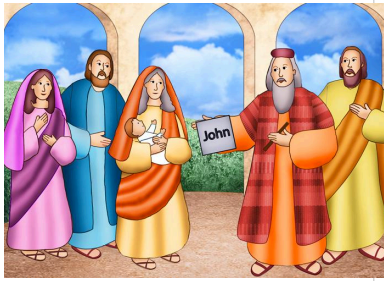
Year 2 - Christmas
Why was the birth of Jesus such good news?

Key vocabulary	
Good news	Someone or something that is positive
Elizabeth	Zechariah's wife, Mary's cousin, mother to John the Baptist
Zechariah	John the Baptist's father, visited by Angle Gabriel
Jesus	The Son of God
Mary	Jesus' mother, also visited by Angel Gabriel
Angel Gabriel	Angel sent with a message from God to Mary and Elizabeth
Joseph	Jesus' father, told in a dream that Jesus would be the Son of God
Shepherds	Came to visit Jesus when he was born and spread the good news
Bethlehem	A city Mary and Joseph travelled to and gave birth to Jesus

Angel Gabriel visits Zechariah	Luke 1: 19	Told Zechariah good news that Elizabeth would have a baby and should call him John. Zechariah did not believe him so the Angel made it so he could not talk till he was born.	
Angel Gabriel visits Mary and Joseph	Luke 1: 26 - 38	6 Months later Angel Gabriel visited Mary to say she would also have a baby, the Son of God. The angel also visited Joseph and told him that the baby would be special and should be called Jesus.	
Angel Gabriel visits the shepherds	Luke 2: 8-12	The shepherds were watching their flocks when Angel Gabriel appeared telling them he brought good news, the Saviour had been born.	

Bible stories that also spread good news

The Bible has 4 gospels - Matthew, Mark, Luke and John

Gospel = Good news
God means good and spell means news

Prophets in the Bible bring messages of Good News

When Jesus was alive people shared good news by talking