

## **Jasmine**

**Aim: To understand Zechariah's feelings at the announcement of the birth of John the Baptist**

**Narrator:** Early on a freezing cold, icy morning when the snow was falling like sugar falling from the sky, Zechariah was serving in a Temple. He was chosen to burn incense in the Temple. As soon as he went inside the Temple, he burnt the incense but suddenly he saw a blinding, bright light. Then the Angel Gabriel appeared.

**Angel Gabriel:** Do not be afraid! I come with a message from God. Your wife Elizabeth is now expecting a baby and you will call him John.

**Zechariah:** (quivering and looking confused) But my wife and I are too old to have a baby. How can this be true?

**Angel Gabriel:** God has blessed you and your wife and your son too. He must not drink wine or other type of alcoholic drink. But you have not believed the word of God so you will be struck dumb and shall not be able to speak until the appointed time!

**Narrator:** After Zechariah left the Temple, he could not speak to anyone but made signs to show people that he couldn't talk. When he arrived home, his wife was very excited and happy.

