

Children's Liturgy of the Word



3rd Sunday in Advent
15 December 2024 - Year C
"What, then, must we do?"

Something to Think About

If you see an Advent wreath, with three purple candles and one pink candle, this is the day on which the pink candle is lit. This Third Sunday of Advent brings with it a sense of great joy, because Jesus will soon be born. What makes you joyful?

The Story

In this gospel passage, the people ask John how they should live. John tells them, if you have plenty, share with the one who has none. Be happy with what you have and don't complain. In other words, John is telling the people to help others and to be grateful.

The Scriptures

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke (3:10-16, 18)

The crowds asked John the Baptist, "What should we do?"

John told them, "If you have two coats, give one to someone who doesn't have any. If you have food, share it with someone else."

When tax collectors came to be baptised, they asked John,
"Teacher, what should we do?"

John told them, "Don't make people pay more than they owe."

Some soldiers asked him, "And what about us? What do we have to do?"

John told them, "Don't force people to pay money to make you leave them alone. Be satisfied with your pay."
Everyone became excited and wondered, "Could John be the Messiah?"

John said, "I am just baptising with water. But someone more powerful is going to come, and I am not good enough even to untie his sandals. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire." In many different ways John preached the good news to the people.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Group Discussion

Can you think of groups of people in the world who need help?

Do you know of a person in your family, class or neighbourhood who might need help?

Praying For Others

Leader: Let us bring our hopes and dreams to God.

Reader 1: We pray for the leaders of our Church and our world.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Reader 2: We pray that everyone will have good friends. Lord hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Reader 3: We pray that we might live together without fighting or hurting one another. Lord hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Reader 4: We pray for all people who are sad or without a home or food or clothes. Lord hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Reader 5: We pray for our own needs. *(Invite the children to pray for their own special intentions).* Lord hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Leader: Loving God, listen to the prayers we make in the name of Jesus.

All: Amen.

Prayer



Dear God,

Open our hearts to praise you in
this joyful week as we look forward
to the birth of Jesus at Christmas.

Amen.

Video (optional)

Click to watch the video: [Advent Grace!](#)



Group Activity (optional)

MAKE A DECORATION

On the third Sunday of Advent, there is a sense of JOY in the Church, because the birth of Jesus is drawing very near.

You will need: one template for each child, coloured markers, glitter, scissors.

Optional: hole punch, ribbon, blu-tac.

1. Colour in the decoration above using joyful colours!
2. Sprinkle it with glitter to make it sparkle.
3. Cut out your star decoration.
4. Use some blu-tac to fix it to a wall, or use a hole punch to make a hole in the top and hang it with ribbon from a door handle.

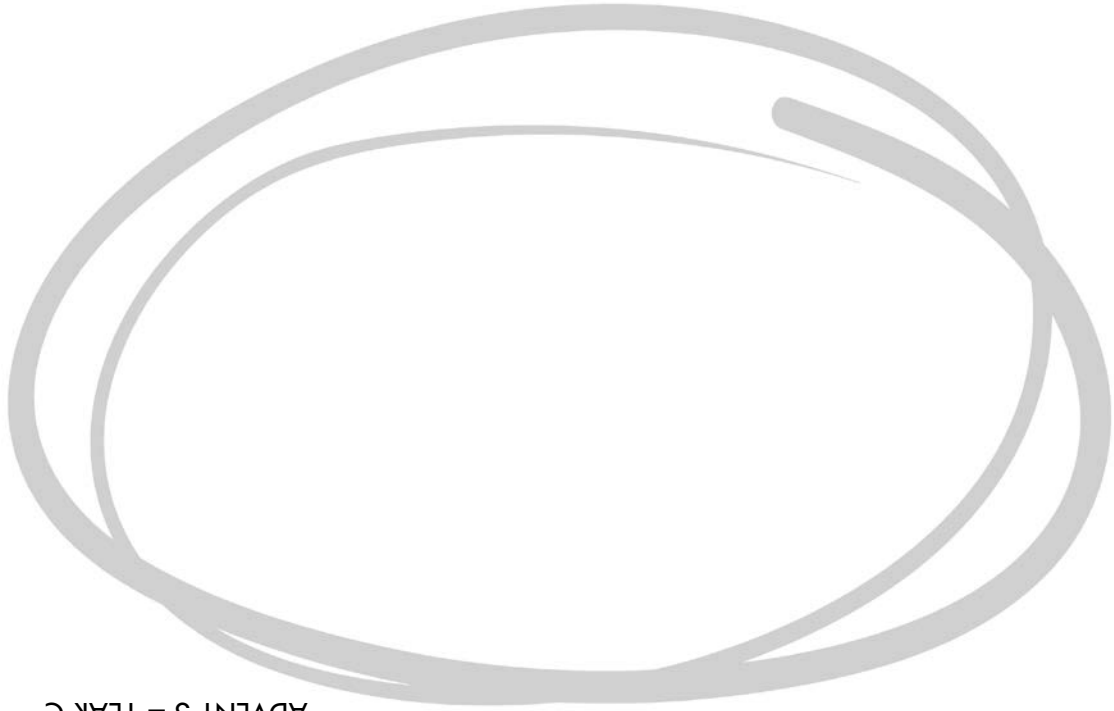




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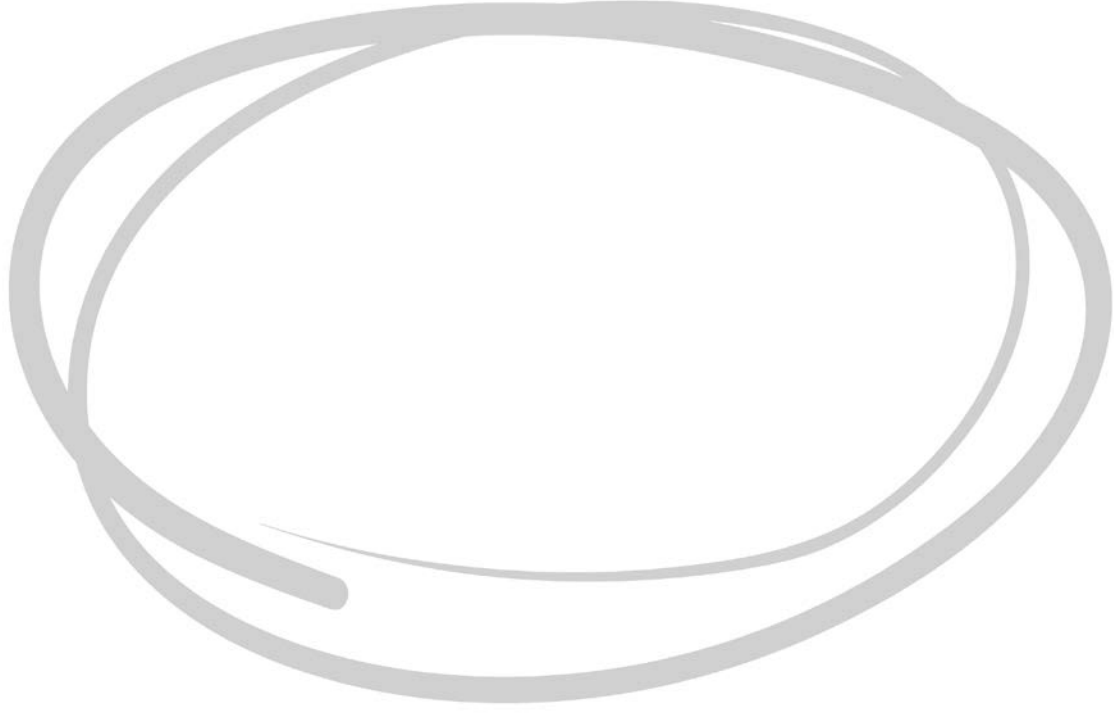
Draw yourself being KIND to someone

**HE SAYS:
BE KIND!**



JOHN

**THE BAPTIST
GETS PEOPLE
READY FOR
CHRIST**



Draw yourself being FAIR to someone

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