



Second Sunday in Advent

Dec 2023

Mark 1:1-8

You can share a variety of liturgies linked to this week's gospel with your child at home.



You can find weekly Gospel Liturgies from The Mark 10 Mission by clicking on the link [here](#).

You can also share the Children's Liturgy from Redemptorist Publications with the Dominican Sisters of St Joseph by clicking this link [here](#). Check this newsletter regularly for other links to liturgies designed for children.

Each week, you can download a weekly Bible verse from *The God Who Speaks* website. [Click here](#) to access the Weekly Bible Verse archive.

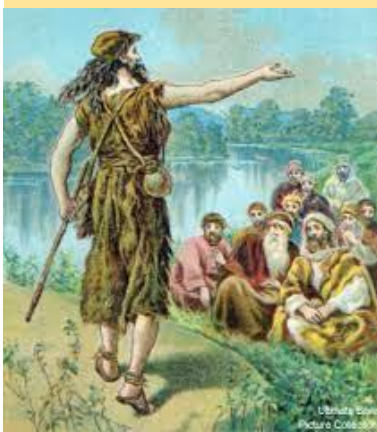


The Bible and Catholics
All Scripture is inspired by God

This is the Good News about Jesus Christ, the Son of God. It began as the prophet Isaiah had written:

“God said, ‘I will send my messenger ahead of you to clear the way for you.’

Someone is shouting in the desert,
‘Get the road ready for the Lord;
make a straight path for him to travel!’”



So John appeared in the desert, baptizing and preaching. “Turn away from your sins and be baptized,” he told the people, “and God will forgive your sins.” Many people from the province of Judea and the city of Jerusalem went out to hear John. They confessed their sins, and he baptized them in the River Jordan.

John wore clothes made of camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. He

announced to the people, “The man who will come after me is much greater than I am. I am not good enough even to bend down and untie his sandals. I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

(Gospel passage taken from Good News Translation® and used with permission, see details below)*

Today we hear about John the Baptist and how he was a messenger for God, preparing people for the coming of Jesus.

How do we prepare during Advent?

We put up a Christmas tree and decorate it. We buy presents for other people and we wrap them up.

When John the Baptist began to prepare the way for Jesus, it wasn't just for his friends and family. His message was for everyone who would listen.

When we prepare for Jesus we can also remember people who are part of our worldwide family.

Prayer is a way that we can prepare for Jesus too. We can also try to be kind and generous to other people and say sorry for all the things that we've done wrong. We can say sorry in prayer to God, and also we can say sorry to the people we have hurt by our actions.

We can get ready to welcome Jesus by making sure our hearts are full of love and care for other people and by not doing things that hurt others. Whether that's not saying unkind things or making sure we share. We can also make sure that we don't hurt others by taking care of the world so that it's a nice place for everyone to live. We can make sure that we only buy what we need so that there is enough for others. And we can make sure we pay a fair price so that those who grow our food, or make our clothes, or our toys, can earn enough money for themselves and their families.

Can you think of other ways we can prepare for the coming of Jesus?

When you are preparing for Christmas this week, why not think about all the other people around the world who are also getting ready to celebrate the birth of Jesus.

Maybe you could say a prayer for them this week.

Art can help
bring the
Gospel to life
for children.

explore the gospel
THROUGH ART

You may find the
website [Christian Art](#) enjoyable to
explore with your child. Each day they
share artwork linked to the daily
Gospel.

This week's Sunday Gospel art is:
How many loaves have you?
Matthew 15:29-37

*The Feeding of the Multitude,
Illuminated page from Les Très
Riches Heures du Duc de Berry,
Painted by the Frères de
Limbourg,
Executed between 1411-1416*

explore
THE
gospel
AT HOME



We can worship and pray through Music. For this week's Gospel, enjoy listening to both traditional and contemporary worship music!
Traditional: 'The Angel Gabriel' (trad. Basque Carol)
Traditional: 'Joseph Dearest, Joseph Mine' by Percy Dearmer
Contemporary: '[Prepare the Way](#)' by Charlie Hall



You can now access the Ten:Ten Parent Portal at home with the details below.

Username: st-michaels-tw15

Password: thames-orange

Parent Portal: www.tentenresources.co.uk/parent-portal

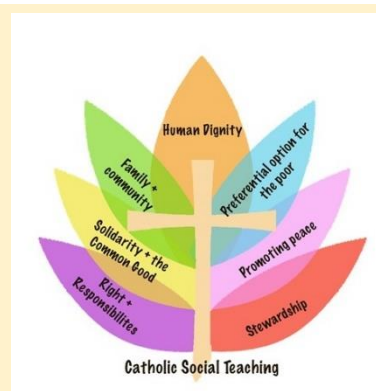
Ten:Ten Resources



YouCat is a guide to the Catechism of the Catholic Church for children. It is an easy read and a user friendly guide for parents and carers to support their children. You can find out more about YouCat at www.youcat.org

Catholic Social Teaching:

Which principle do you think the gospel teaching best relate to this week?



*This week's Gospel activity sheet from **CAFOD**:*

Second Sunday of Advent (Year B)

Gospel: Mark 1:1-8

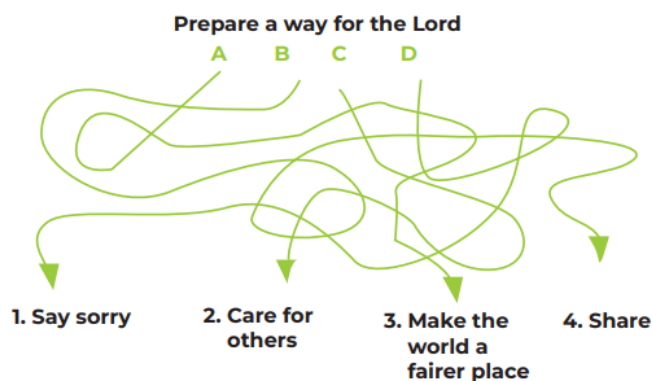
"Get the road ready for the Lord; make a straight path."



Make a straight path

Today we think about preparing a way and making a straight path for the Lord. How will you do that this Advent?

Untangle these paths and straighten out which one is which. Match each letter path to a number action that we can do to get ready for Jesus.



Visit our online Advent calendar for families:
cafod.org.uk/familyadventcalendar



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LITURGICAL YEAR	NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL DAYS
November - St Andrew (30th) December - St Ambrose (7th) - The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (8th) - St Lucy (13th) - St John of the Cross (14th)	December - International Day for the Abolition of Slavery (2nd) National Grief Awareness Week (2 nd -8 th) - International Day of Persons with Disabilities (3rd) - World Soil Day (5th) - International Volunteer Day (5th) - Human Rights Day (10th) - International Migrants Day (18th) - International Human Solidarity Day (20th)

PRAYER INTENTIONS during Advent (Based on the Liturgical Year)	Liturgical Colour
Migrants and Refugees (Migrants' day - 3 rd December)	PURPLE
Openness to the Word of God (Bible Sunday – 2 nd Sunday in Advent)	
Expectant Mothers (especially on 4 th Sunday)	