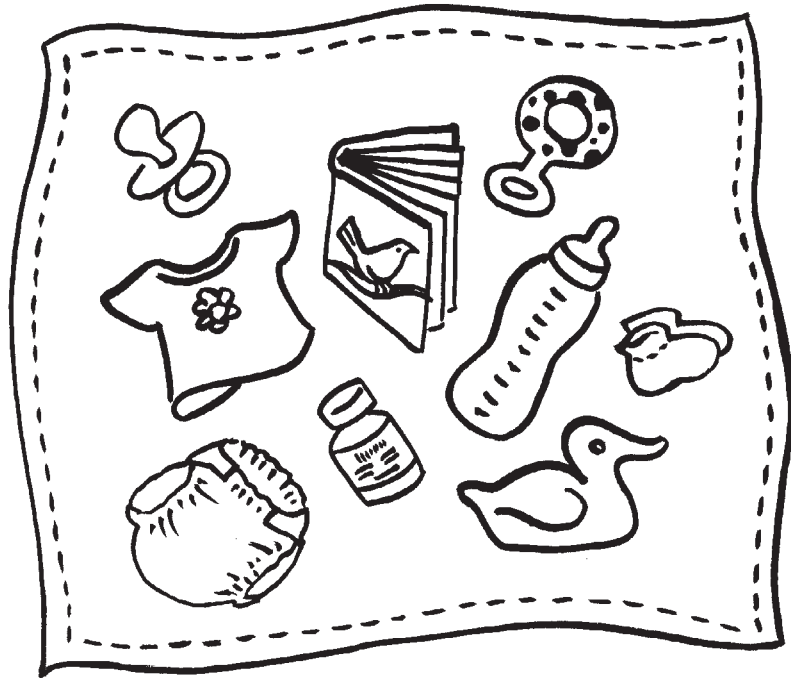


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Get ready for a baby

How would you get ready for a baby at your house?
How might you help someone else get ready for a new baby?



Circle a couple of things that you'd like to give to a new baby. Ask an adult to help you wrap them up and make a special delivery!



God, thank you for being with us as we get ready for Jesus to come! Amen

This week

At home, help get ready for something—a meal, a visit, an outing.



gather

Welcome to worship. Today is the second Sunday of Advent, and we're still watching and waiting for baby Jesus. We also need to start getting ready!

In the Advent wreath shown below, color two candles, then unscramble the letters and discover an important message from the prophet Isaiah and John the Baptist.

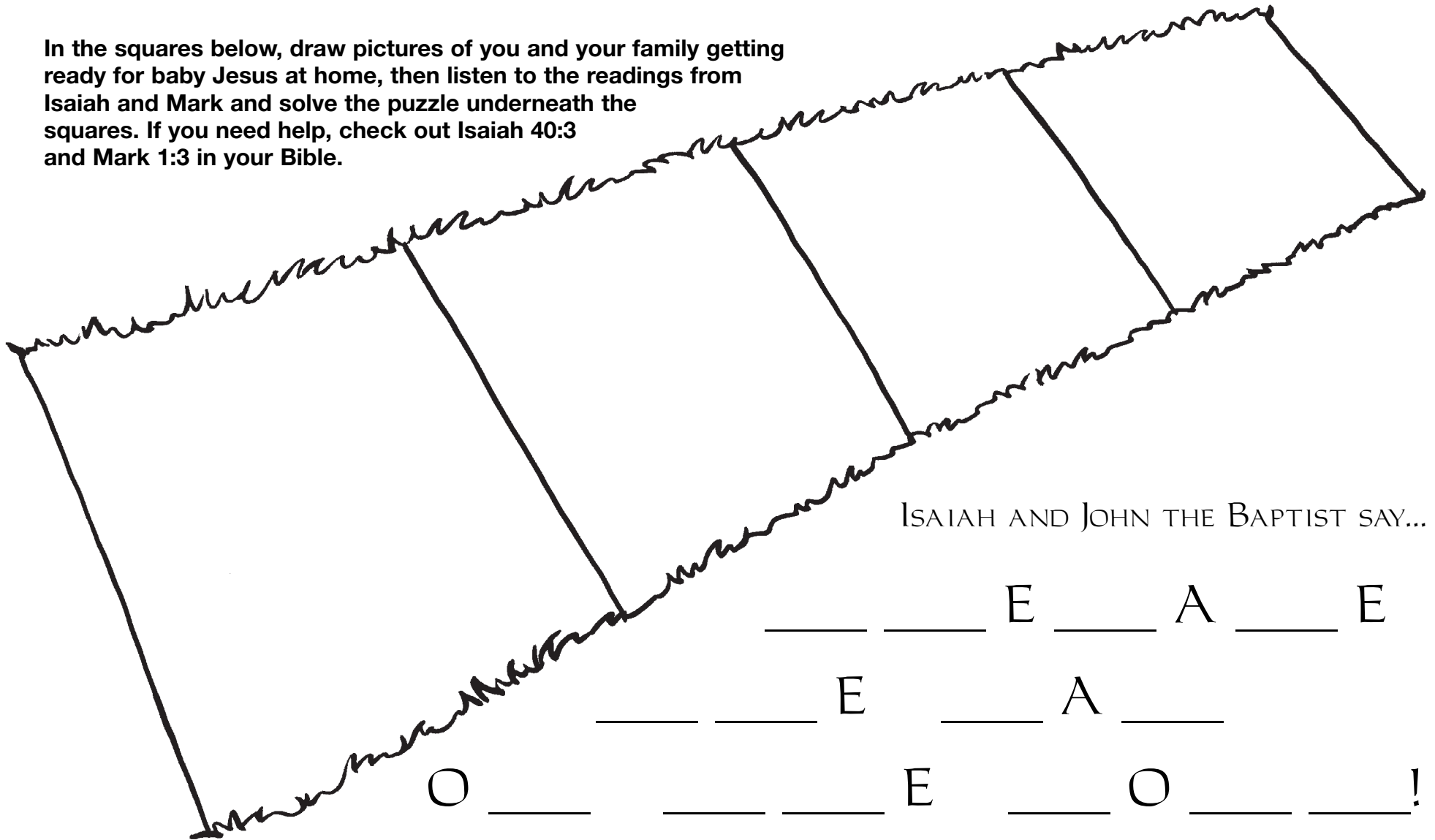


Build a road and get ready!

Isaiah 40:1-11

Isaiah the prophet and John the Baptist both worked hard telling people about God and reminding them to get ready for the Messiah, God's chosen one.

In the squares below, draw pictures of you and your family getting ready for baby Jesus at home, then listen to the readings from Isaiah and Mark and solve the puzzle underneath the squares. If you need help, check out Isaiah 40:3 and Mark 1:3 in your Bible.



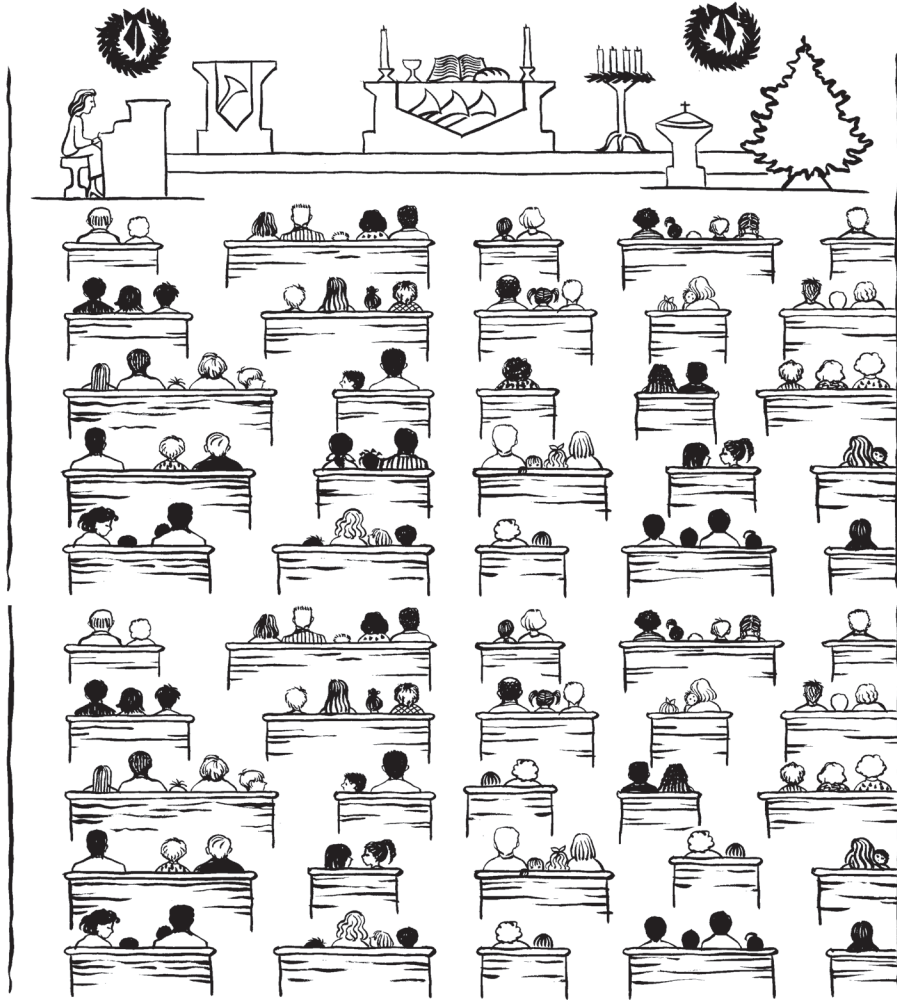
ISAIAH AND JOHN THE BAPTIST SAY...

_____ E _____ E
_____ E _____ A _____
O _____ E _____ O _____!

Ways to Gather

There are many ways to move to the front of this church. How many ways can you find?

Then circle the Advent images in the picture. Draw images that you see in your worship space that are not in this picture.



READER

Advent 2

- Today is the **2nd Sunday in Advent.**
- During Advent, we **prepare** for Jesus.
- The color for Advent is **blue.**
- The color blue means **hope.**

Decipher Light

Figure out the pattern in the sets of letters below. Then, unscramble the letters to learn why the luminary is an important Advent symbol.

U ___ SR

KJ ___ H

E ___ CB

___ FED

___ QPO

I ___ GF

YX ___ V

P ___ NM

ONM ___

___ KJI

The luminary's light reminds us that Jesus is the

_____ of the _____ !



Look It Up!

In today's gospel, John the Baptist talks about the waters of Baptism. What did he say? Use the floating letters to figure it out. Some letters will be used twice! (If you need help, look up Mark 1:8.)

"___ have ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ you with
 ___ ___ ___ ___ ___; but ___ ___ will
 ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ you with the ___ ___ ___ ___ ___
 ___ ___ ___ ___ ___."



Both Isaiah and John the Baptist told people about God. They reminded people to get ready for the Messiah, God's chosen one. The vowels are all here, but the consonants are missing! Try to figure out the memory verse. If you need help, check out Isaiah 40:3 and Mark 1:3 in your Bible. Isaiah and John the Baptist say...

Memory Verse



___ ___ E ___ A ___ E
 ___ ___ E ___ A ___
 O ___ ___ ___ E
 ___ O ___ ___ !

Meet John the Baptist

God sent John the Baptist to help people get ready for Jesus. 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?

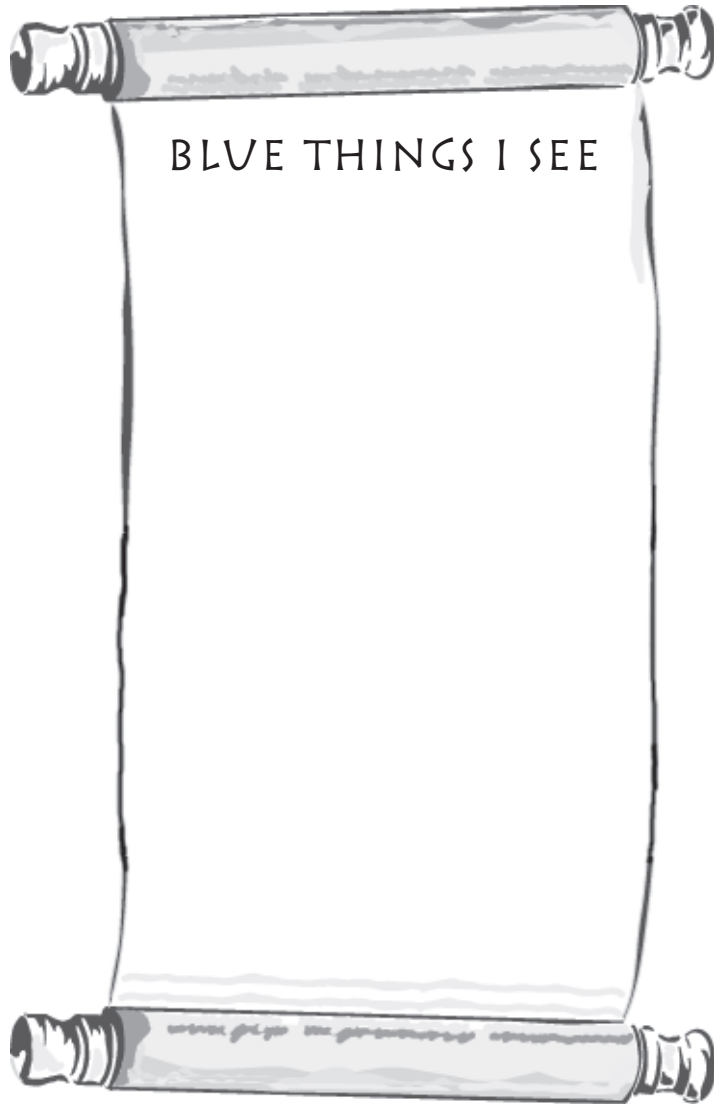


Finish this picture by drawing the river, John's belt, and a locust sitting on his hand.



The color blue is used during the season of Advent.
Where do you see the color blue in your worship space?

Draw or list the blue things in your worship space.

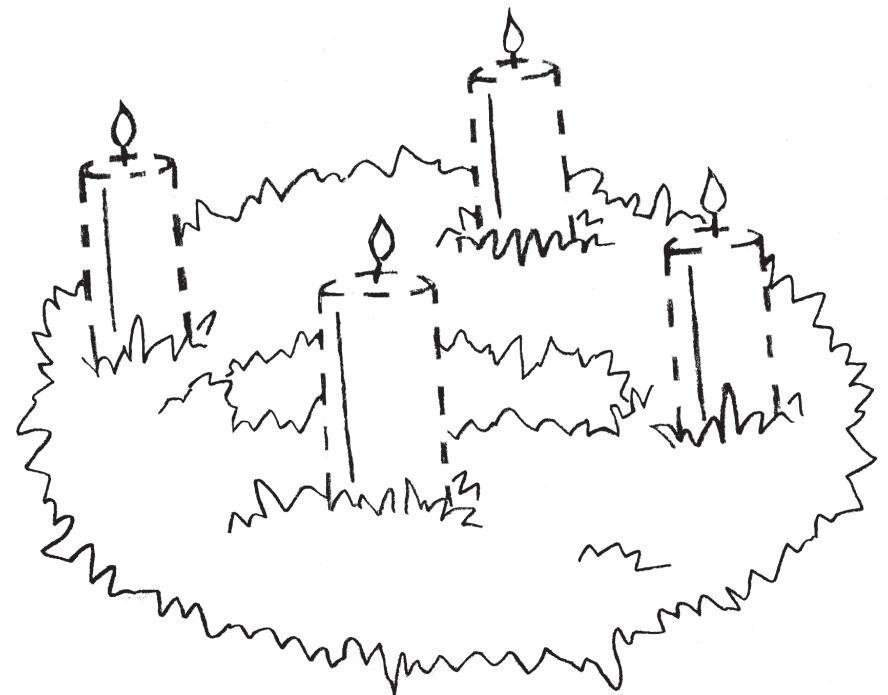


PRE-READER

Advent 2

- Today is the **2nd Sunday** in **Advent**.
- The color we use for Advent is **blue**.
- The color blue means **hope**.

Connect the dotted lines to complete the Advent wreath. Color the candles blue. Color the wreath green.

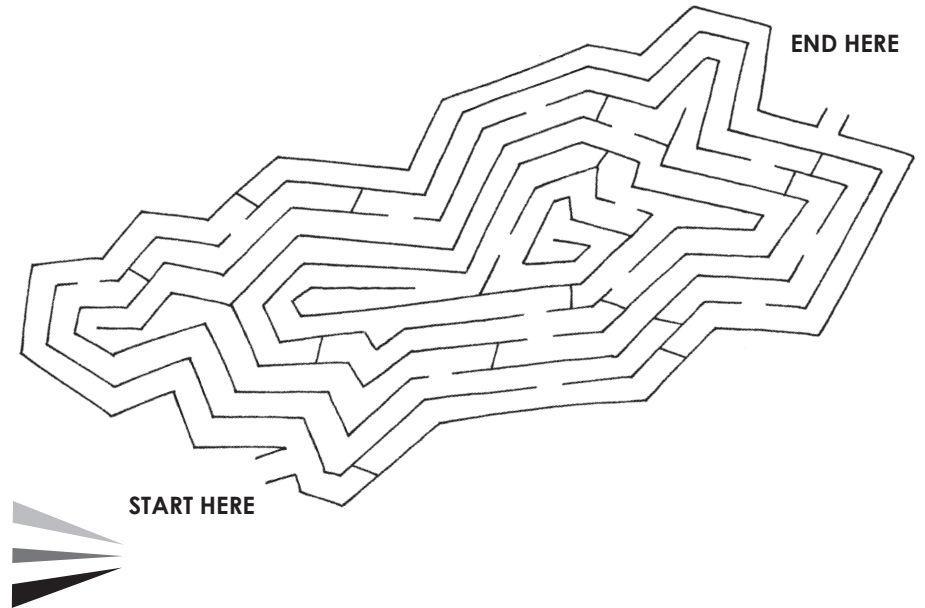




“Tell God you’re sorry for your sins! Turn your life around,” John said.

John the Baptist told the people to make their paths straight. We need to stay focused on God.

Find a path through the crooked maze.



Unscramble the letters inside the Advent wreath to learn John the Baptist’s message today.

