

SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR: ADVENT 3C

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CHILDREN'S ADDRESSES

MAIN POINT

John the Baptist talks about the coming of one who is more powerful than him.

SCRIPTURE FOCUS

John answered them all, "I baptise you with water. But one who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire."
(Luke 3:16)

AIDS

Towel and bowl of water or bottle.

ADDRESS

Show towel and water.

We use water to wash things clean. When we have a bath or shower we are washed clean on the outside.

Today's reading talks about John the Baptist. He called people to prepare the way for Jesus by being sorry for their sins and asking for forgiveness. He also told people to show that they were sorry by being baptised in the river.

Did you know that 'to baptise' means 'to wash'? Lots of people listened to what John the Baptist said – and they were baptised in the river by him. When John baptised people he made people clean on the outside!

John the Baptist always stayed focused on his job. He came to prepare the way for Jesus who is much more powerful.

Jesus came to fill us with his Holy Spirit! He washes our hearts and minds clean again so that we can love God and love others.

PRAYER

Lord Jesus, bless us with the Holy Spirit. Make our hearts burn with love for you. Amen.

You may wish to hand out *Growing Faith at Home*, *Worship Notes* or another resource before the children return to their seats.

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