




KIDS' LECTIONARY LEARNING TEACHING SUPPLEMENT

2ND SUNDAY IN ADVENT
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10TH, 2023


BIBLE LESSON: MARK 1:1-8

John the Baptist Prepares the Way Mark 1: 1-8



Mark opens his Gospel writing by announcing that Jesus Christ is the Son of God and points back to Isaiah so that there is no doubt that He, this Jesus, is the Messiah that had been prophesied.

Mark's Gospel focuses on Jesus as the Messiah before commenting on John's call for all to be Baptized and repent of their sins, Mark also connects John to the prophecies written by Isaiah in verses 2 and 3.



Even though Mark's Gospel begins with John as an adult, children may remember how John was the first person to recognize Jesus when he and Jesus were still in their mothers' wombs. John started his work of telling everyone about Jesus even before his voice could be heard by jumping for joy. This is a wonderful message about the way God uses all people, even little children to share the message of Jesus.

Mark tells us that John had unusual clothing and ate unexpected things while living in the wilderness (verse 6). This was another way that John was reflecting the things spoken of by the prophets. The Jewish people of Jesus' time expected the prophet Elijah to return before the Messiah appeared and John wore the same type of clothing that Elijah had. John's dress also reflected that Jesus was greater than him. Just as when he was a baby in his mother's womb, John wasn't drawing attention to himself, he was





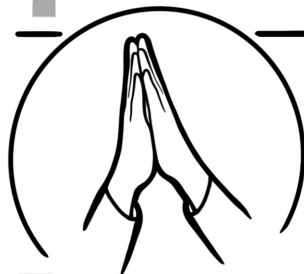
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LUTHERAN LAYMEN'S LEAGUE
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preparing the way for Jesus and calling all people to see who this one truly is in Mary's womb.



Prayer

Let us pray together: Dear Father in Heaven, thank you for sending people like John the Baptist to prepare people for their Messiah, your Son Jesus. Help us to remember the waters of our Baptism and how it poured the Holy Spirit into our hearts to save us. Give us great joy in daily repenting. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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