

# THE GREATEST GIFT

At birthdays and Christmas we receive gifts and cards. At Christmas people often remember the story of the birth of Jesus who was the greatest gift ever given. How was he a gift?

God had promised to send a Saviour to the world—someone who would rescue people from sin. The gift that God sent was the promised Saviour, Jesus Christ, his own dear son.

This story begins with a young woman called Mary who lived in the town of Nazareth. She was engaged to a man called Joseph who was a descendant of King David.

Many years had passed, however, since David had been on the throne and neither Joseph or Mary came from wealthy families. Israel was now under the power of the Roman Empire, but God was still in control.

Some people looked forward to the day when God would send his Saviour. Mary and Joseph would play an important part in God's plan for this special rescue mission.

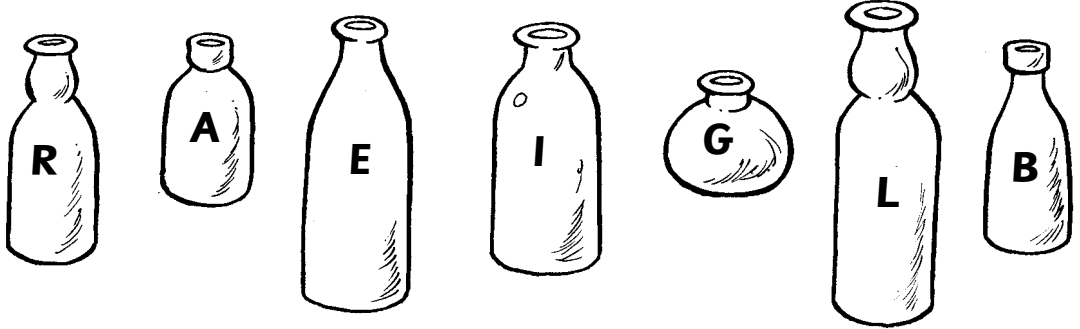
Mary first found out about God's plan when an angel appeared to her and gave her an unusual message.

This story can be found in Matthew chapters 1-2 and Luke chapters 1-2.

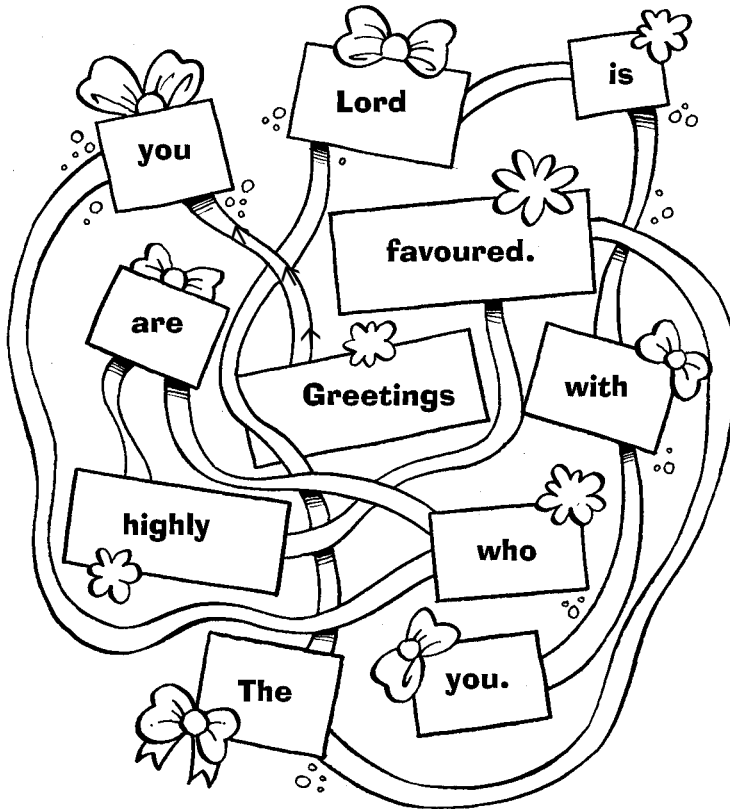


Turn the page to find a puzzle that will help you work out the angel's name and his message.

**P**ut the water bottles in order of size and you will find out the name of the angel who visited Mary.



-----



**S**tart at Greetings and follow the ribbon around the parcels to find out the message that the angel told Mary.