him the name JESUS (the Saviour) because he shall save his people from their sins."

Joseph and Mary had to make a journey to Bethlehem to enrol in the King's census.



In your Bible: Matthew 1: 18–25 Question time: What does the name Jesus mean?

Spot this: What colour is Mary's dress?

You can be like Joseph by believing God's word.

