

SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR: Advent 2A

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MAIN POINT

Preparing the way for Jesus

SCRIPTURE FOCUS

A messenger is calling out in the desert, 'Prepare the way for the Lord. Make straight paths for him.'
(Matthew 3:3)

AIDS

A selection of maps, a guide book

(If you had made the paper chain from the first Sunday in Advent, take some time to remove seven chains from the previous week and remind the children we are still waiting but the time is getting closer for Christmas.)

ADDRESS

What is a map? Why do we need maps? Who knows how to read a map?

Sometimes even when we have a map we might need help reading it. We might need a guide. John the Baptist was kind of like a guide to a map for Jesus' life. God said he would send a messenger (like a guide) to help the people get ready for Jesus.

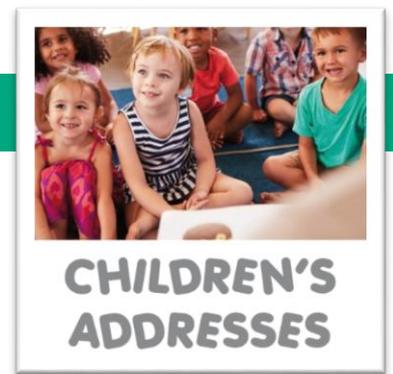
If we wanted to create a map for someone to use we would want to make it simple so they don't get lost. John the Baptist was making it simple for the people in the Bible. He knew Jesus was coming and wanted them to change the way they were doing some things so that they were ready to accept Jesus and get to know him.

Jesus wants all of us to prepare our hearts too, so he can be part of our lives. God wants us to be a map and a guide to show people the love of Jesus.

PRAYER

Lord God, help us make our lives straight paths so that others can come to know and love you too. Amen

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



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