



## Sunday Kids!

Sunday 15th November

### PREPARATION - JOHN THE BAPTIST

Before John was born, an angel appeared to his father, who was a Godly man and a priest, to inform him that he would soon have a son. This son was to be a special man with a special purpose from God. The angel said that the child's name would be John.

John became a preacher and was telling others to ask for forgiveness for things they had done wrong. He wanted to help others change their lives so they could become like a brand-new person inside.

He was doing this not to be better than Jesus, but to help Jesus. By preaching to others to feel bad for their mistakes and to ask for forgiveness. By teaching that they needed God in their life he was preparing the people to hear from Jesus himself.

John was a man who wanted to live a very simple life. He felt that having a lot of things wasn't important; instead he travelled the desert and told others about what good things God was doing in his life, and how God could do good things in their lives too.

When people heard that John was in the area, they would come from all over to listen to him and get baptised. Now for some of you, you might not quite understand what baptism is, and that is okay. If you have ever seen someone get baptised, it is sort of like taking a bath with clothes on.

When someone believes in God, baptism is a way of showing others that you believe in Him and want to live your life the way God wants. It is like having a bath to make yourself clean on the inside. When you get baptised, it is a special way of showing that you understand that you have and need God's forgiveness.

As people were coming to John to be baptised, they were wondering if he was the Saviour they had waited for. John heard what they were saying, and he told them, "I am baptising you now, but very soon someone greater than me will come. He is so great that if He asked me to carry His shoes it would be an amazing honour."

John the Baptist was set apart. Even before he was born, God had a special plan for his life. We all need to realise that God has a special plan for our lives too. He has a plan and purpose for our life with the main purpose being that we come to know Jesus as our Saviour, but we are then set apart to share the Good News of the Gospel with others!



**Clock Craft : you can design your very own clock for your Christmas tree or to send to SwanBank Church, where you may see your creation during the live stream**

**You will need...**

- Card
- String
- Glue
- Felt tip pens (any other decorations you would like to add)
- Scissors

# Christmas Quiz

**To help us to get into the Christmas Spirit here is a quiz no need to print this out, the quiz master can take charge. Let us know how you get on !  
Most of the answers can be found online.**

1. On what date do we celebrate Christmas each year?
2. According to the popular Christmas song, which of Santa's reindeers had a very shiny nose?
3. Who helps Santa make all the toys?
4. In the TV show "The Simpsons", both the pet cat and pet dog have very Christmassy names, can you name them?
5. Who were the first people to visit Joseph and Mary and their baby Jesus in the stable
6. According to the Christmas story, in which town was Jesus born?
7. Into what did Mary place Jesus to sleep?
8. What is the name of the snowman in the Disney movie "Frozen"?
9. What is the eleventh word of the chorus of "Jingle Bells"?
10. How many doors are there on an Advent calendar?



## **Blessings and Prayers:**

**We would also really like if you would write a prayer or a blessing down and send this to us so we can hang these from our trees which will be on the main stage in the church.**