An angel visits Mary

Mary was a girl who lived in a town called Galilee. She was engaged to be married to a man called Joseph who was a descendant of the great Jewish king called David. One day God sent an angel to Mary. The angel was called Gabriel, and he had a message for her from God. The angel spoke to Mary and told her that God was with her and that she was blessed.

Mary was terrified by the angel and his words. What on earth could he mean? 'Don't be frightened, Mary,' the angel continued. 'You will give birth to a son, and you will call him Jesus. He will grow up to be great and he will be called the Son of the Most High God. God will make him a king and his kingdom will go on for ever!'