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Getting ready for Jesus

One way we can get ready for Jesus is by sharing. God wants us to share our clothes, food, and the gifts and talents that God has given us.

Draw a heart by each of these things you can give to someone.

_____ A hug 

_____ A smile 

_____ A homemade Christmas card



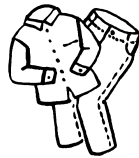
_____ A homemade Christmas ornament



_____ Christmas cookies



_____ A good shirt and pants you have outgrown



Thank you, God, for blessing me with gifts to share with others. Amen

This week

Make a gift to give at Christmas.

Kids Celebrate

Third Sunday of Advent



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

Color and light three candles.



Count the Advent-colored things that you see in your worship space. Write down the number you find. _____

One of God's messengers

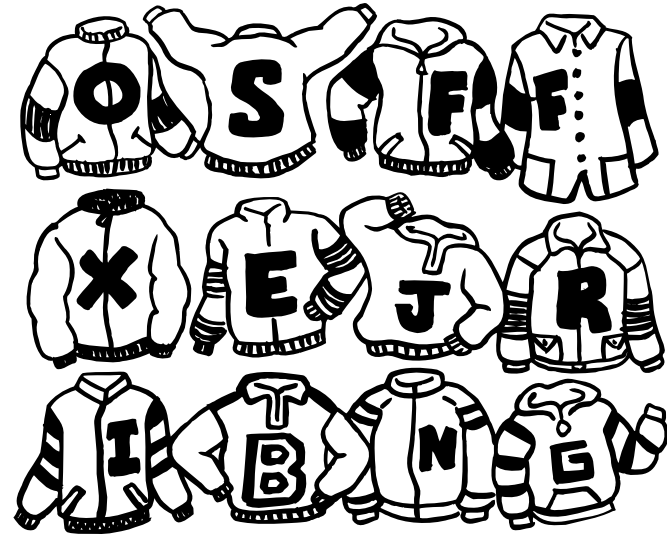
Luke 3:7-18

God sent John the Baptizer to help people get ready for Jesus. John said, "Prepare the way of the Lord!" John helped people get ready by baptizing them and by talking about some surprising things. Some of the words John used were: **snake**, **stone**, **coat**, **ax**, **fruit**, and **fire**. Find and circle these things hidden in the picture.



Church offering

One of John's messages was, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none, and whoever has food must share it." During part of the worship service, we share what we have with others.



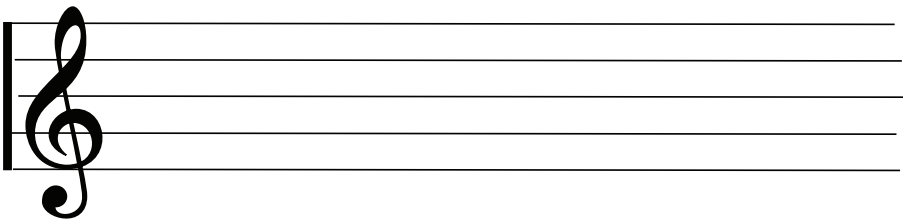
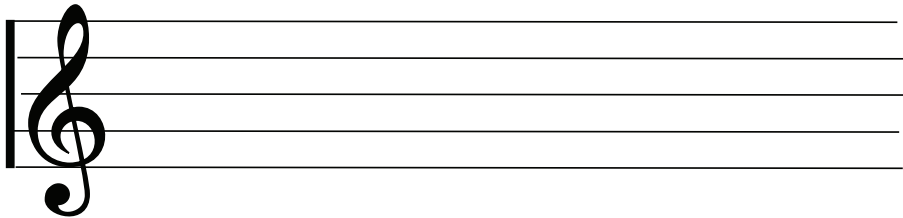
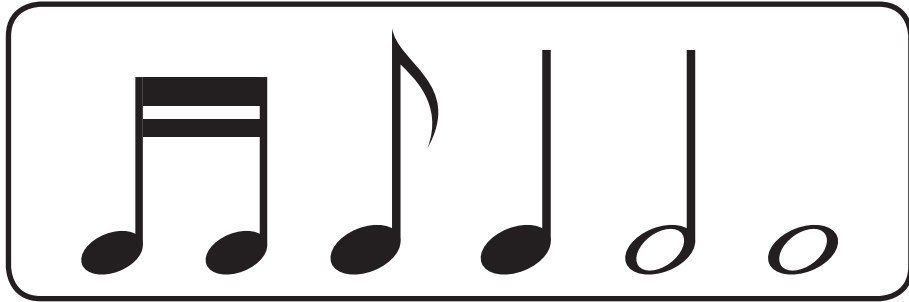
Write down, in order, the letters on the coats with stripes on the sleeves. What is this part of the worship service called?



What do the ushers pass around to collect our gifts of money? Talk about how ushers help during the worship service.

Your Own Song

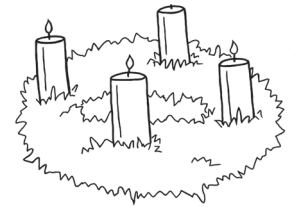
During Advent, you may hear a lot of Christmas carols even though it's not Christmas yet! During Advent, songs at church help us prepare for the coming of Jesus Christ. Using the examples of the notes and rests below, write your own Advent song on the musical staff.



- Today is the **third** Sunday in **Advent**.
- The symbol of Advent is a **candle**.
- During Advent, we **wait for Jesus to come** into our broken world.

Look in the Light

C	P	S	M	M	G
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**ADVENT
CANDLE
JESUS
LIGHT
PREPARE
WAIT**



Today's lesson is about John the Baptist. Do you know how John and Jesus were related? Check the correct answer below:

1. They were brothers ____
2. They were friends ____
3. They were cousins ____
4. They went to the same church ____

Straighten it Up!

This memory verse is quite curvy! The verse tells us to make a straight path, so rewrite this memory verse in a straight line.

“Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.” -Luke 3:4b



John Tells Us to Share

In today's lesson, John tells a group of people to share their clothing, food, and money with those who don't have any. In the space below, draw some items in your home that you can share with those in need. Food? Clothes? Toys? Money?

Jesus Is Coming to Baptize

John the Baptist also tells people that Jesus is coming and will baptize them. What do you know about your baptism? Write about it here.

My name:

Date I was baptized:

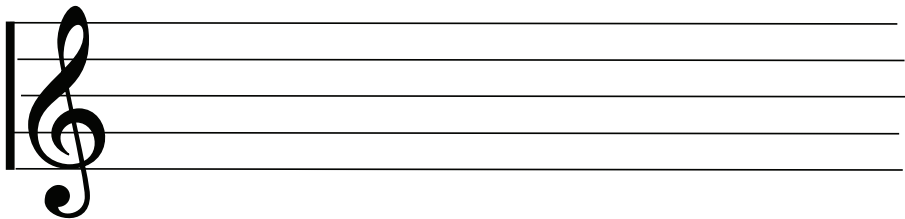
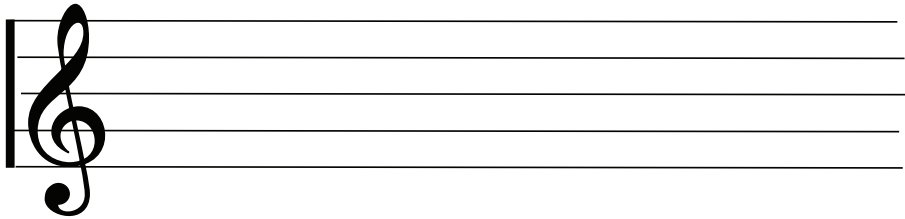
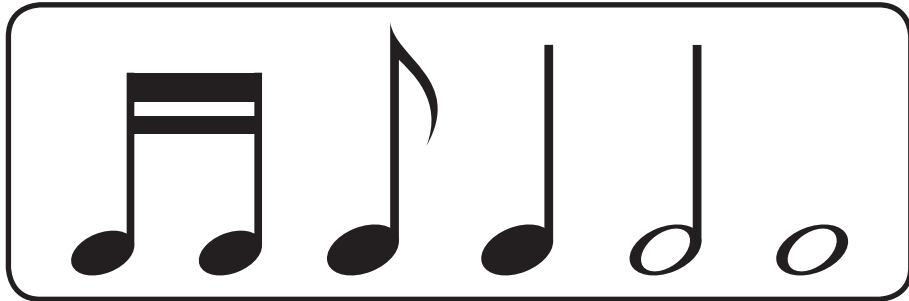
My sponsor:

The symbol that was marked on my forehead:

What baptism means to me:

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Try and write your own Christmas song below! See the key of different kinds of notes. Then redraw them on the staff to create your own song. Make sure to include lyrics!

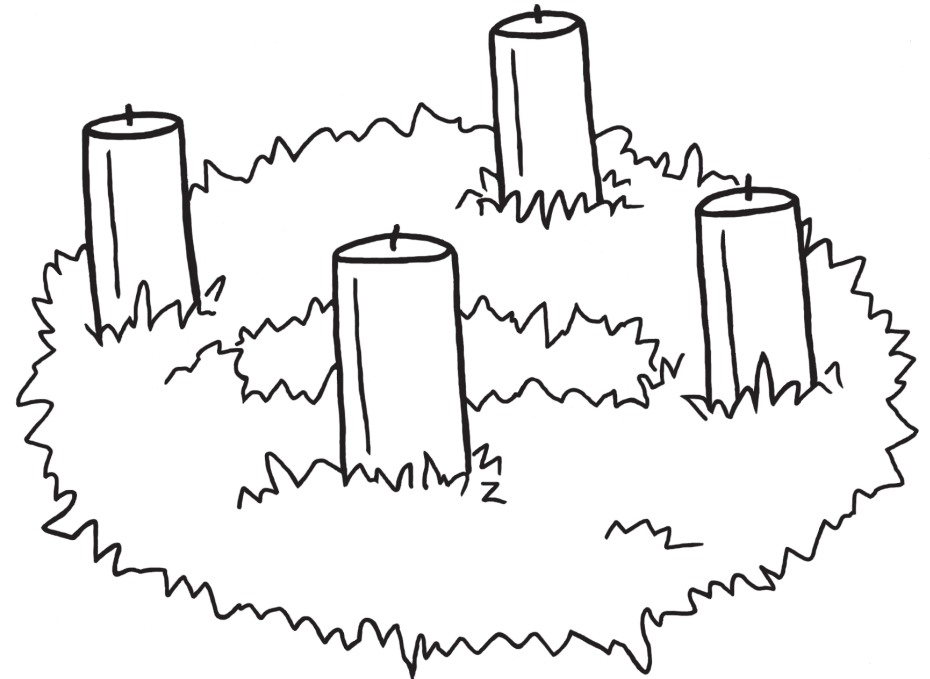


PRE-READER

Advent 3

- Today is the **third** Sunday in **Advent**.
- The symbol of Advent is a **candle**.
- The symbol of the candle reminds us that Jesus is the **light of the world**.

Below is an Advent wreath. Draw flames over three of the candles to show that it is the third Sunday in Advent. Then color in the rest of the wreath.





John baptized people and told them that Jesus was coming soon!

In today's lesson, John tells people that Jesus is coming. The people were so excited! Below are a list of things you may be excited for.

Rate each event on a scale of 1 to 5. Then color in the images.

- 1 = I'm superduper excited
- 2 = Yep, I'm looking forward to this
- 3 = This should be okay.
- 4 = Eh.
- 5 = I am NOT looking forward to this.



My birthday _____



Today's lunch _____



Jesus' birth _____



Peace on earth _____



Going to school _____