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Be the light...Invite!

How can you tell people that Jesus is coming? Invite them to come to worship with you on Christmas Eve!

Decorate the invitation and give it to a friend or neighbor.



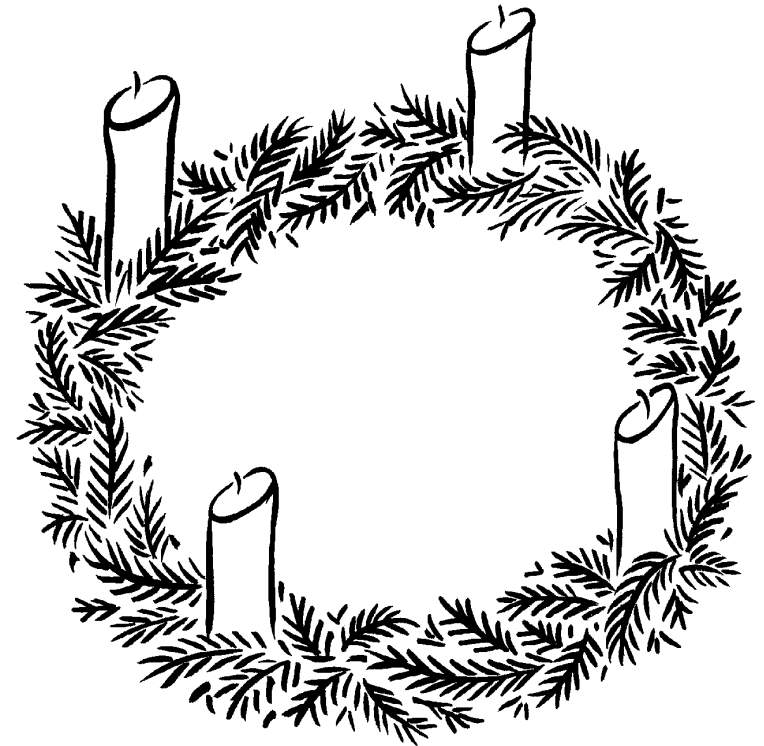
This week

Make candles to share with friends and neighbors.



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Welcome to worship. Today is the third Sunday of Advent. While we wait for baby Jesus, we can also tell people about Jesus, just like John the Baptist did!



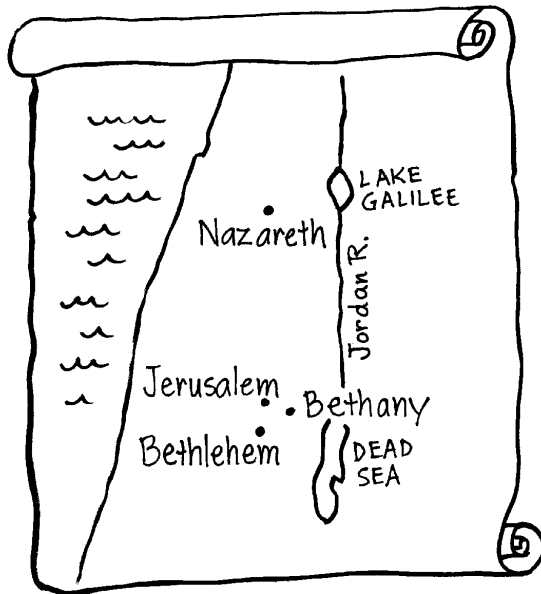
In the Advent wreath above, color three candles, then draw pictures of people who have told you stories about Jesus. Around the outside of the wreath, write the names of people *you* can tell Jesus' stories to.

The light of the world is coming!

John 1:6-8, 19-28

John the Baptist was born just a few months before Jesus, and they were relatives. John spent most of his adult life in the desert between Jerusalem and the Jordan River baptizing people and telling everyone to get ready for Jesus' coming.

Follow the directions underneath the map to learn more about where John worked, then solve the puzzle to discover what John told people about Jesus.



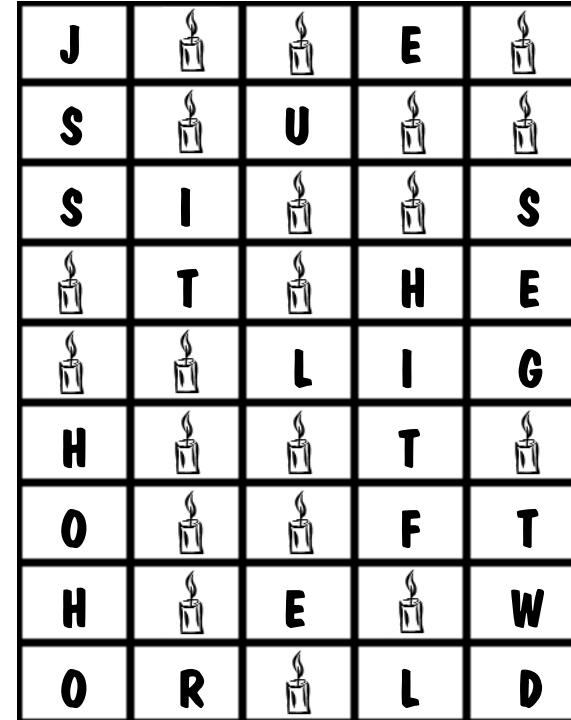
Draw a  next to Bethlehem.

Draw John the Baptist next to the Jordan River.

Draw a  next to Jerusalem.

Color the Jordan River blue.

Draw a  near Lake Galilee.



1. Color in all the squares with candles in them.
2. Start at the top left and go across each row, filling in the blanks at the top of the puzzle with the letters.
3. Read John's message!



At home, light three candles to celebrate the third week of Advent.

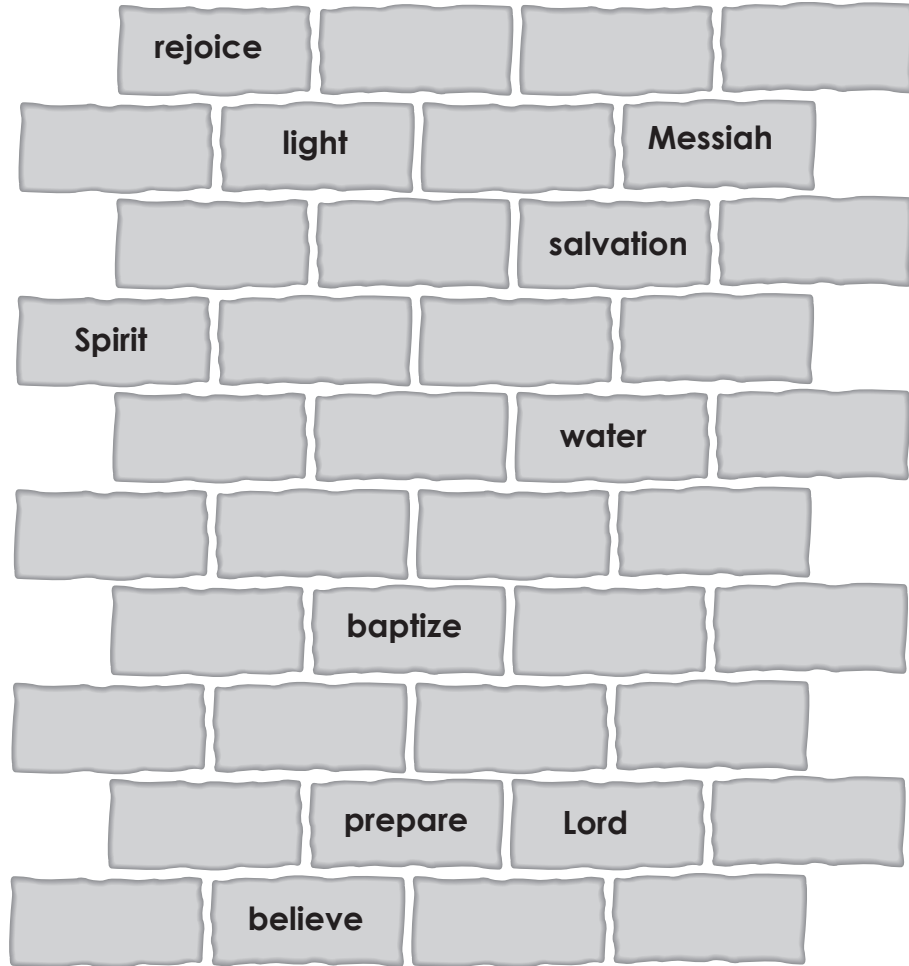


God, Thanks for people who tell us about Jesus, the light of the world! Amen

Listen Up

As we wait for Jesus, we listen to God's word. God's words are the building blocks of our faith.

What words do you hear in worship today? Color in the brick if you hear the word. Fill the empty bricks with your own words about God.



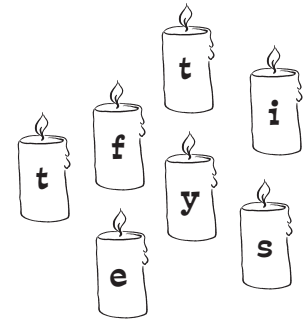
READER

Advent 3

- Today is the **3rd Sunday** in **Advent**.
- **Jesus** is the light of the world.
- Advent **candles** and **luminaries** give us light.

John's Message

What was John the Baptist sent to do? Look at all the candles to figure it out! Find the candles that are near each other. Then unscramble the letters to decode this message.



Unscramble the words to complete these important Bible verses. Use your Bible if you need help. The first word is done for you.

Memory Verse

“I will greatly ceijore in the drlo, my whole being shall lexut in my God; for he has ctohled me with the mentgars of salvation, he has cvordee me with the erob of righteousness.”

“I will greatly **rejoice** in the _____, my whole being shall _____ in my God; for he has _____ me with the _____ of salvation, he has _____ me with the _____ of righteousness.” Isaiah 61:10a

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“Among you _____ who is coming _____ me; I am not _____ to _____ the thong of his _____.”

John 1:26b-27

Jesus' World

John the Baptist was born just a few months before Jesus. John spent most of his adult life in the desert between Jerusalem and the Jordan River. He baptized people and helped everyone get ready for Jesus. Take a look at the map.

Draw a manger by Bethlehem.

Draw John the Baptist by the Jordan River.

Draw a cross next to Jerusalem.

Color the bodies of water blue.

Draw a fishing boat by Lake Galilee.



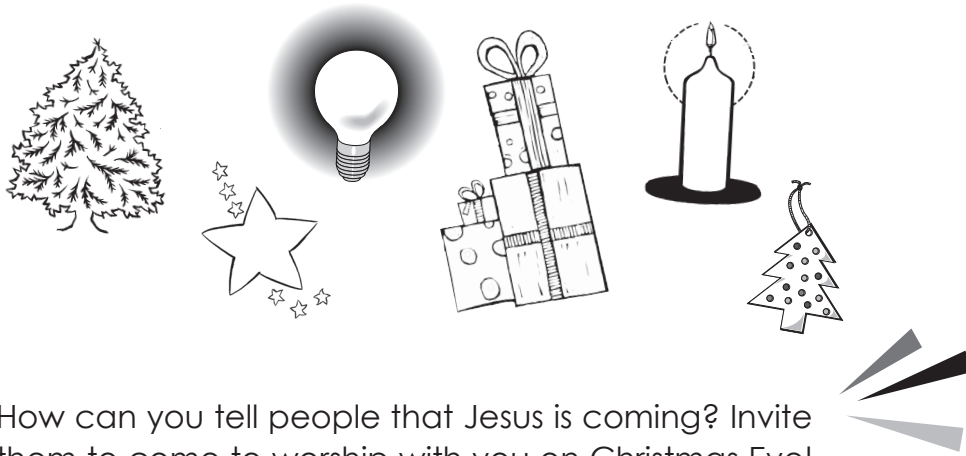
Bible Tip!

Most Bibles have maps in the back to show where the events in the Bible happened. Do you recognize any of the places on this map?

Circle the towns, rivers, and lakes you know. If you have your Bible, turn to the back. What other maps do you see?


Jesus is the light of the world. Do you see candles in your worship space? Each week, we light another candle on the Advent wreath as we wait for Jesus to come.

Which images provide light? Circle and color the things that give us light.



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Jesus is Coming!
Come to worship with me...

Where: _____

When: Christmas Eve
What Time: _____

Let's get ready for the light!



PRE-READER

Advent 3

- Today is the 3rd Sunday in Advent.
- Jesus is the **light** of the **world**.
- The **candles** in the **Advent wreath** give us light.

A wreath's circular shape shows God's never-ending love for us. Find and color all the circles below.





“This is important! Jesus is coming!”



Jesus is coming! John the Baptist needs your help.

Share the message of Jesus with the people you meet. Don't forget to draw yourself!

