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**Getting ready for Christmas**

Some ways we can get ready for Jesus are hidden in the puzzle. Look for the underlined words. Circle the words you find.

Come to church.

Pray together.

Send Christmas cards.

Read the Bible.

Light Advent candles.

Make gifts.

Bake cookies.



**this week**

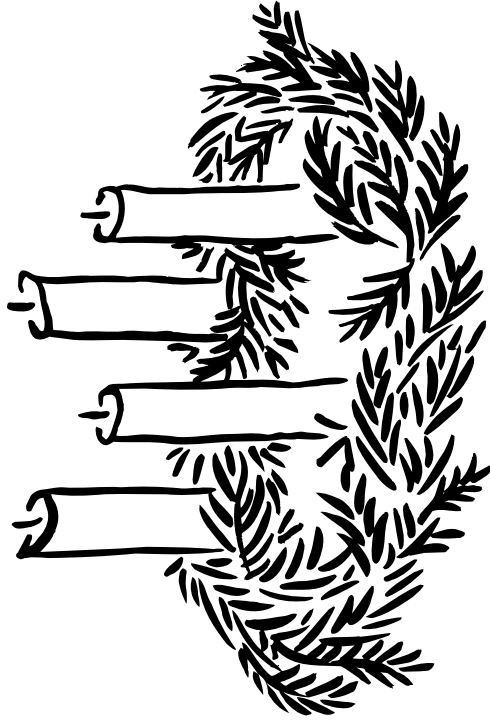
Say prayers with your family around your Advent wreath.



**gather**

Welcome to worship. Today is the second Sunday in Advent. How many candles are burning on the Advent wreath today?

Color and light two candles.



Listen to the words of the songs you sing in worship. What do you hear again and again?

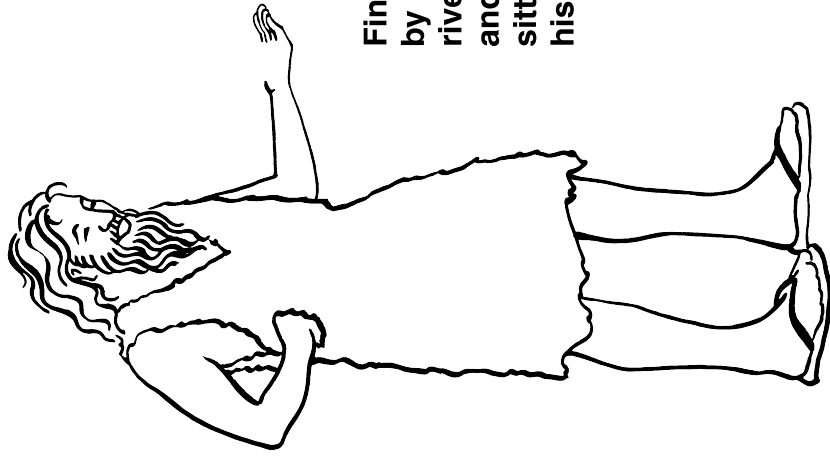
# hear & Celebrate

## Meet John the Baptizer

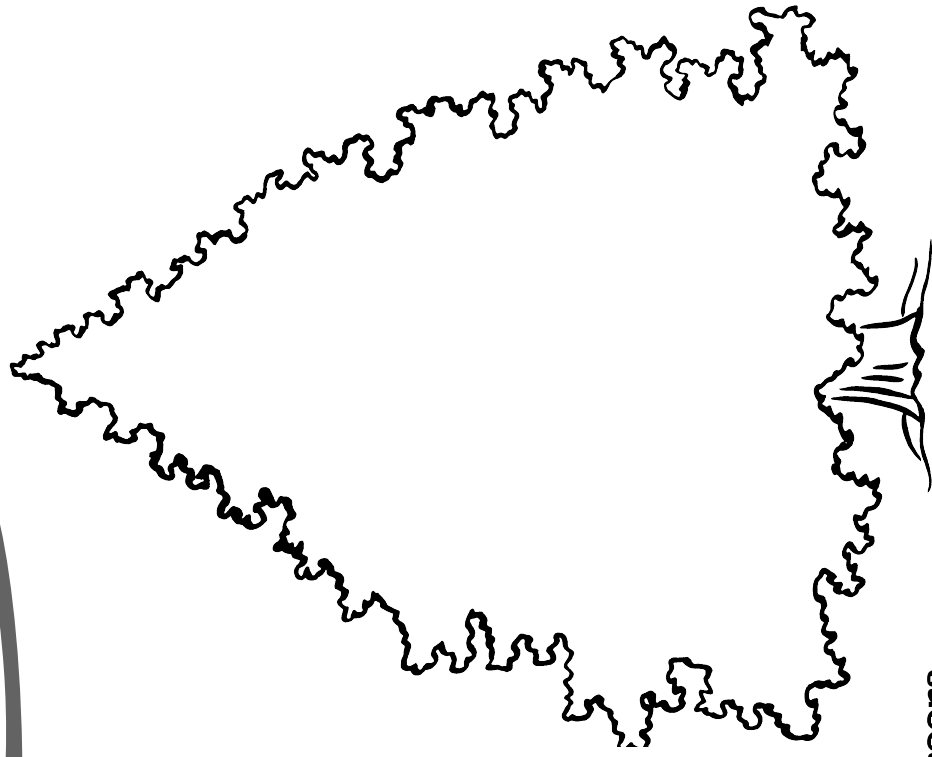
Luke 3:1-6

God promised to send someone to help people get ready for Jesus. This person was John the Baptizer. John said, "Prepare the way of the Lord!" John helped people get ready by baptizing them in the Jordan River.

John wore clothes made of camel's hair. He wore a leather belt. He ate honey and locusts. Locusts are big grasshoppers. Would you like to eat a grasshopper?



**Finish this picture by drawing the river, John's belt, and a locust sitting on his hand.**



### Evergreens

Evergreen needles stay green all year long. The green of the Advent wreath reminds us that God loves us in winter, spring, summer, and fall—always. Many of us decorate our homes and churches with evergreens to get ready for Christmas. Draw ornaments on this evergreen tree to remind you to “prepare the way of the Lord.”



*Dear Jesus, help me get ready for your birthday by filling my home with reminders of your love. Amen*