[Narrator] Our story from Scripture today comes from the first chapter of the book of Luke. The story is about the amazing things that God is about to do for God's people through the family of the priest Zachariah. Though Zachariah has some doubts, God's plans unfold.

 In our story are the priest Zachariah, his young friend and fellow priest Jeremiah, the angel Gabriel and all of the people who have come to worship God together at the temple, all of us. Let's say hello to Zachariah, Jeremiah, the angel Gabriel, and God's people.

[Scene] Zachariah and Jeremiah are talking, Zachariah has something in his hands representing incense.

[Jeremiah] Mr. Zachariah you are so fortunate. It must be great to have been picked by lot for the privilege of putting the incense on the altar today. Maybe you'll see God or learn something new about God that you can tell us about when you come out of the most holy place in the temple.

[Zachariah] Yes Jeremiah, being able to place the incense is truly an honor, and I'm glad that the lot came my way after all of these years. I'm a little sad in some ways though because I really had hoped and prayed that my wife Elizabeth and I would have had a son to follow me as a priest.

[Jeremiah] Thank you Mr. Zachariah, I'm sorry you don't have any children. I feel honored to be with you today.

 [Scene] Jeremiah and Zachariah separate. Zachariah puts incense on altar and assumes attitude of prayer. Angel Gabriel comes in and taps Zachariah on the shoulder. Zachariah looks up in surprise.

[Gabriel] Don't be afraid Zachariah. God has heard your prayers and you and Elizabeth are going to have a son that you will name John. God is going to do amazing things with him, he's going to bring many people back into a good relationship with God.

[Zachariah] But I'm an old man, and Elizabeth is also too old to have children. I don't see how this can be.

[Gabriel] I am the angel Gabriel and God sent me to tell you the good news of the amazing things that God is going to do. So you'll believe that these amazing things are going to happen God is going to stop you from talking until your son is borne.

[Scene] Gabriel leaves, After he is gone Zachariah also walks away where he is met by Jeremiah.

[Jeremiah] Mr. Zachariah, are you alright!!

[Scene] Zachariah nods but doesn't say anything.

[Jeremiah] People, Zachariah has seen a vision from God. He seems overwhelmed but I think he will be alright.

[Narrator] So Zachariah went back to his village, and everything that the angel Gabriel said would happen did. God started to do amazing things. Elizabeth became pregnant, even though she thought that she was too old. She became the mother of John the Baptist. He brought many people back into good relationship with God, and told people that Jesus was coming just like the angel Gabriel had said.