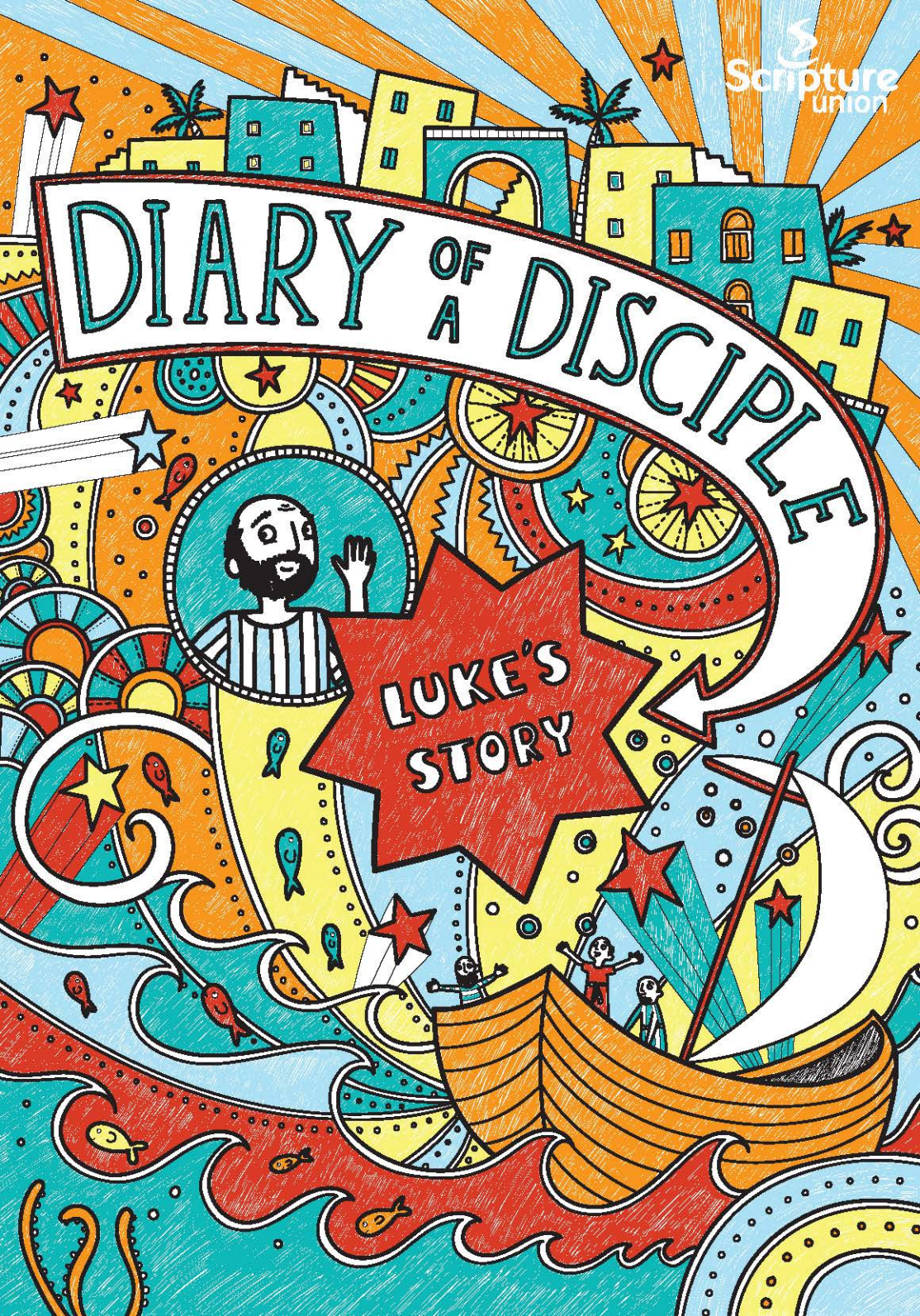
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DIARY OF A DISCIPLE
LUKE'S STORY

CHAPTER 1

FANCY A CHAT?

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GOOD EVENING,

and a very warm welcome to my

MARVELLOUS STORY.

My name is Luke. Dr Luke, actually.

And I have been carefully investigating a series of mysterious events. And because I'm a bit of a NERD, I've decided to write all of my investigations down, just for you. Lots of other people have tried to write it all down before, but I want you to hear my side of the story.

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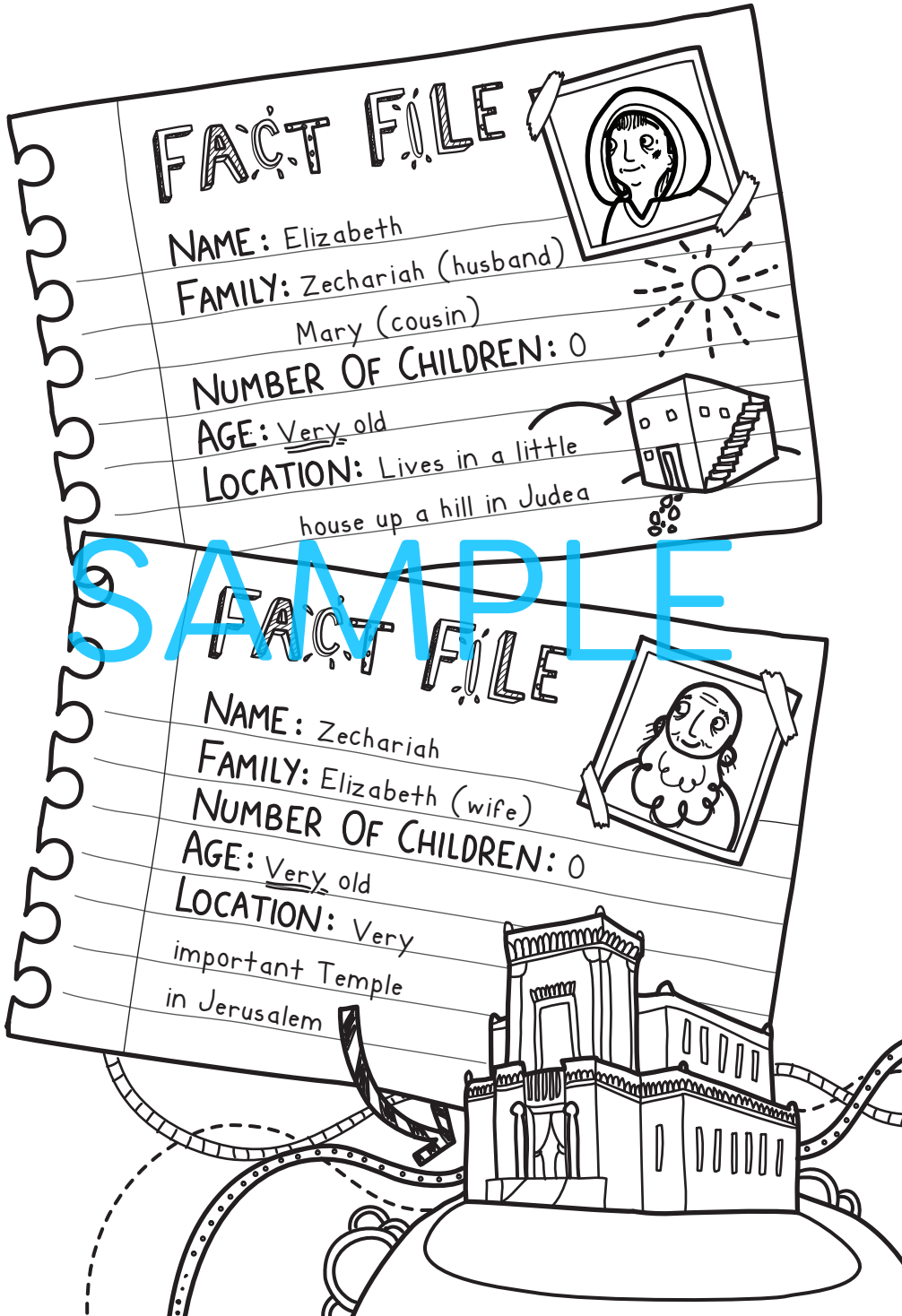
So, it all starts with a woman called Elizabeth.


FACT FILE
NAME: Elizabeth
FAMILY: Zechariah (husband)
Mary (cousin)
NUMBER OF CHILDREN: 0
AGE: Very old
LOCATION: Lives in a little
house up a hill in Judea
FACT FILE
NAME: Zechariah
FAMILY: Elizabeth (wife)
NUMBER OF CHILDREN: 0
AGE: Very old
LOCATION: Very
important Temple
in Jerusalem

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Elizabeth was very old. She was married to Zechariah (who was also very old), who was a kind of special religious leader GUY and he worked with a group of other special vicars who took it in turns to burn 'smelly 'stuff' in the TEMPLE (kind of like a Jewish church). ANYWAY it was Zechariah's turn to do the burning (he burned incense – that's the 'smelly 'stuff' – as a way of helping people to WORSHIP God) and while he was inside on his own, something ABSOLUTELY "TERRIFYING" happened.

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A large, glowing, bright man-shaped thing appeared out of nowhere and said,

Ha ha. "Don't be scared"??

I mean, SERIOUSLY

a big glowing man just appeared

and fancied a chat!

Zechariah was TERRIFIED,

FROZEN to the spot,

and when he heard what

the man had to say he just

couldn't believe his

"ears?"

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The man said, "You and your wife are going to have a BABY called John." Zechariah thought this guy was CRAZY, and pretty much told him so – which was a bit of a mistake. OOPS.

Because then the man introduced himself as the ANGEL GABRIEL (still scary!) and told Zechariah he'd not be able to talk until John was born.

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NOTE TO SELF – always listen to what angels say,

AND DO AS TOLD.

As a Doctor I can tell you that I'd have thought it all sounded a bit CRAZY too, I mean super Old people don't just suddenly start having babies.

It doesn't WORK that way!

Poor Zechariah had to invent his own version of

so that he could tell everyone what had happened to him.

When he FINALLY got home to Elizabeth and

managed to wave his arms around enough so that she could

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understand what had happened, she was even more

than he was.

6 months later

the ANGEL GABRIEL was out and about again, only this time he was in a TINY town called Nazareth, having a chat with a woman called

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He was telling her all sorts of *lovely* things (that God had told him to say), so he couldn't understand why Mary seemed SO SCARED. I mean, what's scary about being told that God

"really likes you,"

that he's with you and that you're going to have A BABY and God's going to be the LORD... and you have to call him JESUS? That's not scary at all... if you're the angel Gabriel. Gabriel also said, "Oh, by the way, your cousin Elizabeth is having a BABY too."

Mary took a DEEP BREATH and calmly said, "OK. If it's what God wants, then I'LL DO IT." She must've been SUPER brave.

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MARY went to see Elizabeth and she was definitely pregnant, either that or she'd eaten a GIANT FOOTBALL for breakfast. mmmmm Elizabeth was SO EXCITED to see Mary that both she and baby John JUMPED up and down for JOY, and Mary started to dance and sing:

God is SO GOOD I can hardly believe it
Why'd he choose me, I'm really not a good fit
But he has blessed me, because he is epic
And I will praise him, 'cos he's FANTASTIC.

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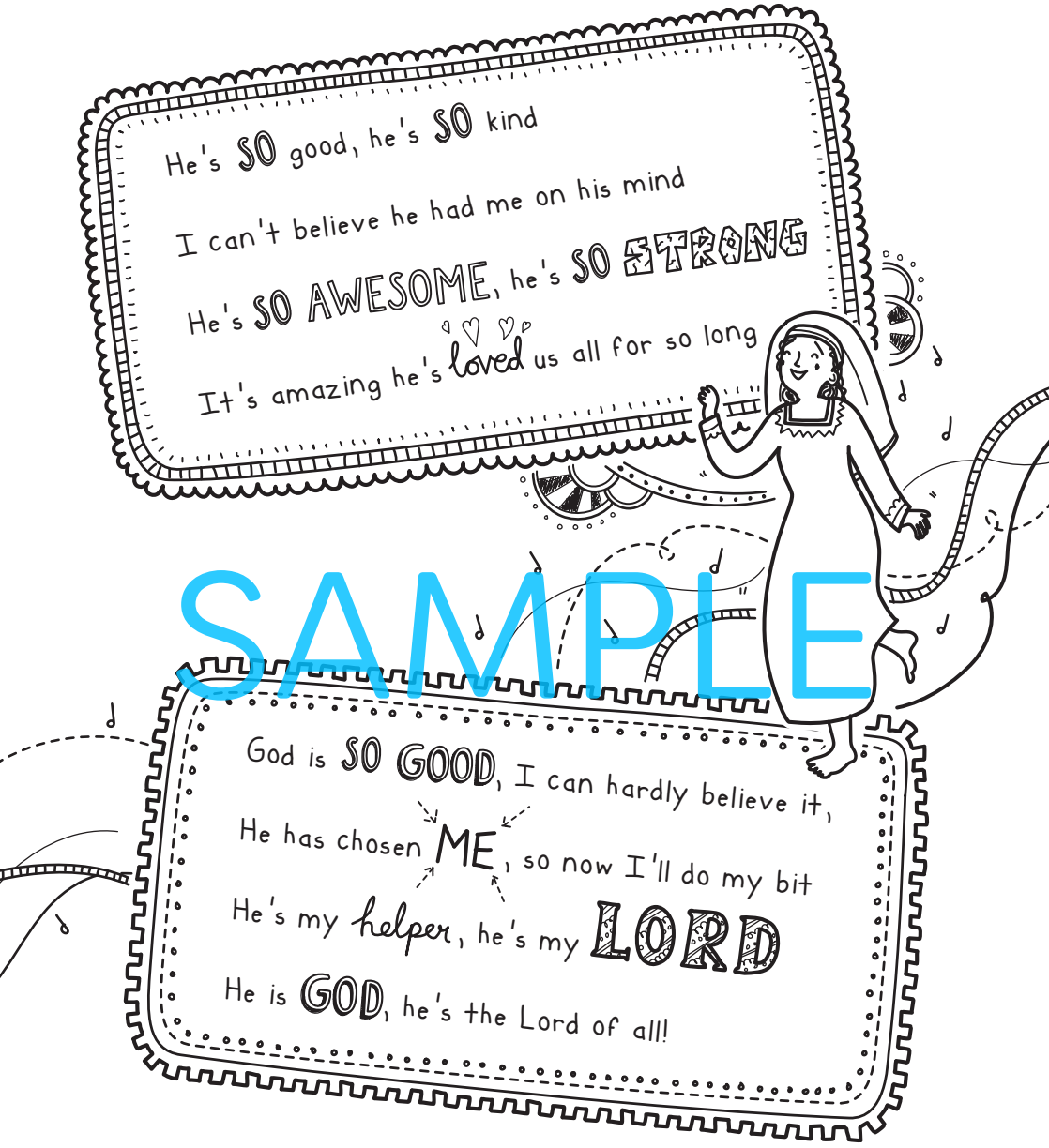
He's SO good, he's SO kind
I can't believe he had me on his mind
He's SO AWESOME, he's SO STRONG
It's amazing he's loved us all for so long
God is SO GOOD, I can hardly believe it,
He has chosen ME, so now I'll do my bit
He's my helper, he's my LORD
He is GOD, he's the Lord of all!

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EVENTUALLY, Elizabeth had her baby and everyone told her she should call him ZECHARIAH after his dad. Elizabeth tried to tell them all she wanted to call him **John**, but they were having NONE OF IT. Zechariah started waving his arms about like "crazy" again and everyone stared at him. WEIRDO. Then he grabbed something to write on and scribbled down something that looked vaguely like

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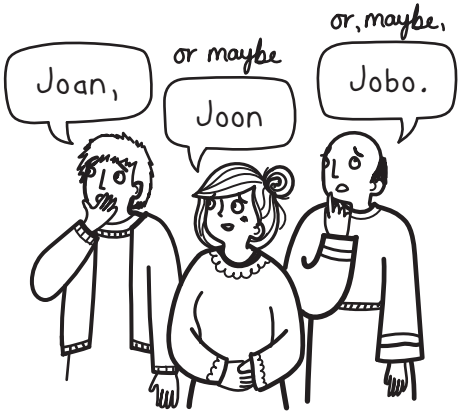
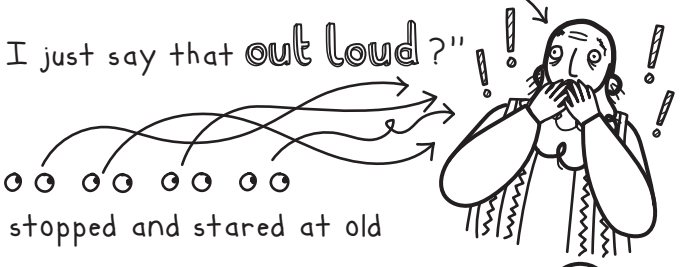
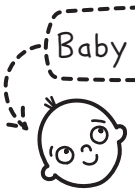


But eventually someone said, "Does that say **John**?

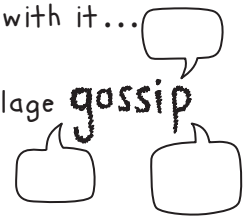
PRAISE GOD!" At that moment Zechariah suddenly blurted out: "John! John! John! His name is John!" then he pulled a rather ODD face and said, "Hey! Did I just say that out loud?"



Everyone stopped and stared at old Zechariah. He hadn't said a SINGLE word for [illegible] whole months (not even a THANK YOU – how rude!) and then all of a SUDDEN he could speak again. Super CONFUSING eh? But the people began to wonder... There must be something "special" about this John baby, maybe God might've had something to do with it...



Baby John became the subject of village gossip pretty quickly!



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Zechariah was SO EXCITED at being able to talk again, that words just wouldn't stop coming out of his mouth.

He was happy, sorry, EXCITED, exhausted and AMAZED all at once.

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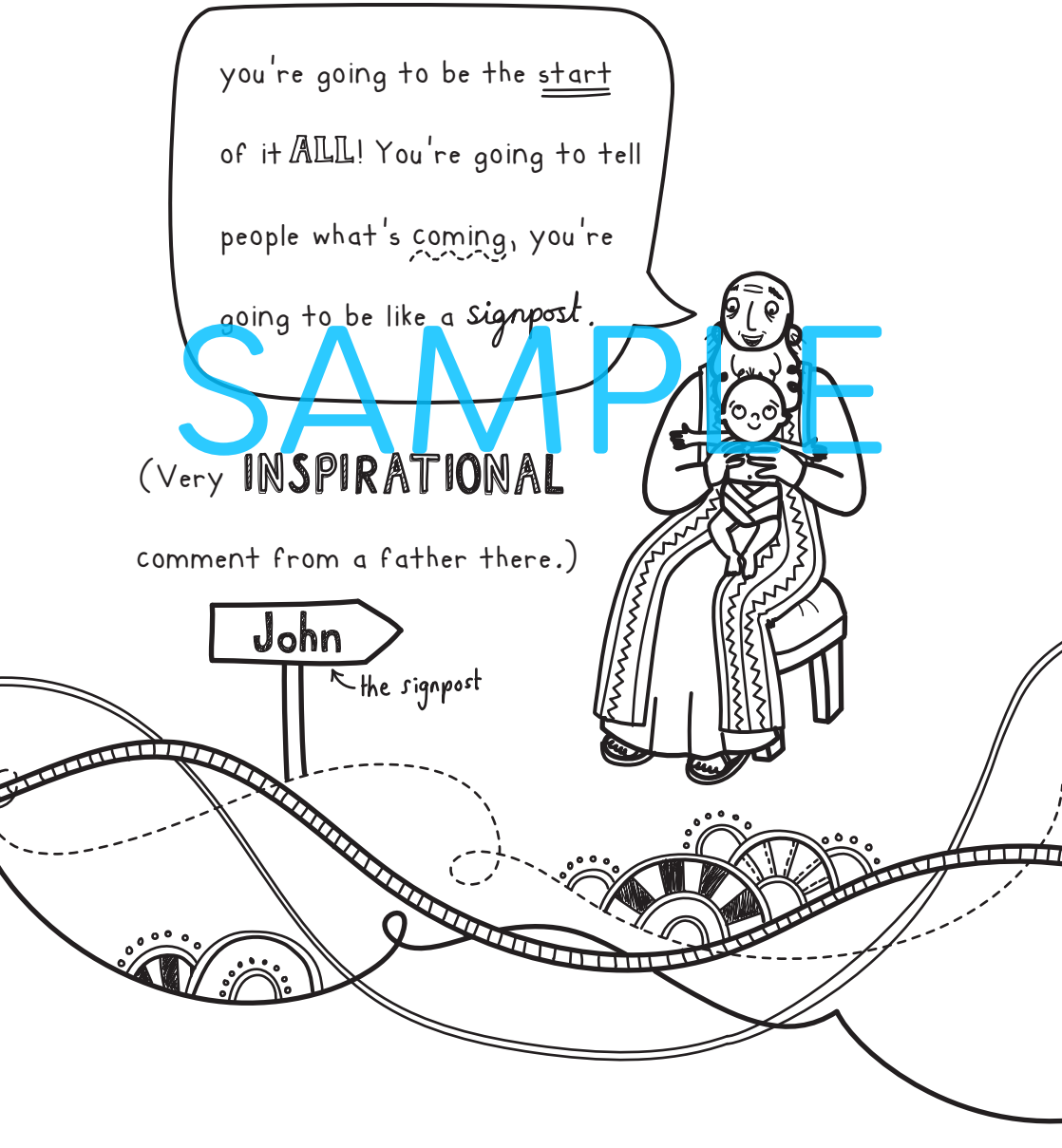
God has done it again!
He's really saving us all
Just like he said he would
He NEVER breaks a promise.
He's RESCUING us,
He's FORGIVING us,
He's LOVING us,
He's AMAZING!

"And John," (Zechariah "BOUNCED" him on his knee as he said this),



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(Very INSPIRATIONAL comment from a father there.)

As John grew up, he was still a HOT TOPIC in the local gossip charts, especially when he decided to go off and live in the desert, wear CAMEL hair and eat only HONEY and insects. Tasty. How was he supposed to be a signpost in the desert? No one ever even went there!

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