

December 13, 2020

Third Sunday of Advent

# Children Celebrate!

Liturgy of the Word with Children

## Today's Readings

Isaiah 61:1–2

Luke 1:47 and 49, 53–54

1 Thessalonians 5:16–24

John 1:19–28



## We Pray

O God, as we draw closer to the birth of your Son, may we be worthy to welcome him into our lives. Amen.

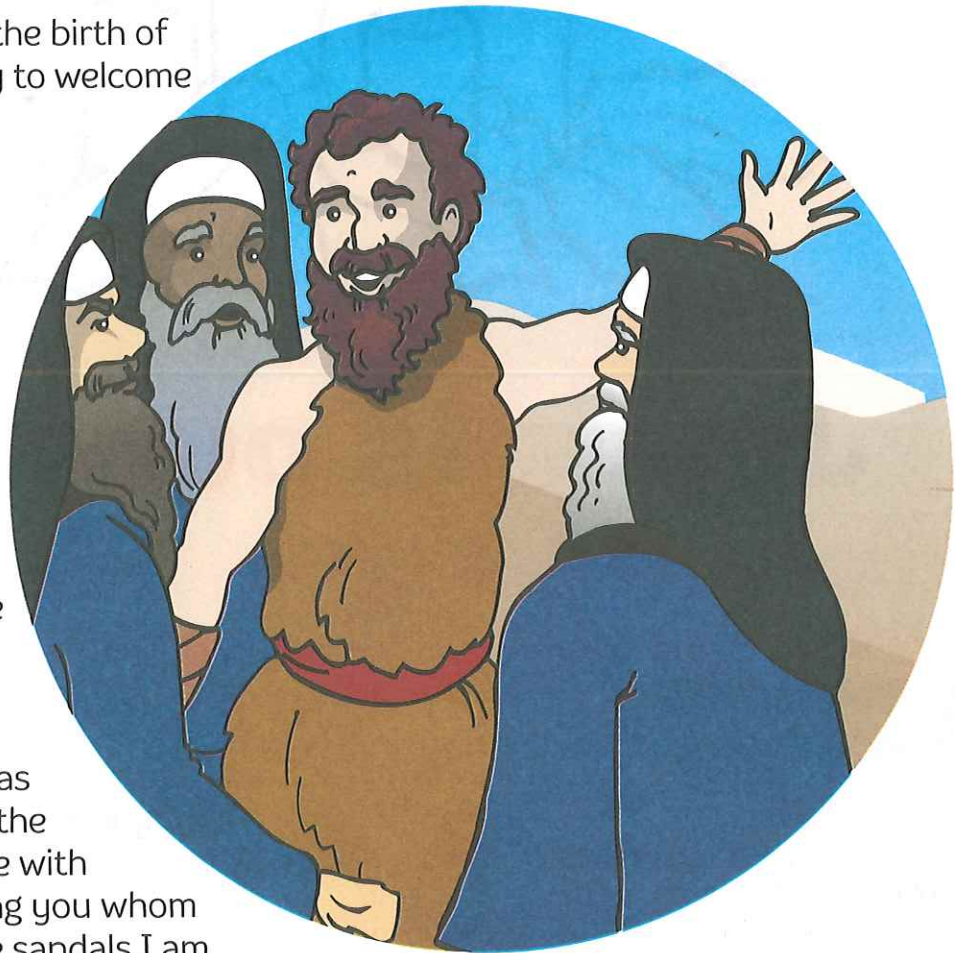


## The Word of God This Week

### Get Ready for the Lord!

Jewish leaders sent people to ask John the Baptist if he was the Messiah or Elijah or the Prophet. John said, “No. I am only someone shouting in the desert, ‘Get ready for the Lord!’”

Pharisees asked why he was baptizing people if he was not the Messiah or Elijah or the Prophet. John said, “I baptize with water, but there is one among you whom you do not recognize, whose sandals I am not worthy to untie.”



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## Activity

John the Baptist prepared the way for Jesus' light to shine. We use candles to remind us that Jesus is the Light of the World. Color the candles of the Advent wreath. Color three of the candles purple, and one candle pink. Decorate the wreath.



**Jesus is our light!**

### Family Corner

#### Faith Focus

John the Baptist, referring to the prophet Isaiah, told those who asked that he was a “voice in the wilderness.” He called their attention to someone far greater than he. Though they did not recognize him, that “someone” was already among them.

John’s mission was to prepare the people for Jesus, the Light of the World. John reminds us all to shine our lights toward Jesus. And Jesus is among us, too!

#### Family Activity

Encourage your family to let Jesus’ light shine through their words and actions. Gather one evening, turn the lights low, and pass a flashlight from person to person. In turn, while holding the flashlight, tell how your own actions can shine the light of Jesus to others. Tell about a time when you could see Jesus’ light shine through the words or actions of someone else.