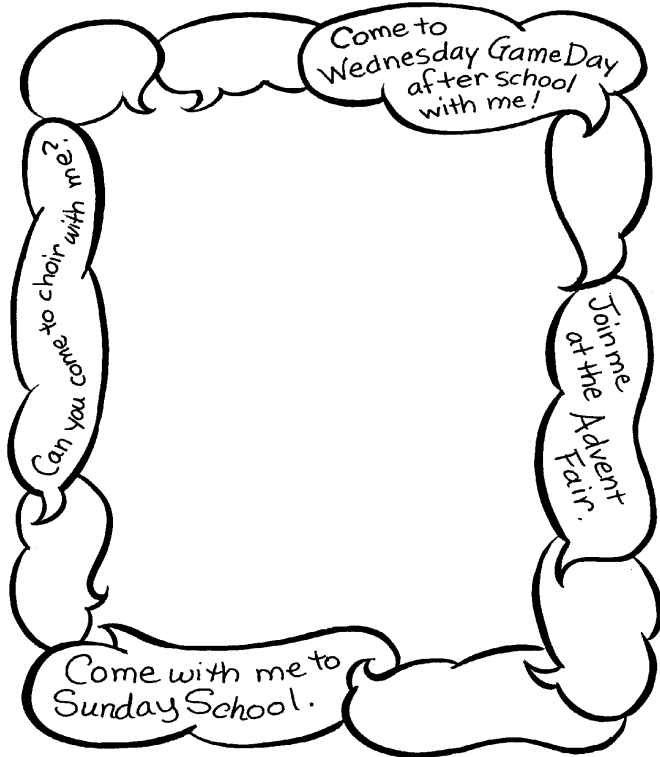


Send

Share the good news

John the baptizer was called an evangelist, someone who tells the good news about Jesus.

Draw a picture of yourself and a friend. Add words to the speech bubbles that show ways you can be a "good news bearer."



Help us share the good news about you, Jesus. Amen

This week

Invite a friend or neighbor to come with you to one activity at church this week.

Kids Celebrate

Third Sunday of Advent

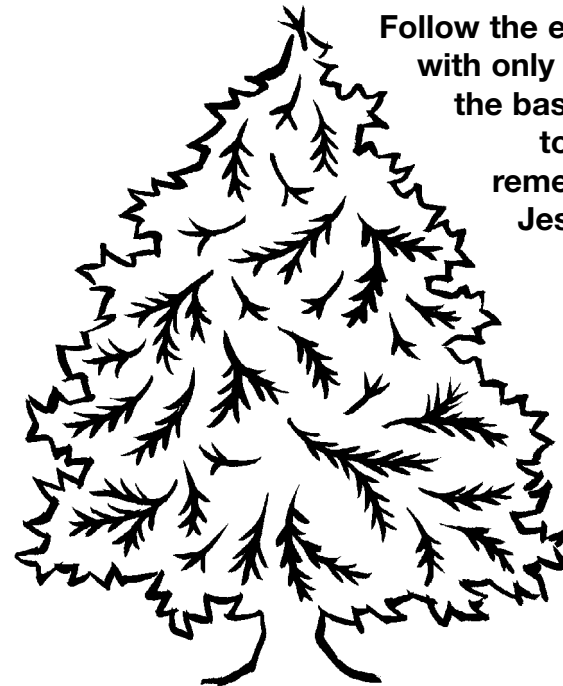


gather

Welcome to worship.

At Advent we wait for an awesome event: Jesus' coming. Prophets like **ISAIAH** from the Old Testament wrote about what would happen when Jesus comes. Even the wilderness will be glad!

Color in the prophet's name. Listen for the Bible reading from the book of Isaiah today.



Follow the evergreen branches with only three needles from the base of the tree to the top. Draw a star and remember the light that Jesus brings to us all.

An Advent blessing

Matthew 11:2-11

The Advent message reveals who Jesus is and tells us what he will do. “The blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them” (Matthew 11:5).



Every Sunday the pastor tells us that Jesus is with us.

Unscramble the letters and place them in the correct spaces to find out what the pastor says to all worshippers.



How many times do you hear
“The Lord be with you” today? _____

Listen Up!

Listen during worship today and circle any of the words you hear.

Jesus Advent Wait

Coming Prepare Ready

Time Prophet Holy

Light Messenger Miracle

What other words did you hear a lot in church today?



READER

Advent 3

- Today is the **third Sunday** in **Advent**.
- Advent is a time to **wait for Jesus** to come be with us.



Time for Advent!

Use the numbers and letters on the clock to solve the hidden message. The first one is done for you.



A _____ _____ _____ _____ _____

7 10 1 8 5

means _____ _____ _____ _____ _____

6 9 12 2 8 11

Who Is He?

In this story, John the Baptist asks Jesus some questions to find out who he really is. Fill in the blanks to complete this crossword puzzle. (If you need help solving clues, read the story in your Bible, Matthew 11:2-11.)

ACROSS

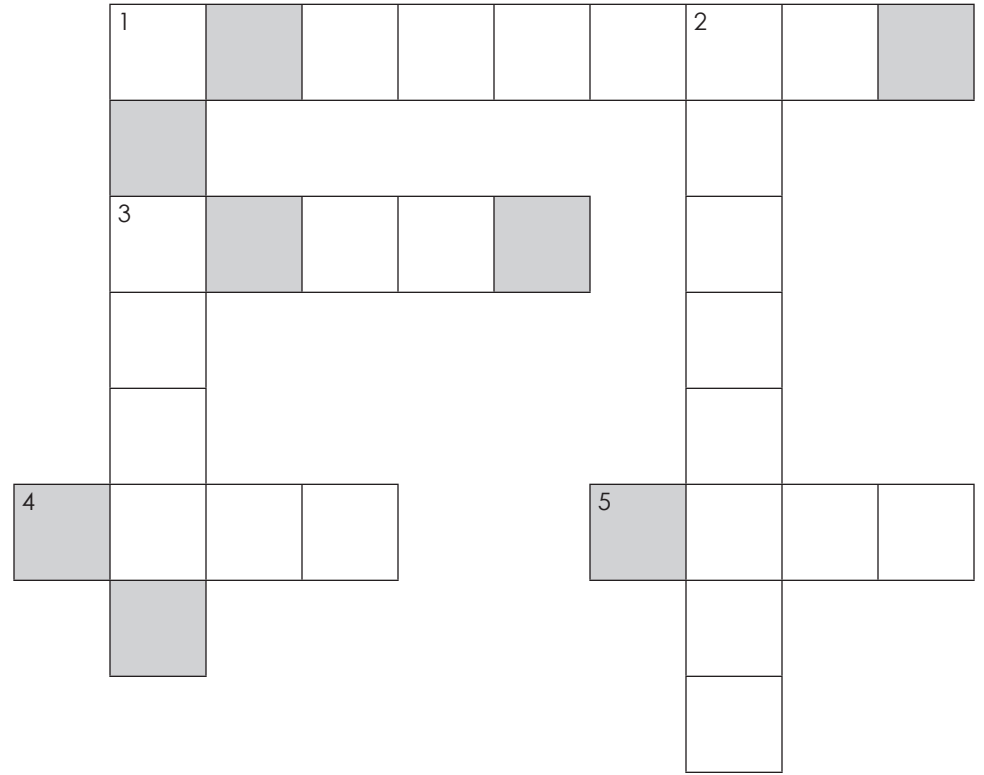
1. This is the one about whom it is written, 'See, I am sending my _____ ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.'
3. The blind receive their _____, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed.
4. Are you the one who is to come, or are we to _____ for another?"
5. Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you _____ and see."

DOWN

1. When John heard in prison what the _____ was doing, he sent word by his disciples.
2. The deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have _____ brought to them."

Look at the letters in the gray boxes. Unscramble these letters to finish this sentence:

Advent means that God will be _____ us!



Look up these verses to fill in the blanks.

Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the



Memory Verse

_____ is greater than he. Matthew 11:11

Jesus answered them, "Go and _____ John what you

_____ and see." Matthew 11:4



Look It Up!

When he was in prison, John the Baptist heard about Jesus performing miracles. Look up these stories to read about some of Jesus' miracles. Then sketch something from each miracle in the space below.

Matthew 8:5-13

Matthew 9:20-22

Matthew 9:27-31

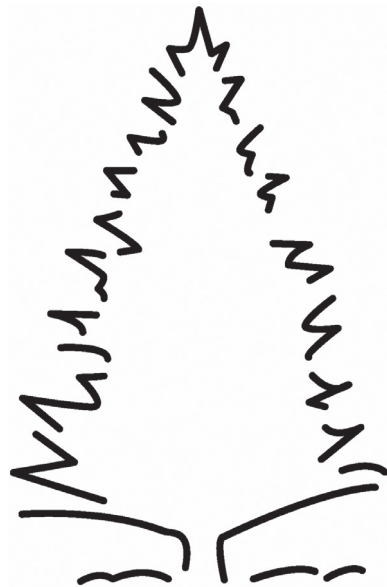
Evergreen **needles** stay green **all year long**. Evergreen branches make an Advent wreath. They remind us that God loves us **all the time**.

What green things do you see in church today? Draw or write about them here:



Many of us decorate **evergreen trees** at home to get ready for Christmas.

Draw ornaments on this evergreen tree to remind you to get ready for Jesus.

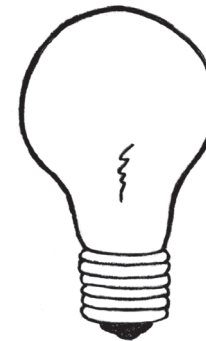
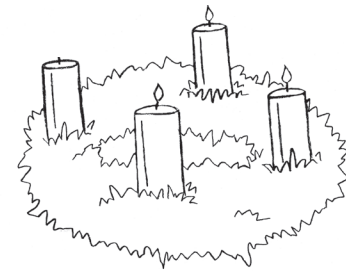
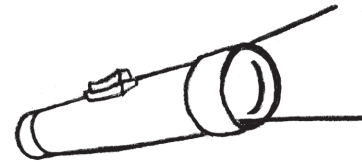


PRE-READER

Advent 3

- During Advent we **wait** for Jesus to come.
- Jesus is the **light of the world**.
- The **candles** in the Advent wreath give us **light**.

Color in each thing that gives us light.

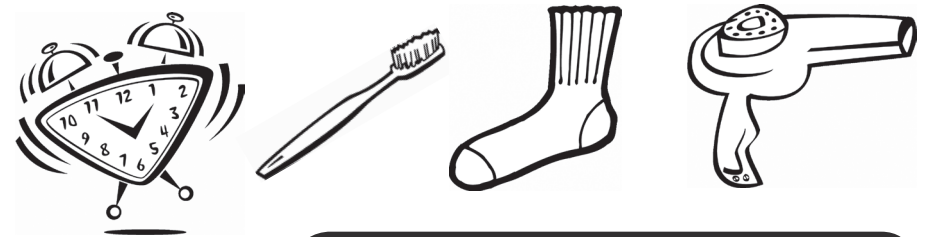




**“Are you listening?!? This is important!
Jesus is coming!”**

John the Baptist told people to **get ready** for Jesus to come. During Advent we get ready for Jesus, too!

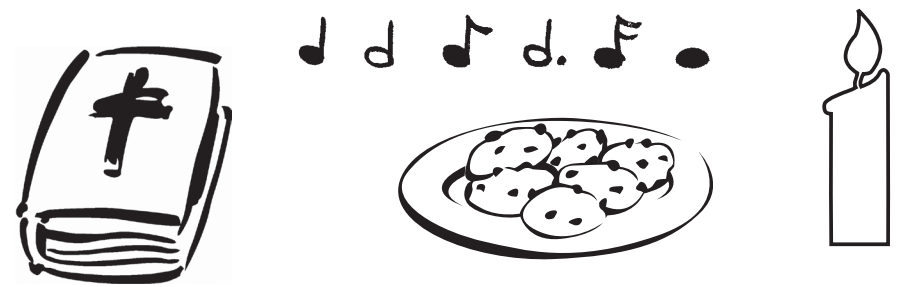
What do you need to get ready in the morning? Circle the things you used today.



What else?



**What do you need to get ready for Jesus?
Circle the things you will do this week.**



What else?