

**“Bear the fruits of Repentance!”**  
**Third Sunday of Advent**  
**Children’s Liturgy Activity December 12<sup>th</sup> , 2021**



**Gospel: Luke 3:10-18**

In today’s gospel, we see St John the Baptist preaching Repentance and giving the baptism of repentance in the River Jordan as he was preparing the way for Jesus . The crowds asked him ‘what they should do?’. John the Baptist revealed to them the way of the new life of repentance. He told to Share coat/food with anyone who lack it. To the tax collectors he said not to collect for people more than what is required. To the soldiers he said not take money from anyone by threatening them or by making false accusation, and to be satisfied with your wages. By hearing John the Baptist, the people were filled with expectation that he was the Messiah to come. But John humbled himself and revealed that someone more powerful is coming after him and he is not worthy to even untie his sandals. John also said that unlike him who baptise with water, the powerful one will baptise them with holy spirit and fire. John the Baptist was just preparing people’s heart through repentance, to receive the powerful one- ‘Jesus’. Jesus – has the winnowing fork: The power to separate the people with true heart of repentance from those with hardened unchanged heart.

We are baptised in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy spirit. Through today’s gospel Jesus is asking us: Are we bearing the fruits of repentance, new life in Jesus? Are we living our life of Baptism in Jesus? Are we preparing ourselves and our hearts to receive Jesus in His Second coming? Will Jesus find us bearing fruits of repentance in us when He comes?

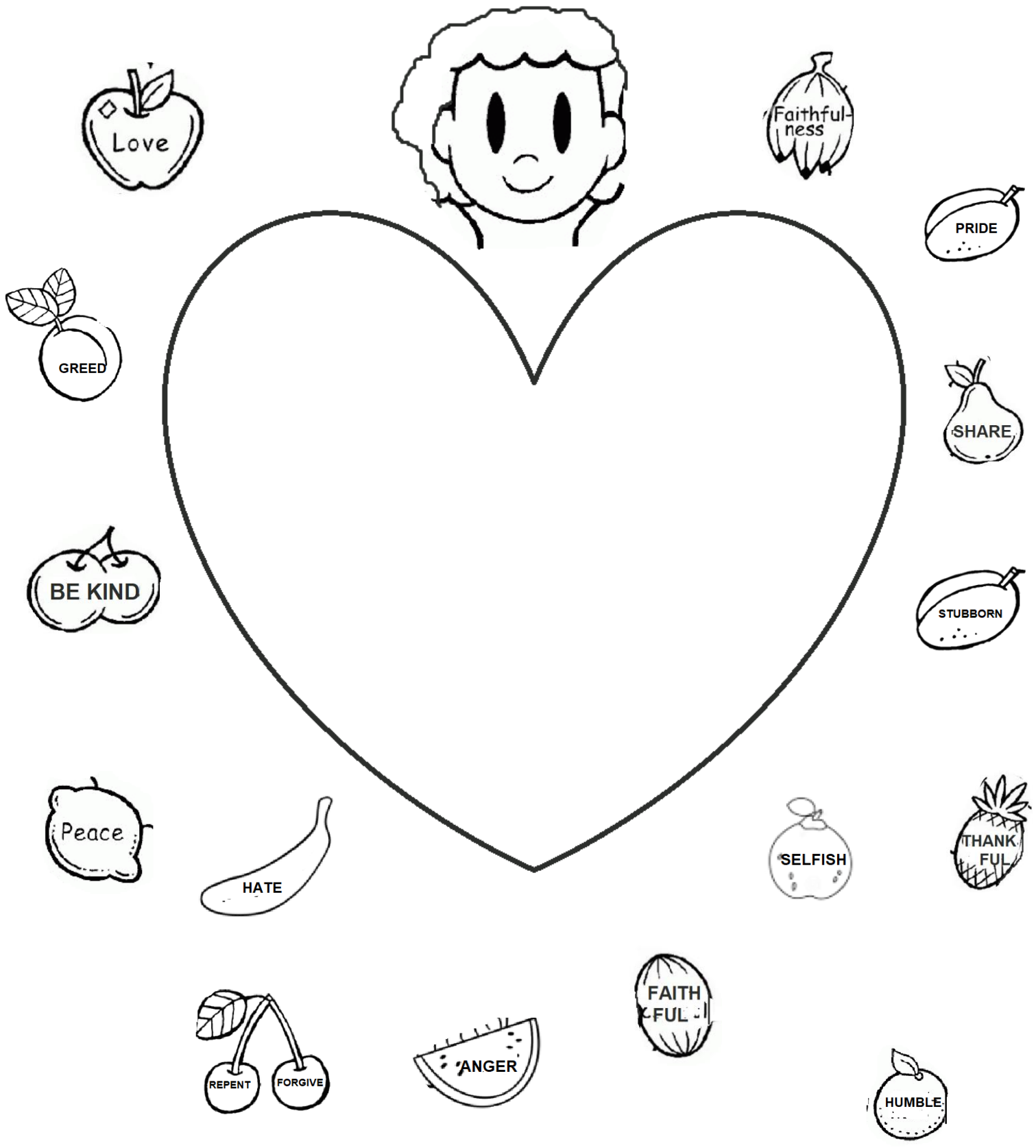
Being baptized , forgiven, and saved as children of God by Jesus , let us live the new life of repentance in Jesus. 1. Let us share our God given resources for the good of many. 2. Do not demand from others more than what is required. 3.Be true, faithful, and just in all that we do. 4.Let us not gain anything by threatening others or by making false accusation. 5.Let us Be gentle and good to others and be satisfied, not to be greedy. 6. Let us be satisfied and thankful with what God is giving us. Let us be sorry and approach the sacrament of confession and cleanse ourselves by God’s mercy and grace and prepare ourselves to receive Jesus in His second coming being a good wheat grain and not chaff.

**TODAY IS THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT: Gaudete Sunday:** we light the rose candle of joy. Let us rejoice in the coming of Jesus- the eternal light who wiped away darkness from us and purifies us by holy spirit and fire. Let us live magnifying Jesus by bearing the true fruits of repentance

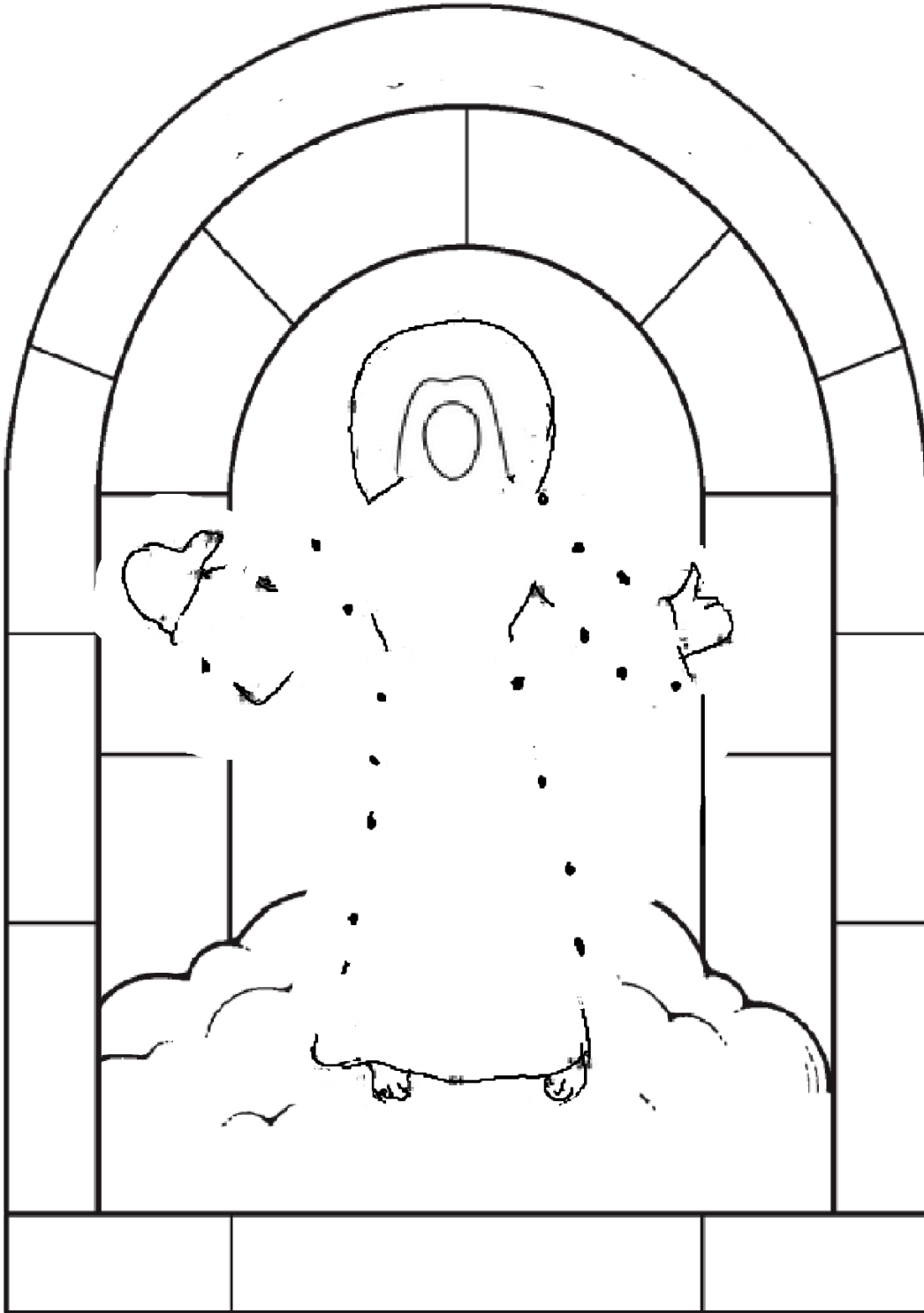
**VERSE OF THE WEEK**



Prepare your hearts to receive Jesus by bearing the right fruits of Repentance.  
Cut out the right fruits and stick it in the heart as you say 1 Glory be to the father.

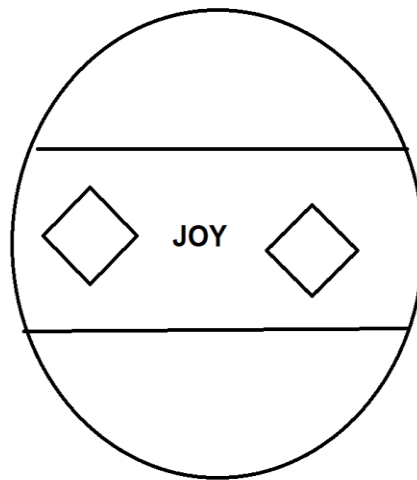
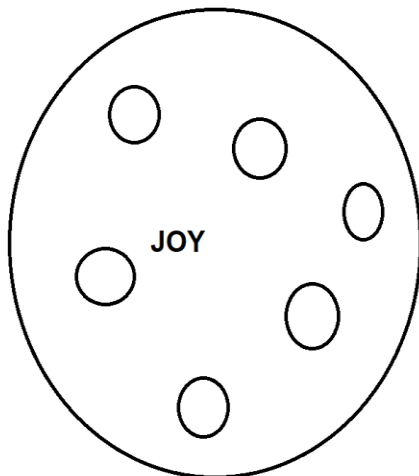
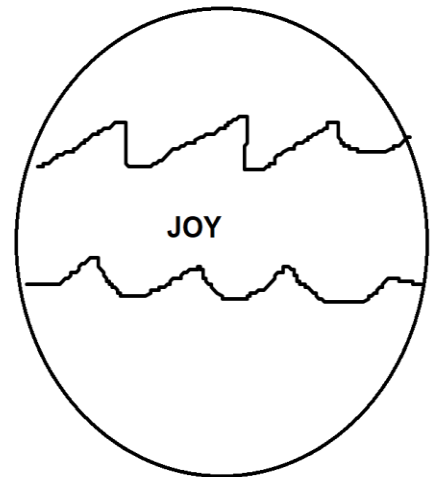
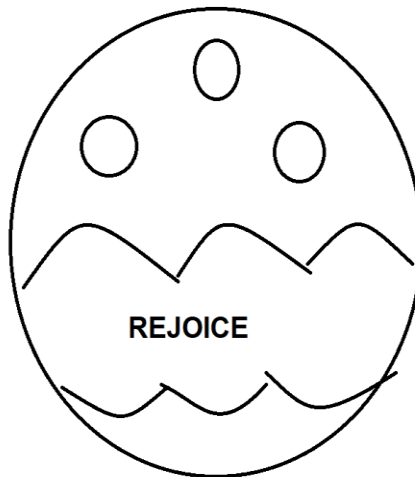
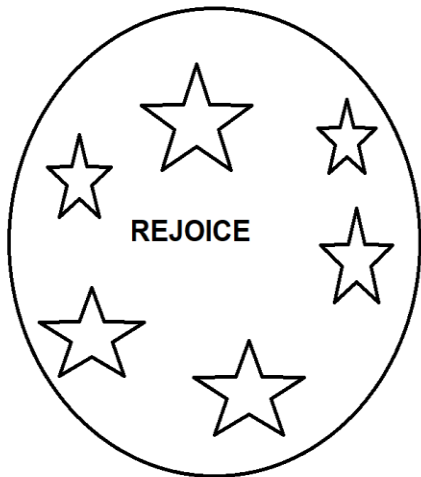


**‘Someone more powerful is coming after me and I am not worthy to even untie his sandals. He will baptise you with holy spirit and fire.  
Join the dots and find out who is the person that John the Baptist is talking about.**



## Rejoice ! The Lord is near! JOY CRAFT.

Cut out six circle templates for each bauble. Colour it and fold each one in half with the pattern inside. Paste glue on to half of one circle and stick half of another circle to it, aligning to the centre fold. Continue to stick the circles together in this way. Now take a string, fold it in half and make a knot in the bottom. Place the string in the centre of the bauble before gluing the last circle.



Let us pray, 🙏

**Dear Lord Jesus ,thank you for forgiving us and giving us a new life by your sacrifice. Thank you for giving us love ,grace and power through holy spirit. Examine our hearts and Purify our lives that we live according to your spirit bearing the fruits of repentance by our lives.**

**In Jesus name we pray,amen.**