

December 6, 2020

Second Sunday of Advent

Children Celebrate!

Liturgy of the Word with Children

Today's Readings

Isaiah 40:3–5
Psalm 85:8–9, 10–11
Mark 1:1–8



We Pray

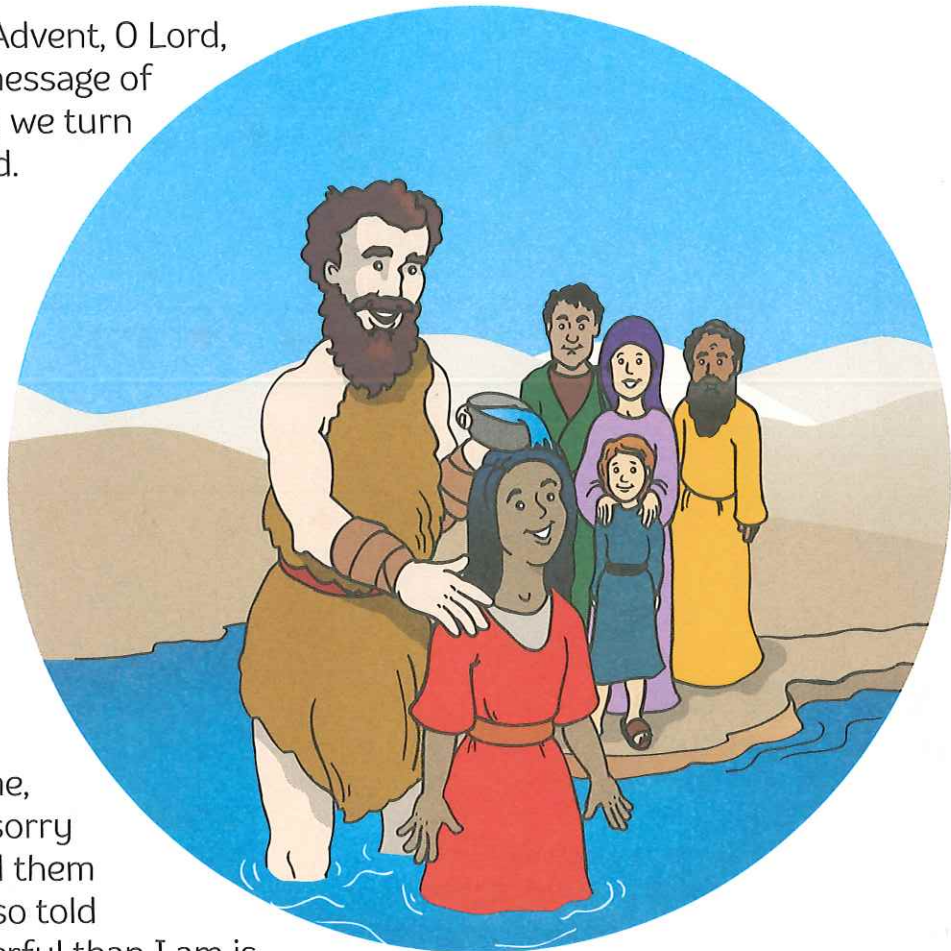
During this holy season of Advent, O Lord, open our ears to hear the message of Saint John the Baptist. May we turn our hearts back to you, Lord. Amen.



The Word of God This Week

Turn Back to God

To prepare the way for Jesus to come, John the Baptist went into the desert and preached, "Turn back to God and be baptized! Your sins will be forgiven." Many people came, listened to John, and were sorry for their sins. John baptized them in the Jordan River. John also told them, "Someone more powerful than I am is coming. I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit!"



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Activity

Saint John the Baptist helped people get ready for Jesus. What did John the Baptist say? Use the code to find out!

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Family Corner

Faith Focus

Jesus travels the path to reach us, but he respects our timing. We clear the path and we make it straight. We can start with prayer. In the days ahead, help your family experience prayer in this new way: When night falls, if your Christmas tree is up, turn on your tree lights. If it isn't, light your Advent candles or another candle. Sit together in silence and enjoy the wonder of light in darkness.

Family Activity

To demonstrate how much easier a straight path is to travel, create an "obstacle course." First, use masking tape to mark a path across your floor. Then place chairs, tables, and other obstacles along the path. Climb over, under, and through the obstacles to get from one end to the other. Then remove the obstacles and try again. Discuss:

- Which path was easier? Which path would Jesus prefer?
- What obstacles get between you and Jesus?