



December 10, 2023

Today's Reading:
Luke 1:5-25, 57-80

Today, at church I learned:

Are you ready for Christmas? Is your Christmas tree up and your house decorated? More importantly, **are you ready for the Christ of Christmas?**

A long time ago, way before Jesus was born, God spoke through the prophet Isaiah to tell how He would spread the news of the coming Messiah. God said: *"I will send a messenger to prepare the way. He will be a voice of one crying in the desert, 'Prepare the way for the coming of the Lord!'"*

That man, the voice in the desert, was John the Baptist. He was an unusual looking man that wore camel fur and ate wild honey and locust (bugs!). But he was God's messenger that brought good news to everyone.



Hidden Pictures:
The Birth of John the Baptist

Find these objects hidden in the picture below: book, cake, fish, football, magnet, moon, needle and thread, snail, sock, spoon, sherrif's badge, star.



An angel told John's parents that even though they were very old, they would have a son that would be the *forerunner* before Jesus and prepare the hearts of the people for Him.

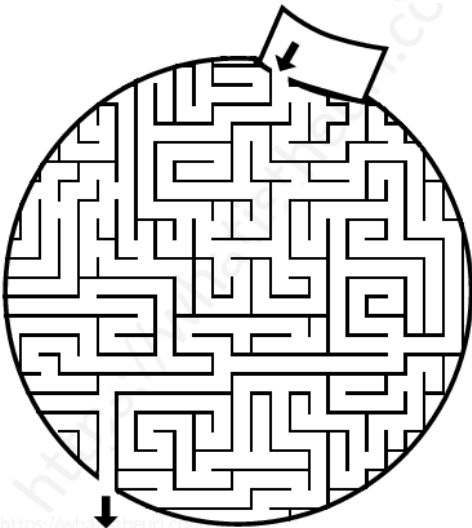
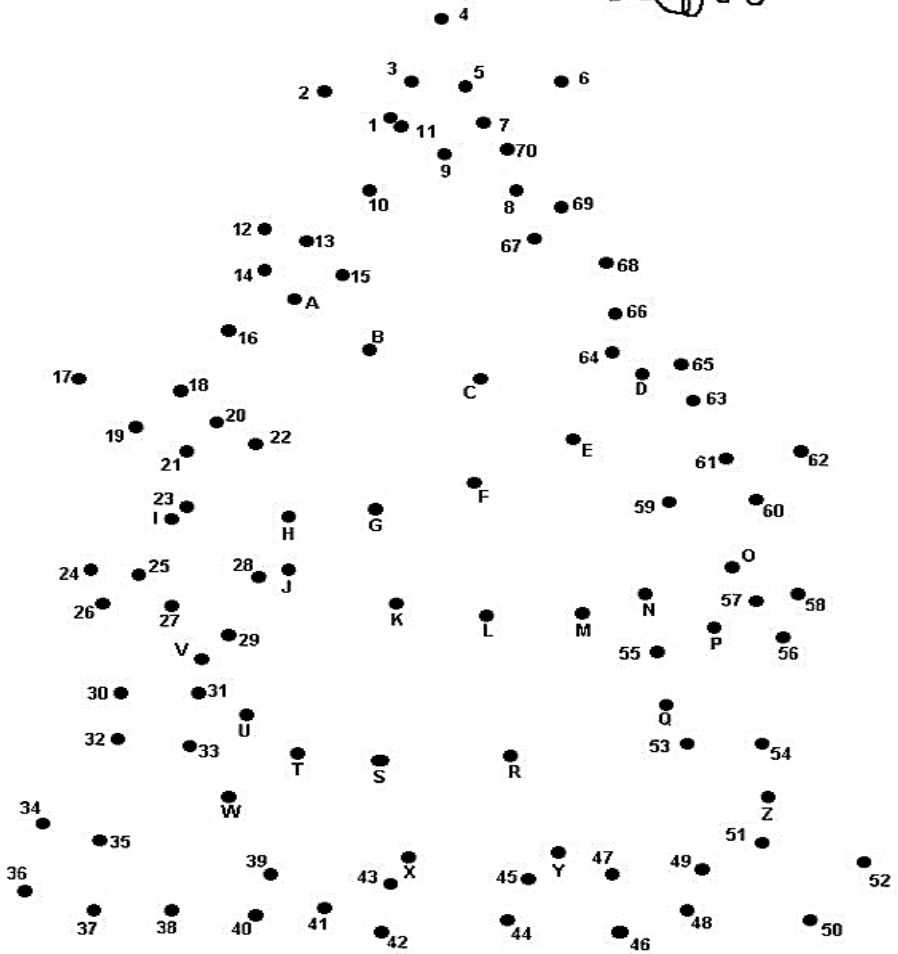
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JESUS

The reason for the season!



Advent

Week 2: Peace - Prevailing

The word **advent** means “coming” or “arrival.” It is a time where we remember the birth of Christ. Each week, a different candle on the advent wreath is lit. Each candle means something different.

This week we light the **Bethlehem Candle** and think about the many ways that Jesus has brought us peace. We can also be peacemakers and bring others to see the peace of God in their lives. This candle is also a reminder of Mary and Joseph’s journey to Bethlehem as they prepared for the coming of Jesus.



Suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, Glory to God in the highest and on Earth, peace and good will toward men.