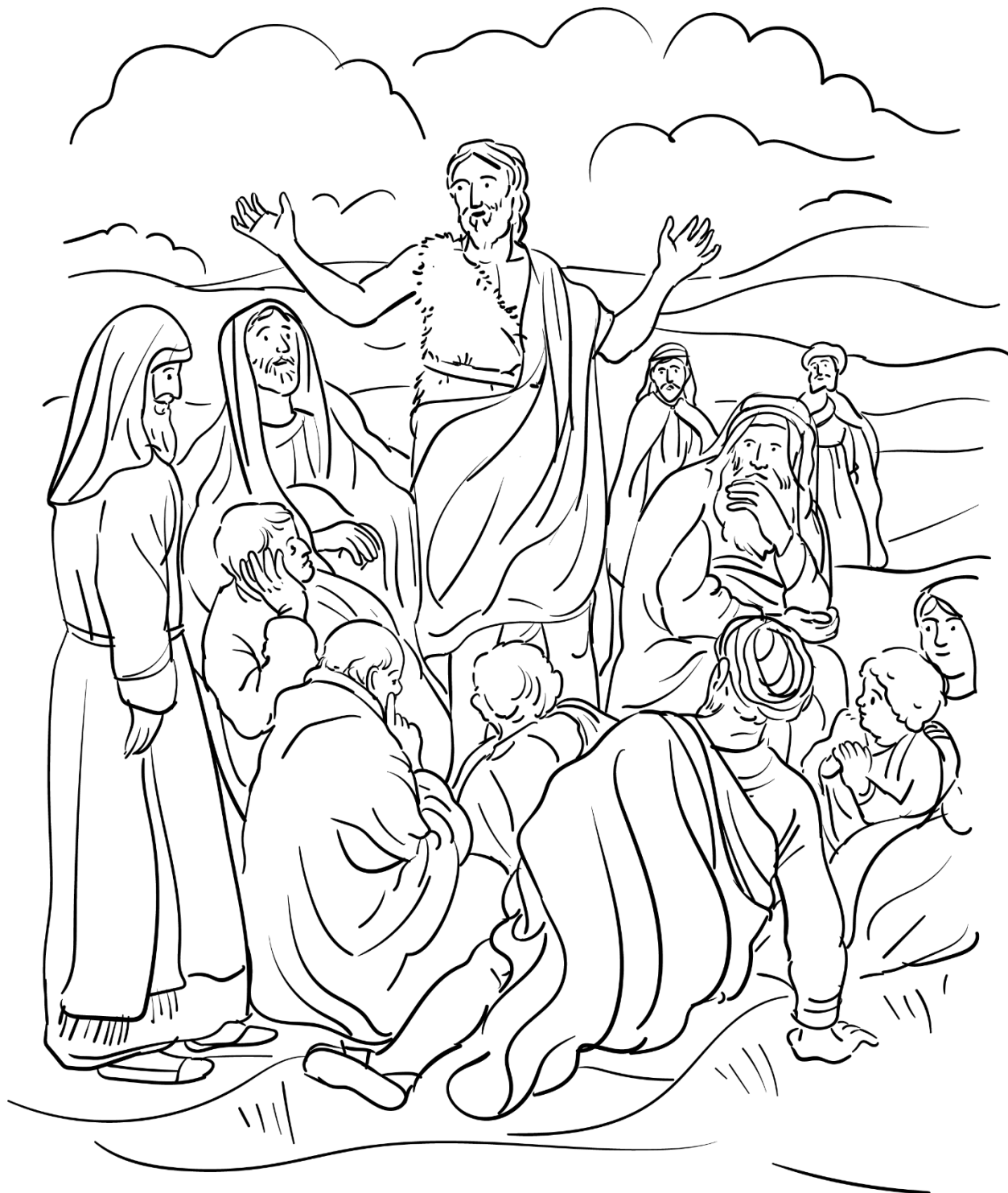




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FAMILY MINISTRIES

SUNDAY GOSPEL ACTIVITIES

This is the one about whom it is written: 'Behold, I am sending my messenger head of you; he will prepare your way before you. *Matthew 11:10*



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Family Activity Page

3rd Sunday of Advent

Matthew 1:2-11

In today's Gospel passage, we read that John the Baptist was in prison for encouraging Herod to repent. John sent his followers to ask Jesus an important question. Jesus answered them by quoting a passage from the Old Testament that explained what would happen when the Messiah came. These were all of the miracles that Jesus had been performing, showing that He was the Messiah: the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, and the dead are raised!

Then Jesus spoke to His own followers, telling them how special John the Baptist was because he came to tell the world about Jesus' coming. John the Baptist was the special messenger promised in the Old Testament who had been sent to prepare the way for the coming of our Savior: Jesus Christ! This week we look forward to that coming with great joy as we celebrate Gaudete Sunday, which means "rejoice!".

Activities:

- What can you do as a family that is special for Gaudete Sunday?
- Can you think of any miracles that you have seen or heard about? There are many beautiful stories of miracles that happen even in our own time.
- John the Baptist was Jesus' special messenger, but we are all called to be messengers of Jesus and spread the Good News. How can you be a messenger for Jesus this week?



SUNDAY GOSPEL ACTIVITIES

Name: _____

Sunday, December 14, 2025

Worksheet for ages 7 to 10 years old

1. Today is the _____ Sunday of _____.
2. It is also known as Gaudete Sunday, which means (silly, joy, fun) _____.
3. What color was used today at Mass?

Green Blue Purple Gold Rose

4. How many candles were lit on the Advent wreath today?

One Two Three Four

5. From which book of the Bible is today's first reading?

Isaiah Genesis Daniel Wisdom

6. What Psalm is today's Responsorial Psalm? Psalm _____

7. What is the theme of the Psalm?

a) Alleluia

b) Lord, come and save us.

c) How long Oh Lord, will you hide your face from me?

8. From which Gospel is today's Gospel?

Mark John Luke Matthew

9. According to this reading, did John the Baptist know that Jesus was the Messiah?

a) Yes

b) No

c) He was not sure

10. What can you do every day this week to grow closer to Jesus?

Pray Do good deeds without telling others Be kind What's your idea?



SUNDAY GOSPEL ACTIVITIES

Name: _____

Sunday, December 14, 2025

Worksheet for ages 11 to 14 years old

1. Today is the _____ Sunday of _____.
2. It is also known as Gaudete Sunday, which means _____.
3. What color was used today at Mass?
4. How many candles were lit on the Advent wreath today?
5. From which book of the Bible is today's first reading?
6. What Psalm is today's Responsorial Psalm?
7. What is the theme of the Psalm?
8. From which Gospel is today's Gospel?
9. According to this reading, did John the Baptist know that Jesus was the Messiah?
10. What can you do every day this week to grow closer to Jesus?



SUNDAY GOSPEL ACTIVITIES

Unscramble the Words

1. vntead _____
2. erpaper _____
3. oephptr _____
4. rstich _____
5. eeatgrr _____
6. ohnj het pstibta _____
7. hldobe _____
8. srtede _____
9. sengmeres _____
10. nogdkmi _____

Use some of the words you unscrambled to complete Matthew 11:10.

11. _____ , I am sending my _____ ahead of you ; he will
_____ your way before you .

12. Who is the messenger Jesus tis talking about in the verse above?



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J V I E G C A H J L X B N R M B T B Y R
 K J T V P Q S L S N V A M P S S E E K J
 J I I O W R U Z N H Z C K X N M D U L T
 H M B J O H N T H E B A P T I S T I Z M
 U P R O P H E T E L V L X X M L U Q Y T
 Y V A R A W Q D J H M Y H J Q W U U I N
 B S E G I V G K W E Z R F H B M T L T O
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 Y G E O D M E S S E N G E R O Y T K S M

BLIND

DEAF

DESERT

HEAR

JOHN THE

BAPTIST

LAME

MESSENGER

ONE

PREPARE

PRISON

WALK

PROPHET

SEE

SENT



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SUNDAY GOSPEL ACTIVITIES

Unscramble the Words

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|---------------------------|---|
| 1. vntead <u>Advent</u> | 6. ohnj het pstibta <u>John the Baptist</u> |
| 2. erpaper <u>prepare</u> | 7. hldobe <u>behold</u> |
| 3. oephptr <u>prophet</u> | 8. srteed <u>desert</u> |
| 4. rstich <u>Christ</u> | 9. sengmeres <u>messenger</u> |
| 5. eeatgrr <u>greater</u> | 10. nogdkmi <u>kingdom</u> |

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John the Baptist



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