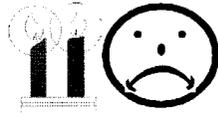




Getting ready for Christmas



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.

Sing Christmas Carols




Help clean when Christmas guests are coming




Steal money to buy lots of Christmas presents.




Say your prayers every day.




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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



Water can...

BAPTISM

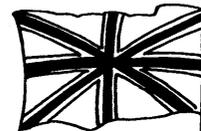
WHY DID JOHN DIP PEOPLE UNDER THE WATER ?

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 YOUR NAME?

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.

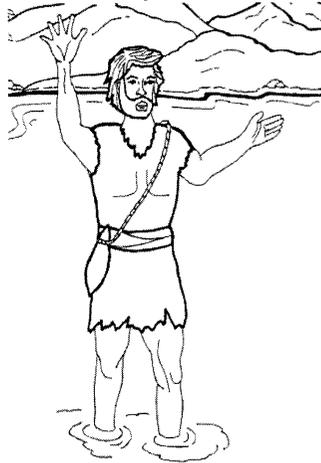
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THE WAY YOU TREAT PEOPLE YOU DON'T LIKE?

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.



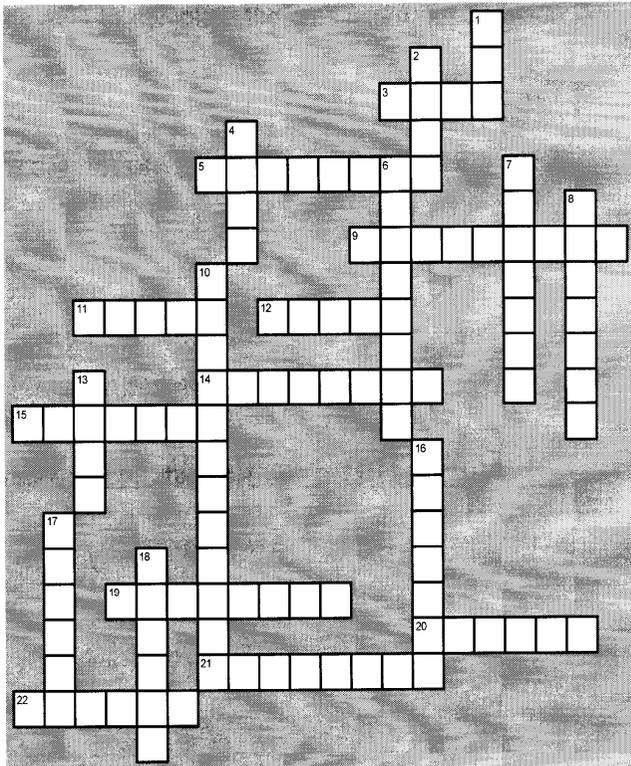
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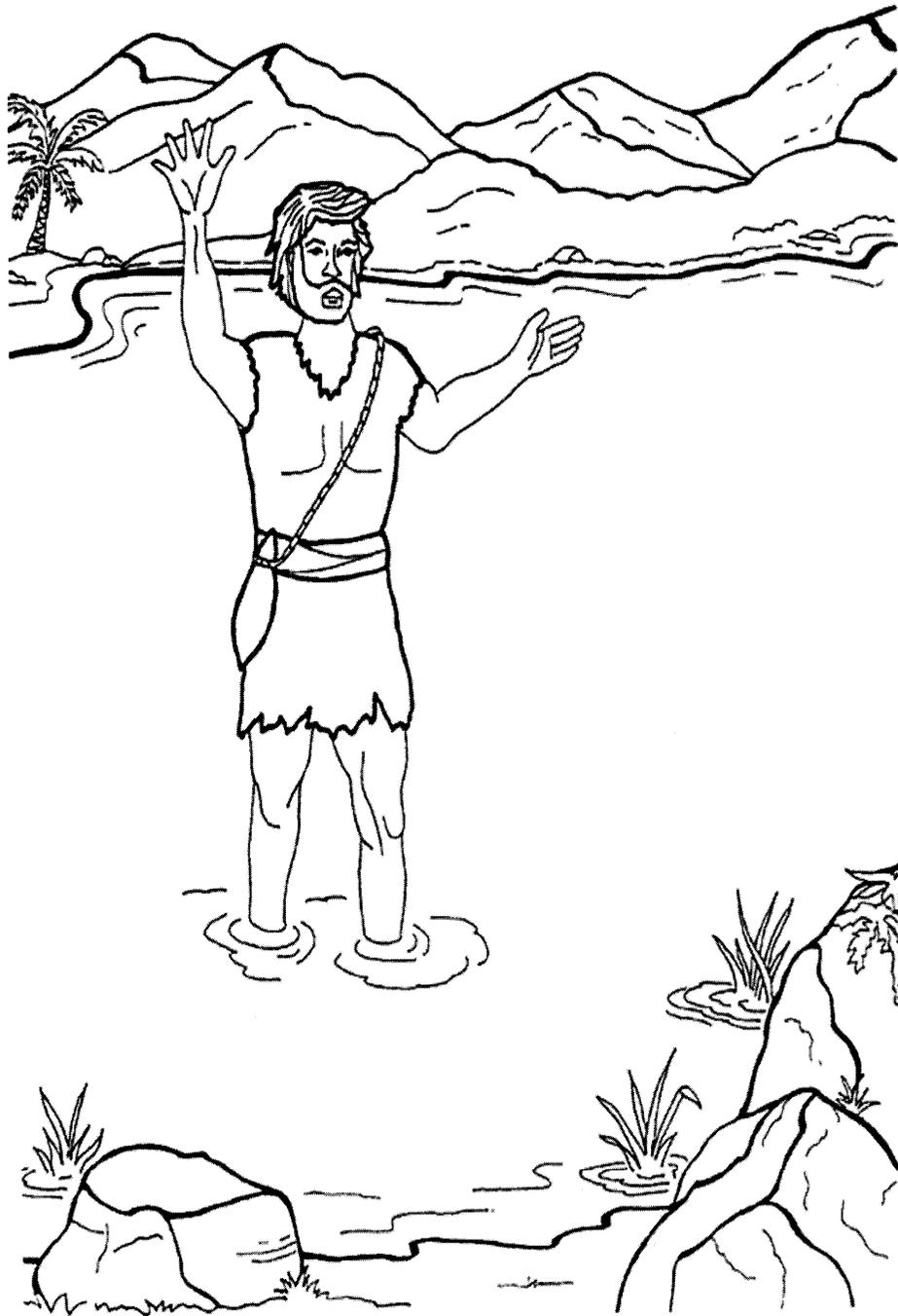
- 3 across) This is the _____ news about Jesus Christ, the
1 down) Son of _____. It began just as God had said in
22 across) the book written by _____ the prophet,
9 across) I am sending my _____
12 across) to get the way _____ for you.
14 across) In the desert someone is _____,
4 down) Get the road 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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