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ELIZABETH'S BABY: JOHN THE BAPTIST

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**Zechariah had not been able to talk
for a long time.**

Do you remember why?

**He thought he and Elizabeth
were too old to have children.**

**He did not believe the angel
when the angel said,
'Your wife will have a baby son.'**



**Then the day came
when this special baby
was born and everyone
was very happy.**



Some days later it was time to give the baby a name, but Zechariah still could not speak.

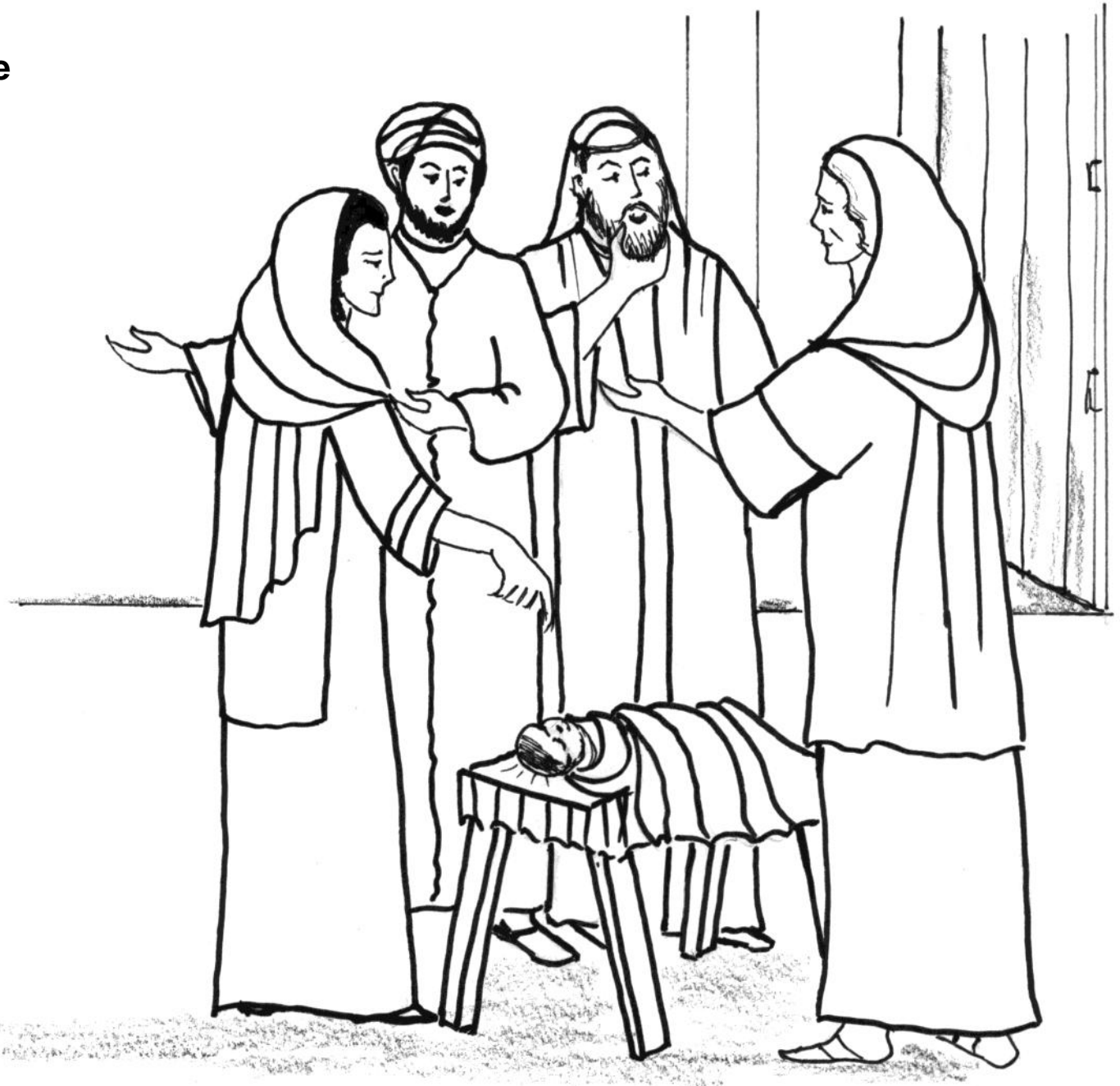
Their friends said, 'Zechariah should be his name just like his father.'

Elizabeth knew it was not to be Zechariah. The angel had told her husband to call him John.

So Elizabeth said, 'His name will be John.'

Their friends did not understand.

They said, 'No one in your family has a name like that!'



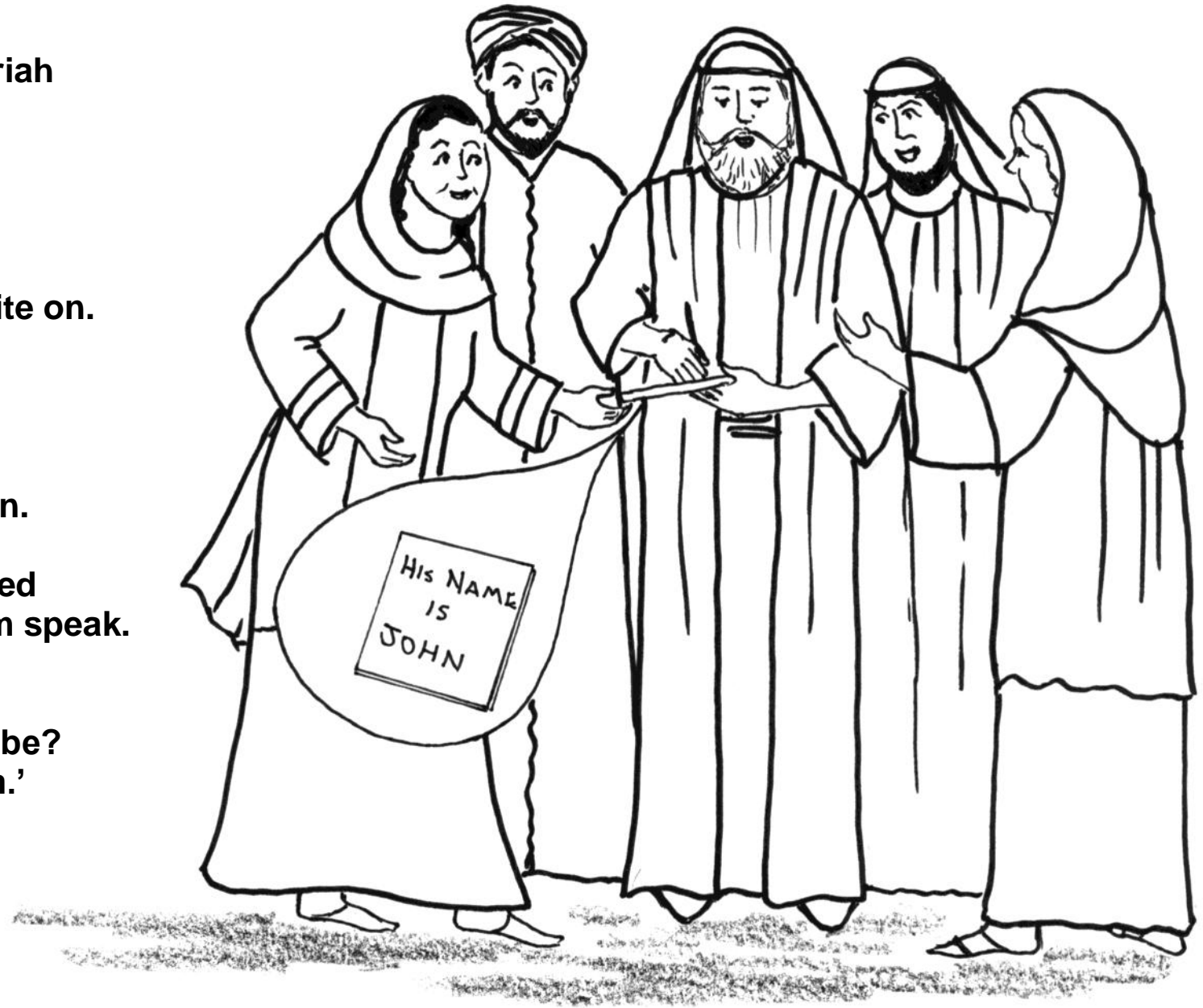
They went to Zechariah and asked him, 'What are you going to call your son?'

Zechariah asked for something to write on. He wrote, 'His name is John.'

Immediately, he could speak again.

Everyone was amazed when they heard him speak.

They thought, 'What will this child be? The Lord is with him.'



**Zechariah was filled
with the Holy Spirit
and praised God.**

**He said,
'God has remembered
His promise to Abraham.
This child
will make His people
ready for God's coming.**

**'He will tell them
that they will be saved
by having their sins forgiven.'**



**John grew up to be a strong man
ready for God's work.**

**He was sent to tell everyone
to repent from their wickedness
and be ready to listen to God's Son.**

