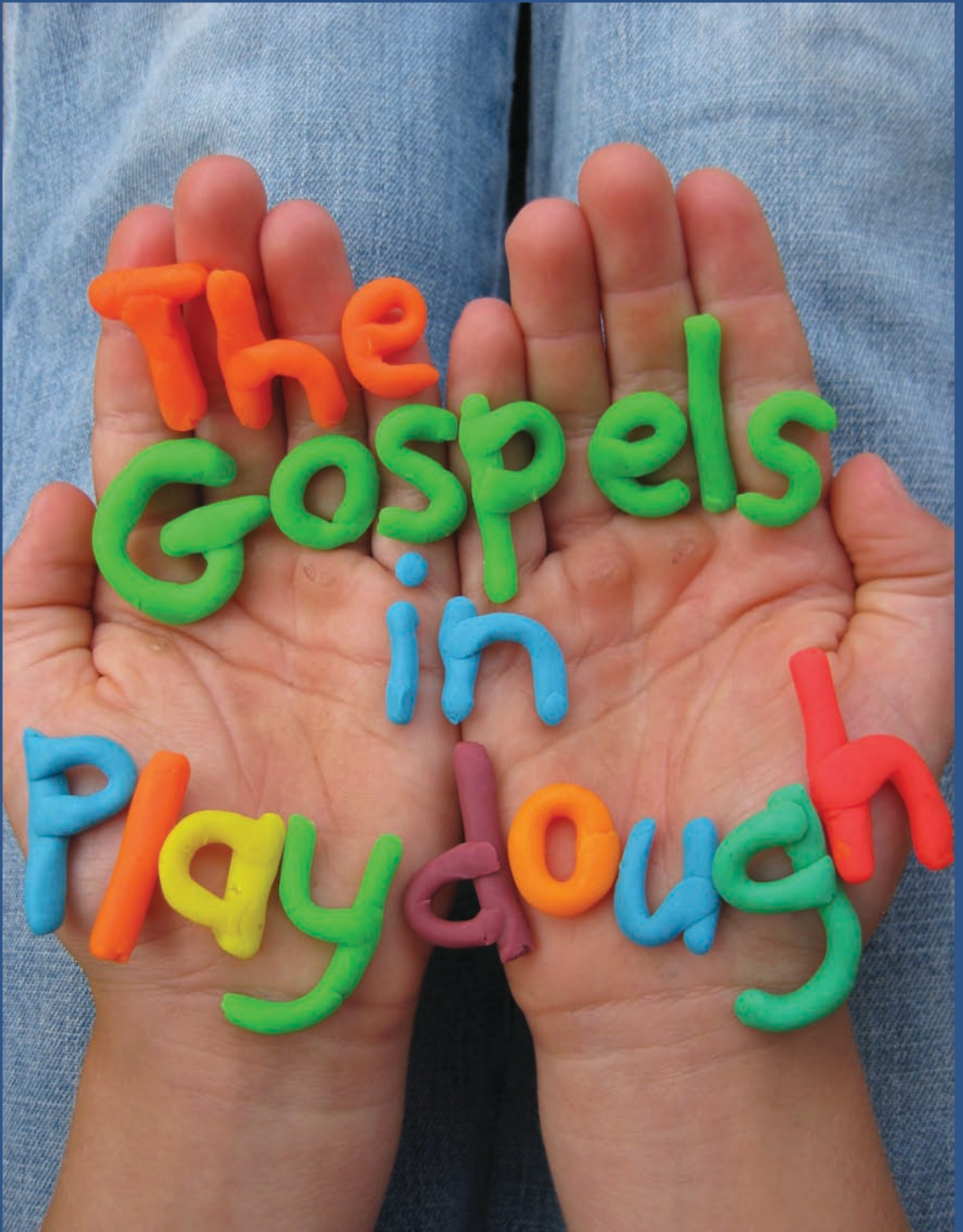


Introducing children to



A hands-on approach to teaching children about Jesus

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1. John the Baptist is born

Bible reference

Luke 1:5-25, 57-66.



- ✎ She has a baby boy.
- ✎ The crowd thinks the baby will be named Zechariah after his Daddy but Zechariah writes that his name is to be John. God opens Zechariah's mouth so that he can speak again.
- ✎ Everyone is amazed.

Playdough items needed

Zechariah, Elizabeth, angel, baby John, people (2-3).

Main concept

God gives Zechariah and Elizabeth a baby boy whom they name John.

Story as it unfolds

- ✎ There is a man named Zechariah and a woman named Elizabeth who love God. They have prayed to God for children but they have not had any and they are old.
- ✎ One day an angel comes to Zechariah. He is afraid but the angel tells him not to be afraid. God is going to give him and Elizabeth a baby boy and God wants them to call him John.
- ✎ Zechariah tells the angel that he and Elizabeth are old and asks, 'How can we have a baby?'
- ✎ The angel tells him that God says it will happen and that Zechariah's mouth will be closed (will not be able to speak) until the baby is born.
- ✎ Elizabeth becomes pregnant and so bigger and bigger.

Add playdough to her tummy to show the baby growing.

- ✎ Finally, it is time for the baby to be born.

Retell

Prayer

Thank you God for giving Zechariah and Elizabeth baby John.



Notes

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About the author

Liz Anstey, a primary school teacher, uses the well known educational practices of 'hands on' learning and applies them to teaching children about God.

'This hands-on approach to reading the Bible allows whole families to get in touch with the God who has formed and shaped us. We warmly commend this book as a helpful tool that allows your child to enjoy times of learning and growing in God'.

Pastor John and Mrs Anne Robinson

'This is active and effective Scripture engagement. The young bring to life the story of Christ in the Gospels in a fun medium for learning and communication.'

Basil Rebera, former United Bible Societies Global Translation Services Coordinator

'A creative and enjoyable way of introducing children in their most formative years to the life-changing story of Jesus. The holistic approach is deeply engaging. It is a wonderful book'.

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