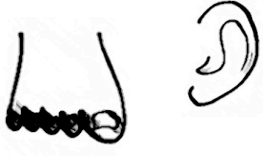


Sunday 13th December: John the Baptist Younger Group

Gathering prayer – ask your Junior Church kids to teach you the actions!



From the top of my head to the tips of my toes
From the lobes of my ears to the end of my nose
From my back to my front to my wiggly fingers
God loves me!



Practicing our song: Joy to the world

We will be signing the first verse of Joy to the world at the 10am service on Sunday 20th.

You can find demonstrations of the signs here:

https://trumpington.church/application/files/4316/0720/8381/Joy_to_the_world_BSL.pdf

Who are you? Making question marks

We have lots of questions in today's story.

Let's make/decorate/colour/design a question mark ready to wave as we tell the story.

You can use the outline at the end of this document, or draw your own.

Listening while we draw: This is the record of John

A lockdown choir from [St Bart's, New York](#) have just produced this version of today's story:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nE6k4o6bdIM>

John 1: 6-8, 19-28

??? Question marks at the ready. Wave them each time you hear a question.

Lots of people came to John asking, 'Who are you?' He told them he was not the Messiah, so they tried to guess. 'Are you Elijah?' John said, 'No.' 'Are you the prophet?' John said, 'No.' The people began to be annoyed. Why wouldn't John tell them who he was? 'We need to know,' they said. 'Who are you?' John said: 'I am just the person helping the world to get ready for the Lord. Someone else more important than me is on his way. He is already here but you don't know him.'

(Elijah, or Elias, was one of the prophets.)

Share the story together in your own bible or you can find it online

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John%201%3A6-8%2CJohn%201%3A19-28&version=NIV>

Some questions to think about

- Who was John the Baptist talking about?
- Why do we need John to help us get ready?
- How can you help get ready for Jesus? During Advent we spend a lot of time getting ready to celebrate Christmas? Can we remember to get ready for Jesus?
- What questions would you ask John the Baptist?

Light the 3rd candle on the Advent wreath

As we light the candle, we sing (to the tune of 'Twinkle, twinkle, little star'):

Light the Advent candle three,	<i>(hold up 3 fingers)</i>
we are searching, help us to see.	<i>(searching)</i>
Help us know that you are near,	<i>(point to head)</i>
very soon you will be here.	<i>(point to watch)</i>
Light the Advent candle three,	<i>(hold up 3 fingers)</i>
we are searching, help us to see.	<i>(searching)</i>

John the Baptist picture

John the Baptist wore clothes made of camel hair and a leather belt around his waist; he ate locusts and wild honey (Matthew 3:4). To make our John the Baptist pictures, you will need:

- Paper
- Pens/pencils/crayons

You may also like to use:

- Wool
- Scissors
- Glue
- The template available here:

https://www.rootsontheweb.com/media/11661/template_john_the_baptist.pdf



'Roots' Colouring and activity sheets

Roots have a collection of resources for families at home. This week's sheets can be found at:

- <https://www.rootsontheweb.com/media/21503/13-dec-2020-childrens-sheet.pdf>
- <https://www.rootsontheweb.com/media/21547/13-dec-2020-colouring-sheet.pdf>

A prayer to use this week

Thank you, God, for messengers like John the Baptist.
Help us to pass on the message that Jesus is coming.
Amen.

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