

# KIDS ACTIVITIES

Sunday 6th December

"Good News! Point the Way and Spread  
the Word"



This is the beginning of the Good News about Jesus Christ, the Son of God, as the prophet Isaiah wrote:

"I will send my messenger ahead of you.  
He will prepare your way." Malachi 3:13

"There is a voice of a man who calls out in the desert:  
'Prepare the way for the Lord.  
Make the road straight for him.'" Isaiah 40:34



John was baptizing people in the desert. He preached a baptism of changed hearts and lives for the forgiveness of sins. All the people from Judea and Jerusalem were going out to John. They told about the sins they had done. Then they were baptized by him in the Jordan River. John wore clothes made from camel's hair and had a leather belt around his waist. He ate locusts and wild honey. This is what John preached to the people: "There is one coming later who is greater than I. I am not good enough even to kneel down and untie his sandals. 8 I baptize you with water. But the one who is coming will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

Mark 1:1-8

The wilderness is an important place in the Bible. The Israelites got stuck in the wilderness in the Old Testament, but that was an important place for them to learn to rely on God. Jesus went into the wilderness to prepare for His ministry. In this passage, we see that God promised to send a messenger to prepare the way for the Lord. This would be someone “crying in the wilderness.” Isaiah gave this sign, promising that one would come before the Messiah to tell others all about Him. Well, the name of this person was John the Baptist. As we prepare for Advent, he is an important person to look at, because he helped prepare the way for Jesus.

**How do you prepare for company? Do you clean things? What would you do to prepare for Jesus?**

John came and baptized people in the wilderness. He called people to ask for forgiveness. John was well-known and a lot of people came out to hear him and get baptized by him. God’s people had waited for a long time for a saviour, and they were ready to listen to someone who had news from the Lord. They turned to John for help and hope, and sometimes they asked if he was the one God had sent to rescue them. But John was quick to point to Jesus instead. He preached, saying, “After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. John told the people that the one coming after him was who they should follow. He recognized that his role was just to make way for the arrival of Jesus. He knew Jesus would be greater and do far more than he ever could. We should remember, that just like John, God has sent us to tell others the good news of Jesus! The Gospel means “good news”, and we have good news to share!

**How can you point to Jesus? What are some things we can do to remember His importance and share that with those around us?**



Pray

Dear God,  
Thank you for sending us Jesus.  
Please help us as we serve as messengers telling everyone of  
the good news of Christ’s coming.  
In Jesus name, Amen!

He who has ears let him hear.

-chapter 4

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