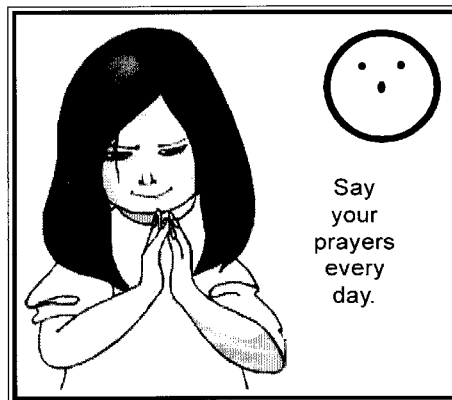
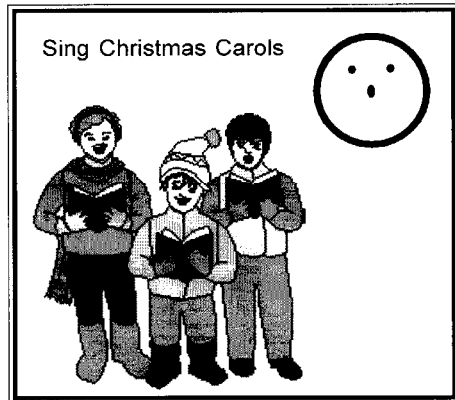




# Getting ready for Christmas



Do you think what's happening in the pictures will make Jesus Happy or Sad? Put a smile ☺ on what will make Jesus happy. Put a sad mouth ☹ on what will make Jesus sad.



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## The Second Sunday of Advent 10 December, 2023

Mark 1:7-8

John told the people, "Someone more powerful is going to come. And I am not good enough even to stoop down and untie his sandals. I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit!"

Dear Jesus, as John helped people to prepare for you, help me to prepare to celebrate your birth this Christmas and to see the things that matter in the world.

**Amen**



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# JOHN THE BAPTIST



## BAPTISM

**WHY DID JOHN DIP PEOPLE UNDER THE WATER ?**

It's like a code. Water shows cleaning and new life and that stands for the spiritual cleaning and new life.

**WAS IT FOR INDIVIDUALS OR THE NATION AS A WHOLE ?**

Both. Individuals were making a point of cleaning up their lives, and lots of individuals represented the whole of the people of Israel wanting to be clean and ready for God.

BAPTISM USES WATER TO BE A SYMBOL OF WHAT IS GOING ON SPIRITUALLY



WHERE DOES OUR NATION NEED TO REPENT AND BE MADE CLEAN ?



HABITS ?

THE WAY YOU TREAT PEOPLE YOU LIKE ?

WHAT NEEDS CLEANSING OR SORTING OUT IN YOUR LIFE ?

THINGS YOU CHOOSE TO IGNORE ?

WHERE YOU WANT TO LIVE ?

THE WAY YOU TREAT PEOPLE YOU DON'T LIKE ?

SHOW US YOUR UNFAILING LOVE, O LORD,  
AND GRANT US YOUR SALVATION.  
I WILL LISTEN TO WHAT GOD THE LORD  
WILL SAY ;  
HE PROMISES PEACE TO HIS PEOPLE,  
HIS SAINTS ~  
BUT LET THEM NOT RETURN TO FOLLY .  
SURELY HIS SALVATION IS NEAR THOSE  
WHO FEAR HIM,  
THAT HIS GLORY MAY DWELL IN OUR LAND.  
(- FROM PSALM 85 -)

# Crossword: Mark 1:1-8 (CEV)

Listen CAREFULLY to the Reading and fill in the blank spaces.

Afterwards you will be able to complete the crossword puzzle below.

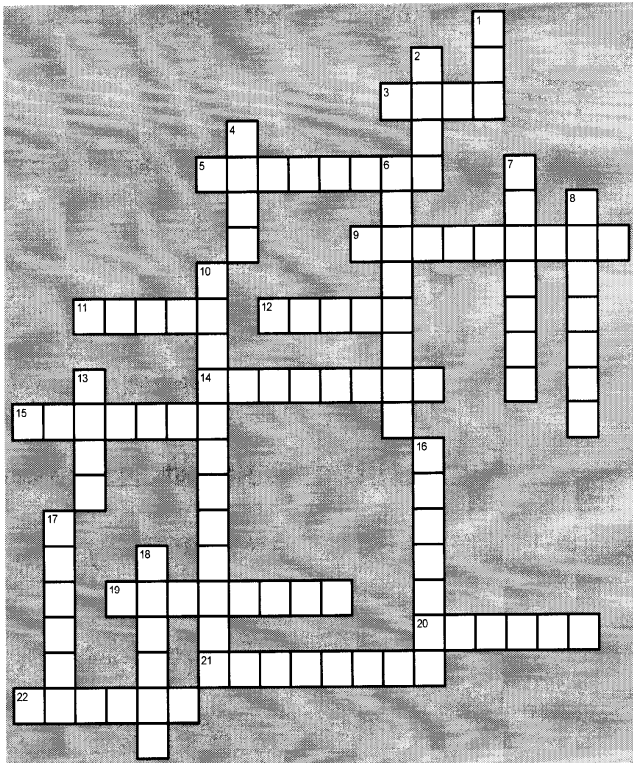


Mark 1

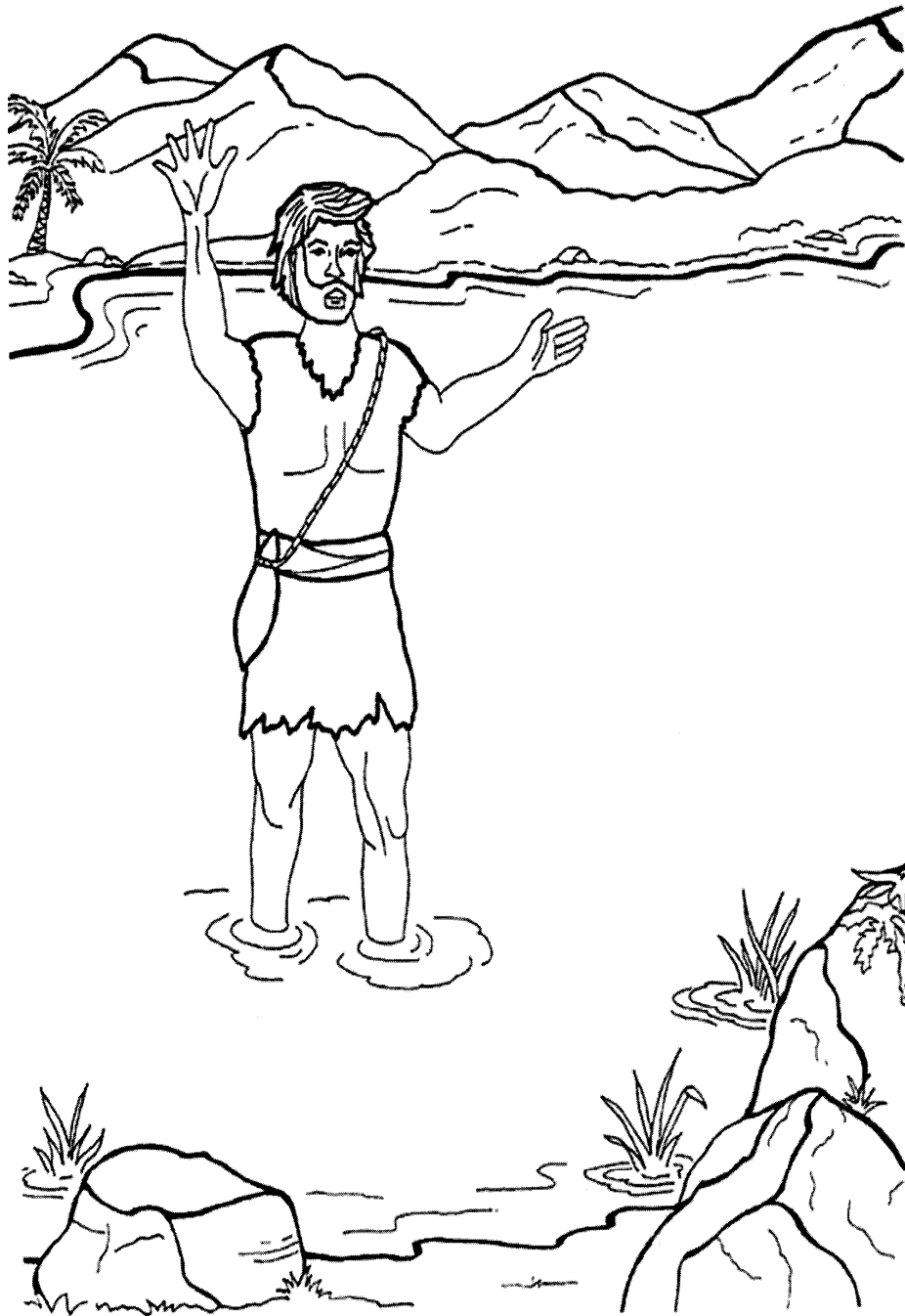


- 3 across) This is the \_\_\_\_\_ news about Jesus Christ, the  
 1 down) Son of \_\_\_\_\_. It began just as God had said in  
 22 across) the book written by \_\_\_\_\_ the prophet,  
 9 across) I am sending my \_\_\_\_\_  
 12 across) to get the way \_\_\_\_\_ for you.  
 14 across) In the desert someone is \_\_\_\_\_,  
 4 down) Get the road ready for the \_\_\_\_\_!  
 21 across) Make a \_\_\_\_\_ path for him.  
 16 down) So John the \_\_\_\_\_ showed up in the desert and  
 6 down) told \_\_\_\_\_, Turn back to God and be baptized!  
 5 across) Then your sins will be \_\_\_\_\_.  
 17 down) From all Judea and Jerusalem \_\_\_\_\_ of people  
 2 down) went to \_\_\_\_\_. They told  
 how sorry they were for

- 18 down) their sins, and he  
 baptized them in the  
 \_\_\_\_\_ River.  
 15 across) John wore \_\_\_\_\_  
 made of camel's hair.  
 He had  
 8 down) a \_\_\_\_\_ strap  
 around his waist and ate  
 10 down) \_\_\_\_\_ and  
 wild honey.  
 19 across) John also told the  
 people, Someone more  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 13 down) is going to come. And  
 I am not \_\_\_\_\_ enough  
 even  
 7 down) to stoop down and un-  
 tie his \_\_\_\_\_. I bap-  
 tize you  
 11 across) with \_\_\_\_\_, but he  
 will baptize  
 20 across) you with the Holy  
 \_\_\_\_\_!



He must become  
 more important  
 while I become  
 less important (John 3:30)



'Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.'



## Word Search: Mark 1:1-8 (CEV)



GOOD  
MESSENGER  
LORD  
EVERYONE  
JOHN  
LEATHER  
GOOD  
SPIRIT

GOD  
READY  
STRAIGHT  
FORGIVEN  
JORDAN  
GRASSHOPPERS  
SANDALS

ISAIAH  
SHOUTING  
BAPTIST  
CROWDS  
CLOTHES  
POWERFUL  
WATER

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