



Sunday 5th December – Second Sunday in Advent – John the Baptist

Read: Luke 3:1-6

At Christmas we celebrate the birth of two babies – Jesus, and his cousin John. Before John was born his parents knew he was going to have a special job to do – he was going to prepare the way for Jesus. Today we read about John fulfilling the prophecies about him – he went ahead of Jesus, baptising people, telling them to repent and to ask for forgiveness. John lived in the wild and did all that God asked him to do.

Watch: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7NMHOLPWeTM> (Crossroads Kids)

What was John's nickname? Why did he get called John the Baptist? Where was he living before? What did he wear? What did he eat? Who did people think he was? Why was John so important?

Do:

Colouring Page - https://sermons4kids.com/john_baptist_colorpg.htm

Wordsearch - https://sermons4kids.com/prepare_the_way_wordsearch.htm

Cross word - https://sermons4kids.com/prepare_the_way_crossword.htm

John the Baptist Worksheet - <https://cartoonchurch.com/content/cc/cartoon-worksheet-john-the-baptist/> (Cartoon Church)

Pray:

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In all the busy times help us to see the importance of your love for us. Show us new ways to share the message of your love for all people. We pray this in the name of Jesus, whose coming we eagerly await. Amen (taken from Praying Together)

Father in heaven watch over our loved ones.

Keep them by your side.

May they be safe and peaceful, in you may they abide.

Give wisdom to the doctors and nurses too we pray,
renew their strength and bless them for the work they do each day.

Send healing and restoration and let them feel your love.

May your Holy Spirit give them rest as gentle as a dove. Amen

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Sunday 12th December – Third Sunday in Advent – John the Baptist

Read: Luke 3:7-18

John has started doing his important task – preparing people for the coming of Jesus. John is telling people they need to watch what they are doing – they need to repent and say sorry to God, and to start travelling on the right path. This would not have made John very popular, but he knew he was doing what God had asked him to do – preparing the way for Jesus.

Watch: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OO84K9RuF0>

What did John tell the people to do? Why did he say these things? Who was John preparing the way for? How can we follow John's example?

Do:

Colouring Page - <https://truewaykids.com/john-the-baptist/#jp-carousel-4512>

Decoder - https://sermons4kids.com/messenger_sent_from_god_decoder.htm?fromSermonId=470

Multiple Choice -

https://sermons4kids.com/messenger_sent_from_god_choice.htm?fromSermonId=470

Character Profile – complete a profile for John the Baptist - <https://www.tes.com/teaching-resource/character-profile-6376580>

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Sunday 19th December – Fourth Sunday in Advent - Mary and Elizabeth

Read: Luke 1:39 - 56

Mary went to visit her cousin Elizabeth and could not wait to share her news with her. When Mary arrived, Elizabeth was so excited – but something amazing happened – as soon as Mary spoke Elizabeth’s baby kicked – he knew something special was happening. Mary started talking to God and as she was talking her excitement turned to a song and a prayer. This is called the Magnificat and is when Mary explains how good God is and will continue to be. We still say or sing this song in Church today.

Watch: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s_1xtrrA2Ks

Where did Mary go? What happened when she got there? Why was Elizabeth’s baby so excited? What did Mary sing?

Do: Colouring Page – <https://sundayschoolzone.com/activity/christmas-coloring-page-marys-story/>

Craft - <http://www.jesus-without-language.net/elizabeth-mary-luke-1-make-2/>

Spot the difference - <https://sundayschoolzone.com/activity/mary-visited-elizabeth-spot-the-differences/>

The Magnificat is Mary’s song – can you write an additional verse to one of your favourite Christmas Carols to include what Mary sang?

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