

2nd Sunday of Advent - December 8, 2019

Matthew 3: 1- 12



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**JOHN THE BAPTIST**

# A Voice in the Wilderness



In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the Desert of Judea and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near."  
Matthew 3:1-2 (NIV)

Choose the word that best matches the definition.

- \_\_\_ 1. The man who preached that Jesus was coming  
A. Peter B. John C. Joseph D. Thomas
- \_\_\_ 2. The sounds that are made when people speak or sing  
A. sight B. barking C. voice D. chirping
- \_\_\_ 3. One who speaks for God, or tells what will happen in the future  
A. prophet B. announcer C. evangelist D. teacher
- \_\_\_ 4. To be sorry for something bad you have done and make a change  
A. baptize B. preach C. repent D. beg
- \_\_\_ 5. An area where there is little rain and not many plants  
A. mountains B. desert C. valley D. plains
- \_\_\_ 6. To get ready for something that is going to happen  
A. prepare B. preach C. baptize D. prophet
- \_\_\_ 7. To deliver a sermon  
A. sing B. baptize C. preach D. voice
- \_\_\_ 8. What John did in the Jordan River  
A. baptized B. drowned C. preached D. fished

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Complete the paragraph by filling in the blanks with the correct words from the word bank at the bottom of the story.

In those days John the Baptist came, \_\_\_\_\_ in the Desert of Judea and saying, "\_\_\_\_\_, for the kingdom of heaven is near." This is he who was spoken of through the prophet Isaiah:

"A \_\_\_\_\_ of one calling in the desert,  
' \_\_\_\_\_ the way for the Lord,  
make \_\_\_\_\_ paths for him.' "

John's \_\_\_\_\_ were made of camel's \_\_\_\_\_, and he had a leather belt around his waist. His food was \_\_\_\_\_ and wild \_\_\_\_\_. People went out to him from Jerusalem and all Judea and the whole region of the Jordan. Confessing their sins, they were \_\_\_\_\_ by him in the Jordan River.

Matthew 3:1-6 (NIV)

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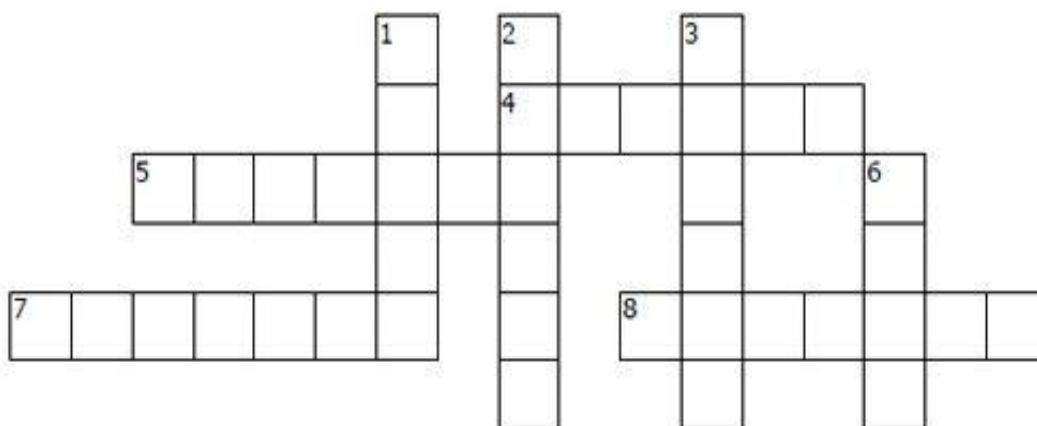
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## ACROSS

4. To be sorry for something bad you have done and make a change
5. What John did to people in the Jordan River
7. To get ready for something that is going to happen
8. One who speaks for God, or tells what will happen in the future

## DOWN

1. The sounds that are made when people speak or sing
2. To deliver a sermon
3. An area where there is little rain and not many plants
6. The man who preached that Jesus was coming

REPENT  
JOHN

PREACH  
PROPHET

VOICE  
DESERT

BAPTIZE  
PREPARE



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Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
M	C	H	E	Z	V	O	I	F	S	U	A	N	W	X	B	J	K	L	G	P	Y	R	Q	T	D

1. 10-25-23-12-8-20-3-25 \_\_\_\_\_

2. 26-4-10-4-23-25 \_\_\_\_\_

3. 19-7-2-11-10-25-10 \_\_\_\_\_

4. 21-23-4-12-2-3 \_\_\_\_\_

5. 3-7-13-4-22 \_\_\_\_\_

6. 21-12-25-3-10 \_\_\_\_\_

7. 16-12-21-25-8-5-4 \_\_\_\_\_

8. 21-23-4-21-12-23-4 \_\_\_\_\_

LOCUSTS	PATHS	HONEY	STRAIGHT
PREACH	PREPARE	BAPTIZE	DESERT

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Enter the correct words in the boxes based on the shape of the letters.



1.

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locusts  
honey

desert  
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preach  
straight

prepare  
baptize

# Saints of Advent and Christmas

Can you name these saints of Advent and Christmas? Put your answers in the puzzle below. When you finish, look for an Advent prayer that runs down through the puzzle.

- I am the bishop best known for my generosity to children. (Dec. 6)
- I was murdered in my cathedral in Canterbury, England, in 1170. (Dec. 29)
- The feast that proclaims that Mary was born without original sin is called the \_\_\_\_\_ Conception. (Dec. 8)
- This is the first season of the Church year.
- What kind of family were Jesus, Mary, and Joseph? (Dec. 30)
- We died when King Herod tried to kill Jesus. We are the Holy \_\_\_\_\_. (Dec. 28)
- My child was born in a stable a long distance from home. (Dec. 25)
- Advent begins on the Sunday closest to my feast day. (Nov. 30)
- I am called "the beloved" apostle. I also wrote the Fourth Gospel. (Dec. 27)
- I appeared to an Aztec called Juan Diego. I am Our Lady of \_\_\_\_\_. (Dec. 12)
- I was the most dedicated missionary since St. Paul. My second name is Xavier. (Dec. 3)
- I am an early martyr. My name comes from the Latin word for light, *lux*. (Dec. 13)
- Good King Wenceslaus looked out on my feast day, Dec. 26. I am the Church's first martyr.

**Choose from these answers**

- John
- Immaculate
- Lucy
- Nicholas
- Francis
- Advent
- Stephen
- Thomas Becket
- Guadalupe
- Holy
- Andrew
- Innocents
- Mary

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Did you find the three-word Advent prayer that runs vertically through the puzzle?

**Write it here**

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# Speak, Lord

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Isaiah 11:1-10  
Psalm 71  
Romans 15:4-9  
Matthew 3:1-12

SUNDAY LITURGY FOR CHILDREN

Year A — 2nd Sunday of Advent



## JOHN THE BAPTIST

## PREACHING ...



1. John said "I \_\_\_\_\_ with water".

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2. He went to \_\_\_\_\_ in the desert.

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3. He said, " \_\_\_\_\_ ", for Jesus is coming.

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4. "Jesus will baptise you with the Holy \_\_\_\_\_".

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5. John baptised people in the River \_\_\_\_\_.

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6. He said, "Make his paths \_\_\_\_\_".

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7. Many people \_\_\_\_\_ their sins.

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# Today is the 2nd SUNDAY of ADVENT

