

Second Sunday of the Advent

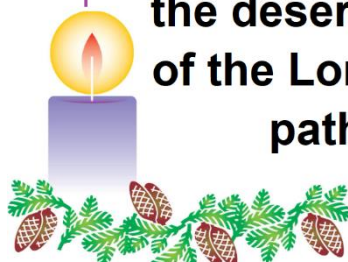
Prepare the way for the Lord!

Children's liturgy activity December 6th , 2020



VERSE OF THE WEEK

A voice of one crying out in the desert: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." - Mark 1:3



Gospel: Mark 1:1-8

In the gospel today, we see John the Baptist appearing in the desert. Do you know who is John the Baptist? He is the son of Zechariah and Elizabeth (cousin of Mother Mary). It was about him that prophet Isaiah said 'Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way. A voice of one crying out in the desert: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths."

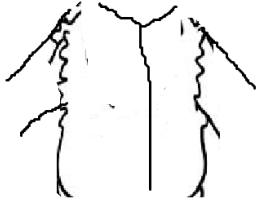
God chose John the Baptist from the mother's womb for a great mission- to prepare the way for Jesus in the hearts of people through repentance. John the Baptist dressed in a special way: He was clothed in camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist. He fed on locusts and wild honey. He came proclaiming **THE BAPTISM OF REPENTANCE FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS**. He also proclaimed that someone stronger and more powerful is coming after him, he is not worthy to untie the thongs of his sandals. He said, 'I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.'

John's baptism of Repentance prepared people to receive Jesus who is more powerful and who baptizes with holy spirit. It was for this John came. Many people from Jerusalem and Judea came and received baptism of Repentance from John, thus prepared their hearts to receive Jesus. **DO YOU THINK THAT WE TOO HAVE A MISSION LIKE JOHN?**

Repentance means turning away from old life, acknowledging, and saying sorry for everything done that hurt God and deciding to remain in God forever. It removes from one's heart everything that blocked the flow of God's love into them. It makes way for Jesus; to enter and fill them with the power of Holy spirit thus making them a new creation in Christ. Do you know about the **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION** instituted by the Church? It helps to prepare our hearts always for Christ. **LET US EXAMINE OUR MIND DAILY BEFORE GOING TO BED**. Find out whether we have hurt Jesus through our any of our actions? If so, say sorry and pray for grace not to repeat it anymore. As we are getting ready for to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, let us prepare our hearts for Jesus in true repentance by anticipating His second coming.

Today is **SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**, we light the purple **CANDLE OF PEACE**, reminding us that Jesus brings peace to all who turn to Him in Faith. This week let us think, what we can do at home, in school, and with friends to prepare the way for Jesus?

**DRESS UP JOHN THE BAPTIST!
CHOOSE THE RIGHT DRESS AND FOOD. CUT OUT AND STICK
THEM ON JOHN THE BAPTIST.**



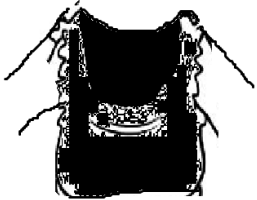
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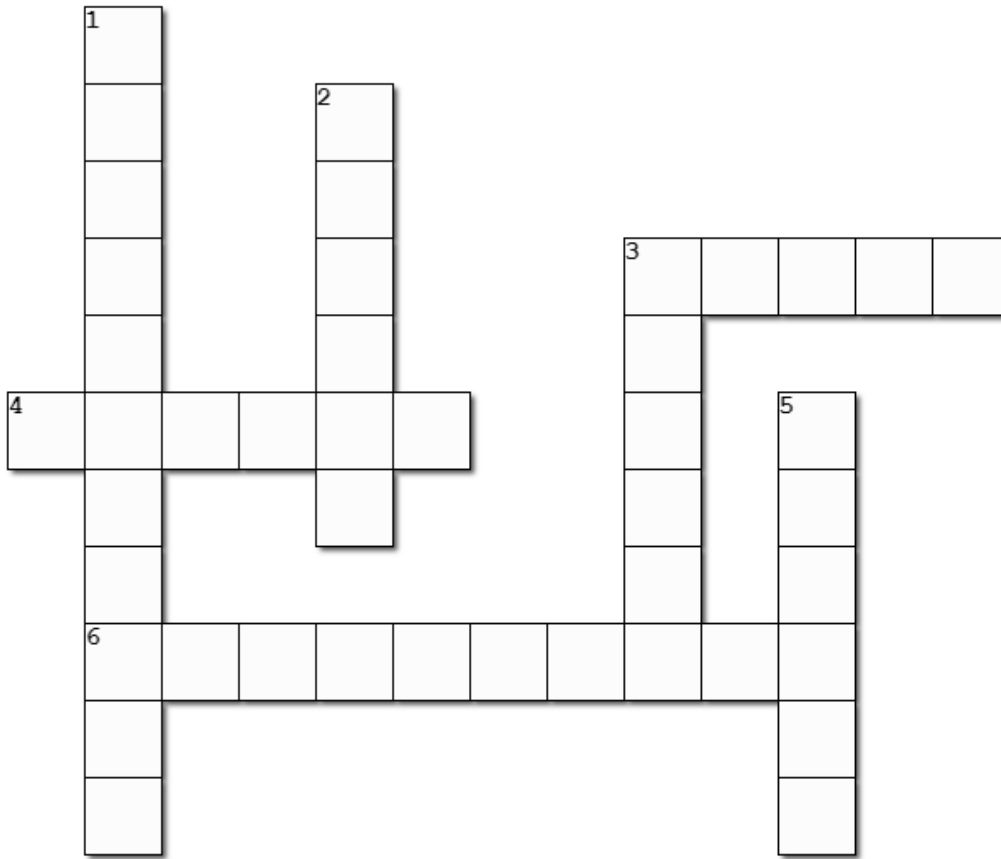


APPLE



LOCUST

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Across

3. 'One mightier than I is coming after me.' who is John speaking about?
4. The prophet who prophesized about John the Baptist.
6. What Baptism did John gave to the people?

Down

1. Jesus baptizes with -----.
2. People of the whole ----- countryside came to John to be baptized.
3. The river in which John baptized the people.
5. From where did John the Baptist appear?

A KEY TO EXAMINE YOUR CONSCIENCE

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. DID YOU LOVE GOD MORE THAN ANYTHING ELSE? 2. DID YOU USE GOD'S NAME WITHOUT LOVE AND RESPECT? 3. DID YOU HONOR GOD BY GOING TO HOLY MASS AND KEEPING SUNDAY HOLY? 4. DID YOU LOVE AND RESPECT YOUR MOM AND DAD? 5. DID YOU HURT ANYONE WITH YOUR ACTIONS OR WORDS? | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. WERE YOU PURE IN YOUR THOUGHTS AND HEART? 7. DID YOU TAKE ANYTHING THAT DID NOT BELONG TO YOU? 8. DID YOU ALWAYS TELL THE TRUTH? 9. WERE YOU FAITHFUL TO YOUR PARENTS, FRIENDS AND SIBLINGS? 10. ARE YOU HAPPY AND THANKFUL WITH WHAT YOU HAVE AND NOT WANT WHAT BELONGS TO OTHERS? |
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**PREPARE THE WAY FOR THE LORD!
JOIN THE CORRECT FOOTSTEPS TO REACH JESUS**



Clue: Mark 1:4



Let us Pray,

Dear Loving Father in Heaven, we thank you for the peace you give us through Jesus Christ. Help us, by your grace to prepare our hearts in true repentance to receive Jesus. We make this prayer through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.