



I SPY AT MASS

This is the **Third Week of Advent**. In the Gospel today John the Baptist tells people to prepare for “the one who is to follow.” We know he is talking about Jesus, but the people who heard John did not know what to expect! Who would this man be and how were they to prepare? John is talking to us even today. We need to prepare ourselves for Jesus this Christmas by asking for forgiveness when we do something wrong, and by spreading the love of God by being kind and loving to other people!

On the Way to Mass.....

Talk about John the Baptist. How can you help others get ready? How can you prepare the way? Sing “Stay Awake” or “Alleluia, Hurry the Lord is Near.”

At Mass....

Use the coloring sheet and Mass quiz to help you really listen and pay attention. Which candles are lit today and how many? Listen to the songs. Are they about getting ready? Does the church look a little different from last week? Are they getting ready?

After Mass and the rest of the week....

Can you find the window of John the Baptist? Take a picture by it or by the Advent Wreath. Think about a person that you can make smile this week – bring Joy to another! Think about some of the ways your family prepares for Christmas day. Now write down how you can prepare your hearts and minds for Christ's birthday! One week from today is Christmas Eve!

Extra Credit

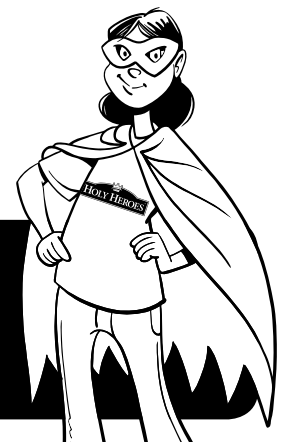
Coloring sheet

Mass quiz

Pictures of the wreath or window

Take this to Mass with you, then listen carefully! You'll hear all the answers during Mass!

1. The color vestments the priest is wearing are _____.
2. How many candles on the Advent Wreath are lit (either before or during Mass)? _____
3. What color candle(s) are lit? _____
4. **BONUS:** This is Gaudete Sunday—named after the first word of the Entrance Antiphon!
That word is _____ (listen carefully—the priest will repeat it: “Again I say, _____”)
5. The first reading is from the book of _____.
6. Isaiah prophesies that “the LORD has anointed me” to do what (*select all that apply*):
 - a. Bring glad tidings to the poor
 - b. Heal the brokenhearted
 - c. Proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners
 - d. To announce a year of favor from the LORD
7. The *Responsorial Psalm* is, “My soul rejoices in _____.”
8. **BONUS 2:** The verses for today’s *Responsorial Psalm* are in the Gospel of Luke from a prayer that was first spoken to John the Baptist’s mother when John was still a tiny baby inside her womb. Who said this prayer first? _____
9. **BONUS 3:** What is the name of this prayer? _____
10. The second reading is from Saint Paul’s:
 - a. First Letter to Timothy
 - b. First Letter to the Corinthians
 - c. First Letter to the Thessalonians
11. Saint Paul says which of the following? (*Select all that apply*):
 - a. Rejoice always
 - b. Pray without ceasing
 - c. Refrain from every kind of evil
12. The Gospel reading is from the Gospel of _____.
13. Who is questioning John the Baptist? (*Listen carefully and select all that apply*)
 - a. Priests and Levites
 - b. Elijah
 - c. Pharisees
 - d. Bethany



Want to check your answers?

The answers are **FREE** when you register using your email. Visit us at www.AdventAdventure.com!

Third SUNDAY of Advent / December 17

Mass Quiz

1. Rose (or some may wear violet)
2. Three
3. 2 purples (violets), 1 rose
4. BONUS: Rejoice!
5. Isaiah
6. A, B, C, & D are all correct
7. My God
8. Mary
9. The Magnificat
10. C
11. A, B, & C are all correct
12. John
13. A & C



Third SUNDAY of Advent

46

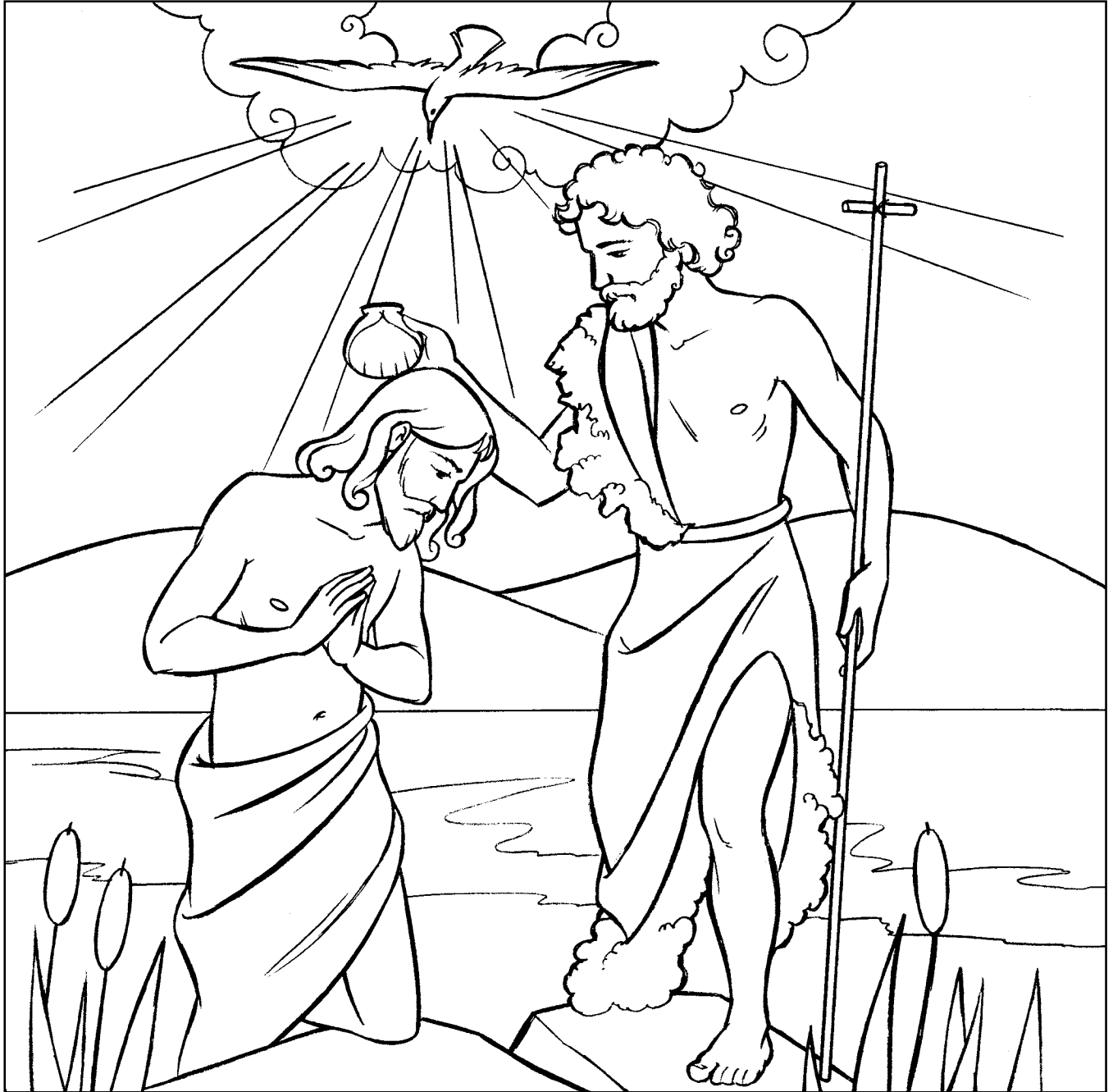
December 17

LEVEL 1

Hooray—we are two weeks closer to the birthday of Jesus!

GO BACK to page 6 and **COLOR** in the third candle in the Advent Wreath, and don't forget to "light it" by coloring in the flame!

What color is the candle for this week? _____ **COLOR** the art below!



A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to testify to the light. [John said], "I baptize with water; but there is one among you whom you do not recognize, the one who is coming after me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie." (John 1:6-8, 26-27)