



Second Sunday of Advent (A) • Matthew 3:1-12 • December 4, 2022

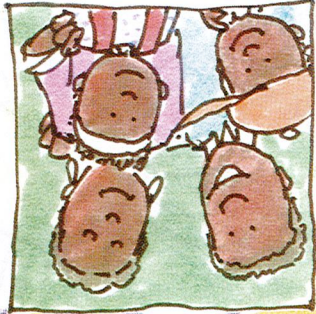
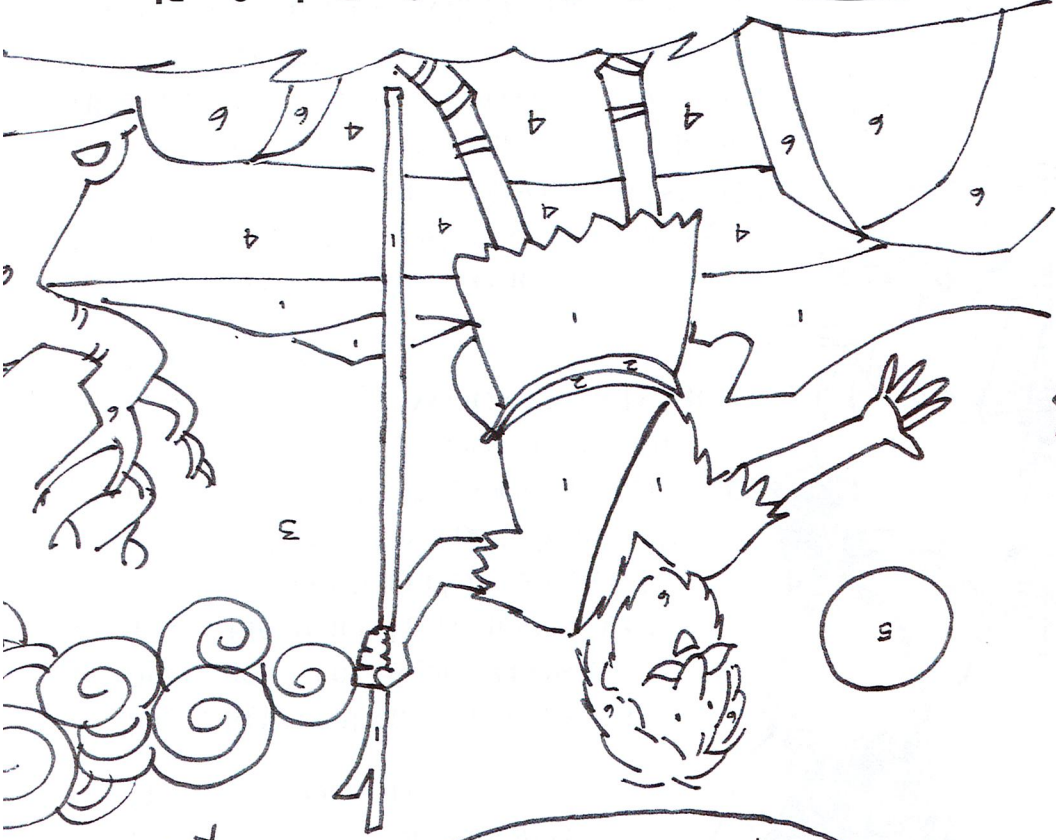
“Prepare the way of the LORD”



Using the key below, color this picture of John the Baptist in the desert.

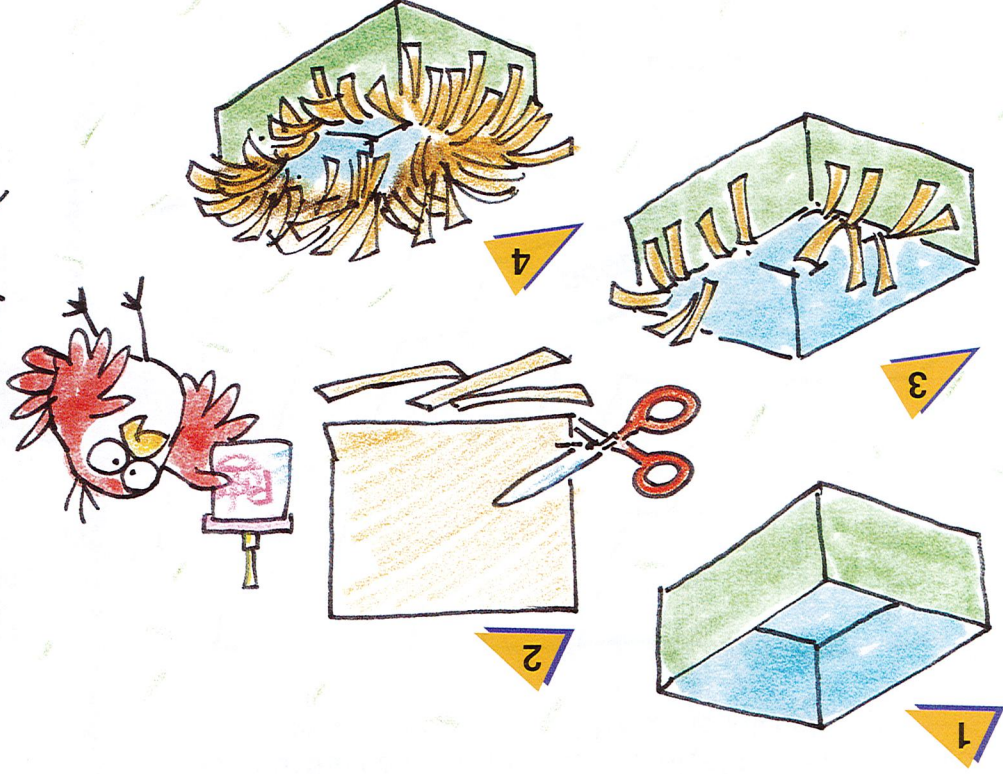
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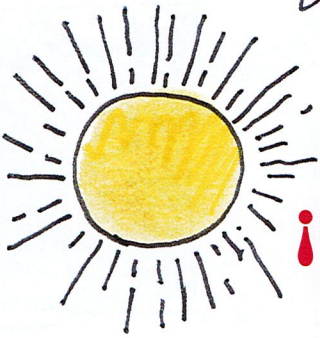


There are many ways to prepare for Jesus' coming. One is to do as John the Baptist says — to change your life, to begin now to live every day in love. You can keep track of your love with this family project. Make a crib for Jesus out of a shoe box.

Now cut small strips of paper to look like straw (or you can use real straw). Place the straw in a box next to the crib. Each time someone does a loving thing, that person can place one piece of straw in the crib. Keep filling the crib with loving deeds every day. Because you will all be living truly loving lives for Jesus, by Christmas the crib will be filled with straw for the Holy Infant.



JESUS IS COMING!

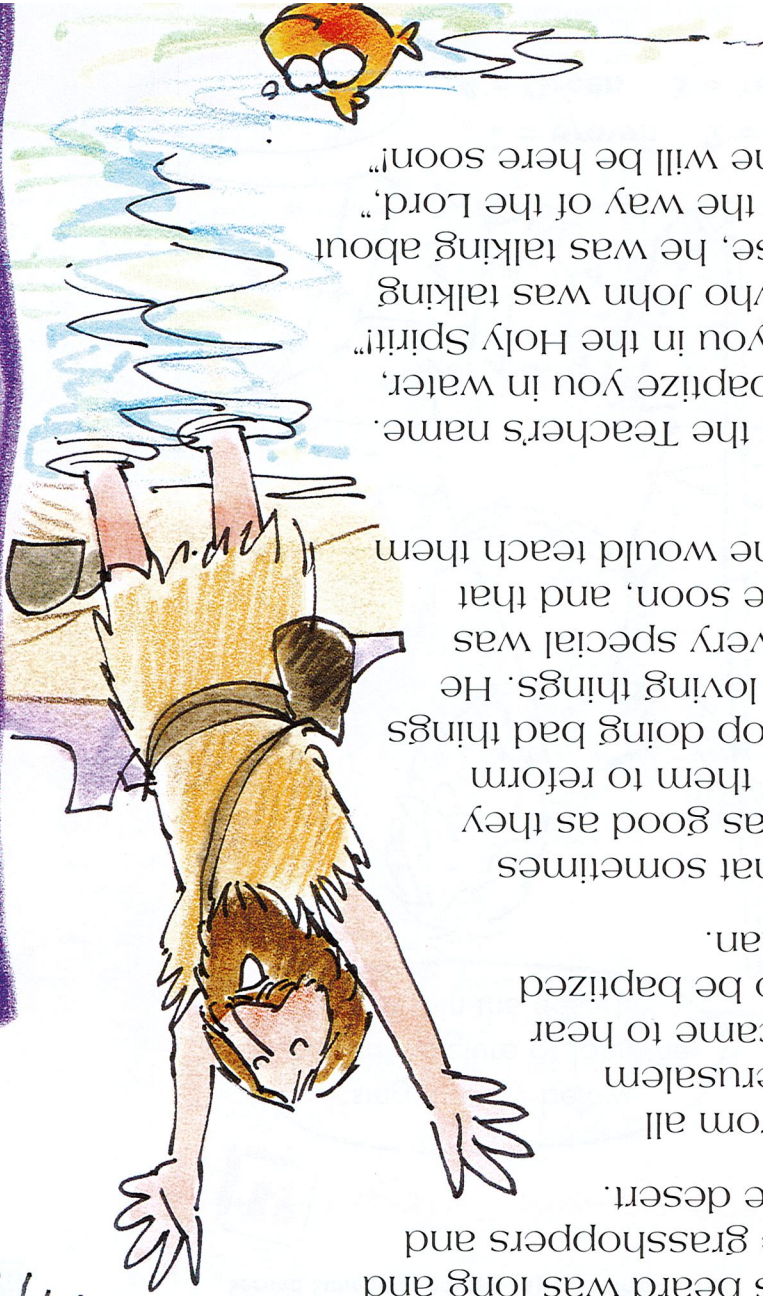


What a strange man was John the Baptist. His clothes were made of camel's hair, his beard was long and straggly. He ate grasshoppers and honey out in the desert.

But people from all around, from Jerusalem and all Judea, came to hear John talk and to be baptized in the river Jordan.

John knew that sometimes people are not as good as they can be. He told them to reform their lives, to stop doing bad things and start doing loving things. He said someone very special was going to be here soon, and that special someone would teach them all about God.

He didn't say the Teacher's name. He just said: "I baptize you in water, he will baptize you in the Holy Spirit!" Do you know who John was talking about? Of course, he was talking about Jesus! "Prepare the way of the Lord," John said, "for he will be here soon!"



You can prepare the way for Jesus just as John the Baptist said: "Stop doing bad things and start doing good things." If you begin today, you will be ready to greet Jesus on Christmas day.

"MAKE STRAIGHT HIS PATHS"

One of the paths below leads straight to Jesus. Can you find out which one? The signs will help you.

