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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.

Light Advent candles.

Pray together.

Make gifts.

Send Christmas cards.

Bake cookies.

Read the Bible.



**This week**

Say prayers with your family around your Advent wreath.

Kids **Celebrate**  
Second Sunday of Advent

**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?

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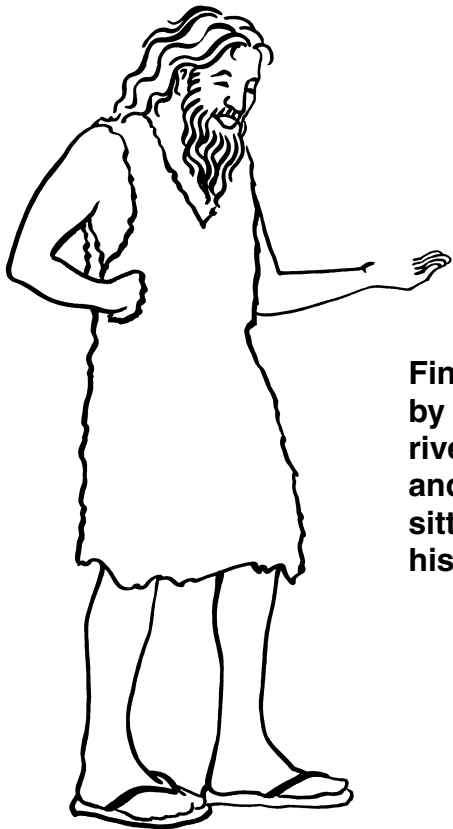
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## Meet John the Baptizer

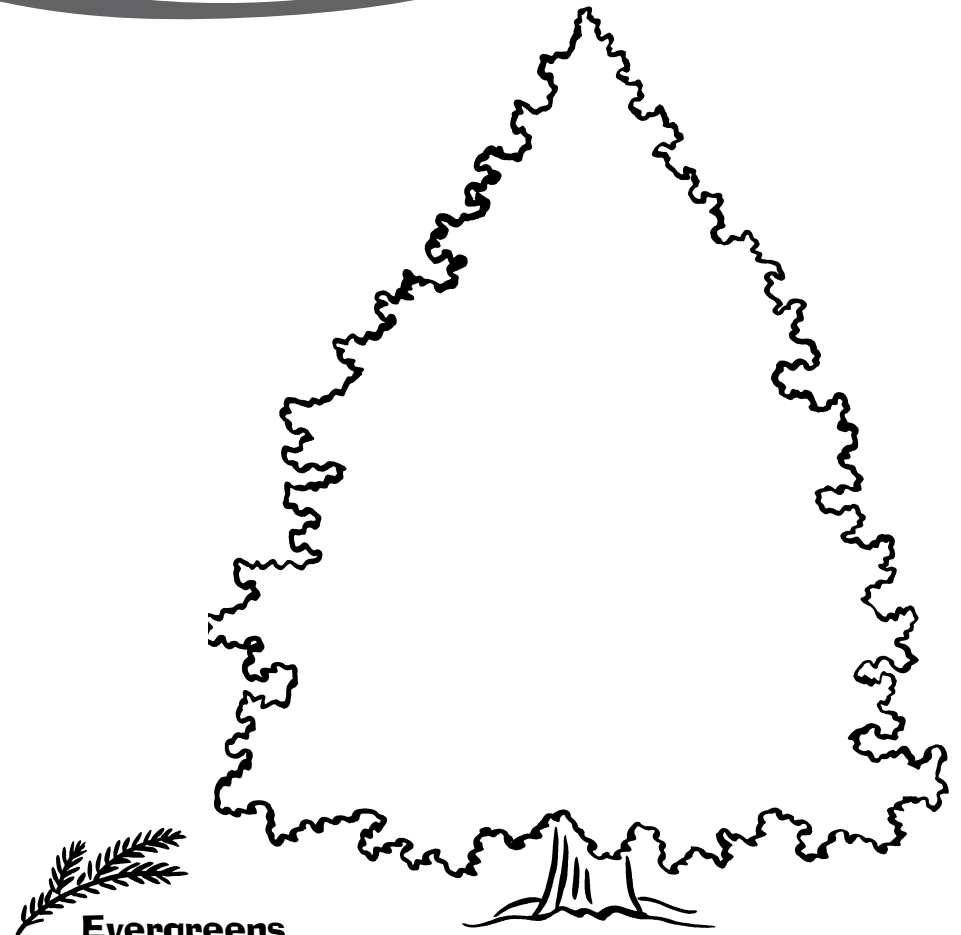
Luke 3:1-6

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*

## How Closely Are You Listening?

During the sermon, readings, and prayers in worship today, see how many times you hear these words. For each time you hear a word, write a tally in the circle.



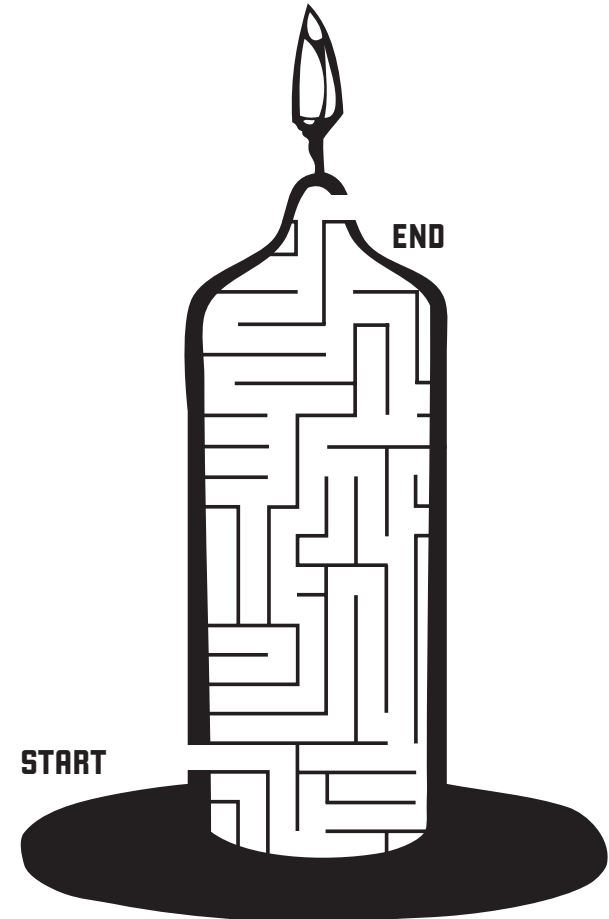
## READER

Advent 2

- Today is the **second** Sunday in **Advent**.
- Advent is the church season before **Christmas**.
- During Advent we learn about **hope and peace**.

## Work Your Way through Advent

Complete the candle maze. Do you know how many candles are on the Advent wreath this week?



Stories about Jesus' birth appear in two out of the four gospels. Matthew and Luke tell about what happened at Jesus' birth. Mark and John don't mention it.

## Did You Know?

### How Well Can YOU Write?

Take a look at the memory verse. In order to help memorize it, check out the silly ways to write it below!

**"He has raised up a mighty savior for us in the house of his servant David."**  
-Luke 1:69

Write this verse with your regular writing hand in your BEST handwriting:

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Now write it with the opposite hand:

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Now, using your regular writing hand, close your eyes and write it:

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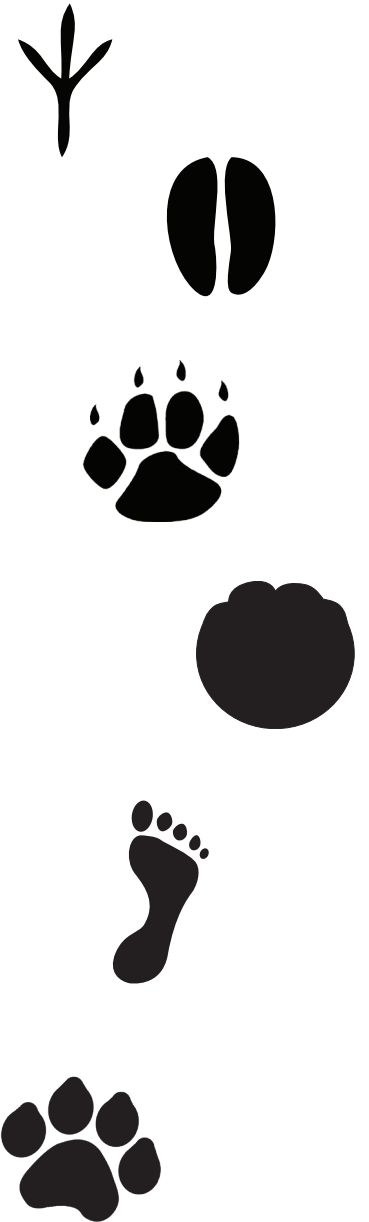
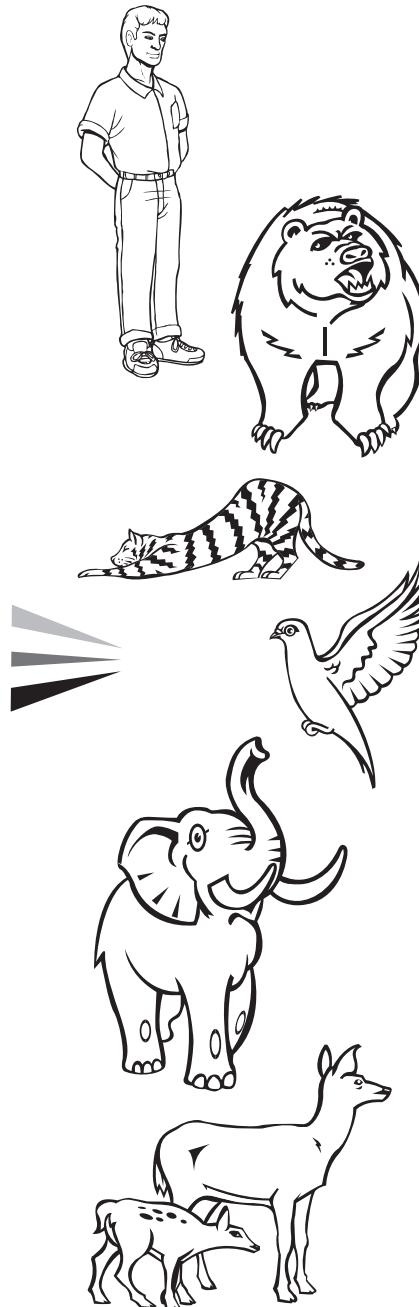
Now see if you can write it behind your back:

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### Whose Feet?

Today's lesson says that God will guide our feet into the path of peace. See if you can match the footprints with the correct animal below.



Below is calendar for the season of Advent.

**Shade these days on the calendar. Find out today's date and put it on the second Sunday on the calendar. Then follow the instructions below to create your own Advent calendar.**

1. Count back one week from today to find the first Sunday of Advent. Draw one candle on that day.
2. Draw two candles on today's date.
3. Draw three candles on the third Sunday in Advent (hint: it's next Sunday!).
4. Draw four candles on the fourth Sunday in Advent.
5. Fill in the dates on the rest of the calendar starting with today's date. Now look for December 24th. That's Christmas Eve! Draw an angel on that day.
6. Christmas Day is December 25. Draw a star on that day.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday

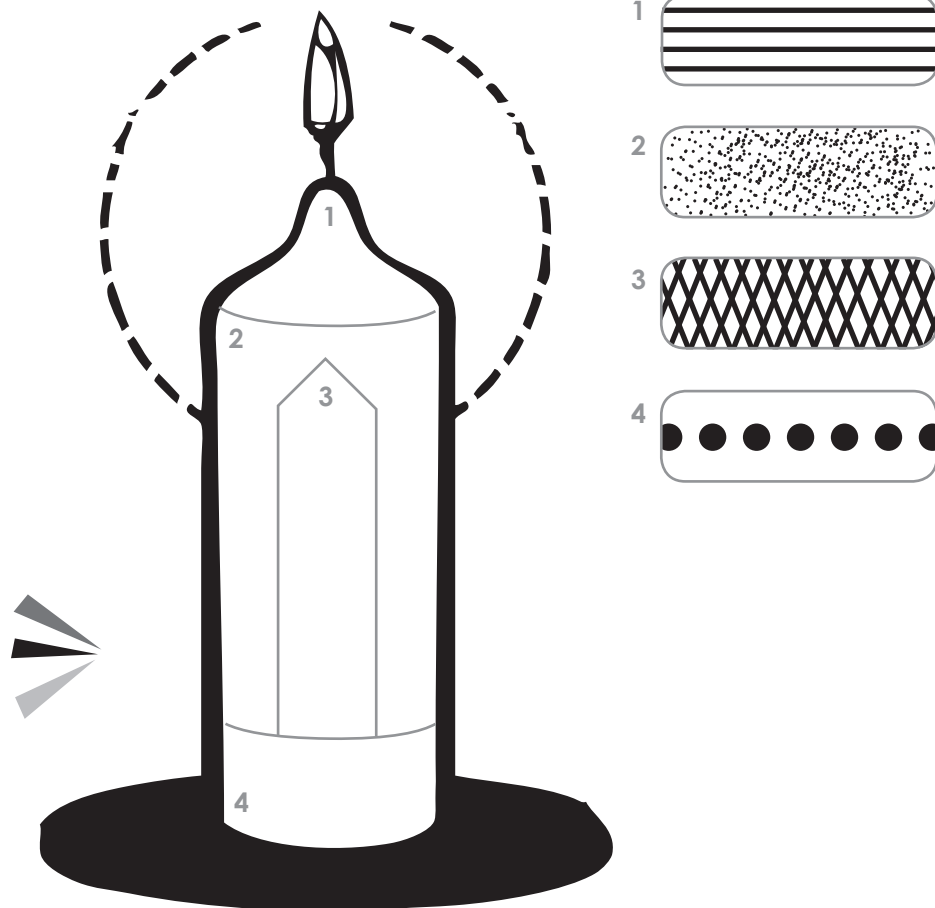


# PRE-READER

Advent 2

- Today is the **second** Sunday in **Advent**.
- Advent is the church season **that begins the new church year**.
- Advent is the church season **before Christmas**.

**Color the candle using the patterns on the key.**





**Zechariah told baby John that he will someday share the news far and wide that Jesus will come to help us and care for us.**

Today's reading says that God will guide us along a path of peace. Below is a path.

**Decorate it with trees, animals, and people to make your own path of peace.**

