

## SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR: ADVENT 2C

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### CHILDREN'S ADDRESSES

#### MAIN POINT

**Prepare the way for the Lord.**

#### SCRIPTURE FOCUS

Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him. (Luke 3:4)

#### AIDS

Sand tray with rocks (to make a rough and crooked path) and maybe a toy bulldozer. For a bigger scale, create a 'busy path' littered with boxes, cushions, furniture etc.

#### ADDRESS

**How are you preparing for Christmas?**

**Some families have special family traditions in the lead up to Christmas. Some like to bake Christmas treats, some people like to buy gifts, some people make a special effort to help the poor or homeless. What will you do over the coming weeks to prepare for Christmas – at home and at church?**

**Right now, there are people who are getting ready to retell the story of the how Jesus first came to earth - born in Bethlehem.**

*Make reference to those who are preparing for special Christmas Eve celebrations or similar.*

**A long time ago, there lived a man named John the Baptist. He prepared the way for Jesus' first coming. He prepared the way by helping people realise that they had sinned against God and others and needed a Saviour who could make them friends with God forever. John told the people to be sorry for the wrong things they had done and to ask God to forgive them. Then they would be ready for Jesus.**

**John said: "Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him."**

**Tell me which road will be faster to travel. A rough, rocky and crooked road? Or a flat, straight and smooth road?**

*Use sand tray to illustrate or the life size busy path.*

**It will take a long time to travel the rough road, but a smooth straight road will be quick. When we admit our sin and ask for forgiveness we are preparing a way so that Jesus can come quickly to forgive us and save us.**

**How might we prepare the way for Jesus to come into our homes and communities?**

*We can be sorry for the ways we have hurt God and hurt others. We can ask for forgiveness.*

#### PRAYER

**Lord, prepare your way in us. Set us straight where we are crooked and make us smooth where we are rough. 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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