



*Kia inu kau ahau,
If I could just drink*
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Gospel for kidz



A Religious Education Resource for Parishes

**Today we are going to be talking about
Jesus talked about his mission.
Let's, listen and hear the story Jesus tells his followers.**

A reading from the gospel according to John.....adapted for children

**When Pontius Pilate was the Roman governor of Judea, a man appeared in the
desert and began to preach the Word of God; his name was John.**

He told the people to turn away from their sins and to ask for God's forgiveness.

**He baptised the people who were truly sorry and wanted to make a fresh start in
their lives, and so he came to be known as John the Baptist.**

Let's sit quietly now and think of God's story.

Unpacking the Gospel

- ~ what was the name of the man who appeared in the desert ?
- ~ did you know he was related to Jesus?

READ or use your own words

Zechariah and Elizabeth (Mary's cousin) had been married many years and had no children. They were good people who lived according to God's way. Zechariah worked as a priest in the temple, and it was while he was there that the angel Gabriel appeared to him and said, "Don't be afraid! You and Elizabeth will have a son and you will call him John. He will be filled with the Holy Spirit and be remembered for his greatness. He will lead the people of Israel back to God and prepare for the Lord." (Luke 1: 5-17)

Mary the mother of Jesus went to visit her cousin Elizabeth after the angel had appeared.

- ~ What did John want the people to do?
- ~ Why?
- ~ What did John use to baptise the people?

Water is used in many ways, two of its most important functions is to keep us alive and to make us clean. John baptised all the people who wanted to wash away their sins and start a new life.



Click on the picture and follow the link

"His Name Is John"

"And you, my little son, will be called the prophet of the Most High because you will prepare the way for the Lord." Luke 1:76 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Luke 1:67-80



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SALVATION

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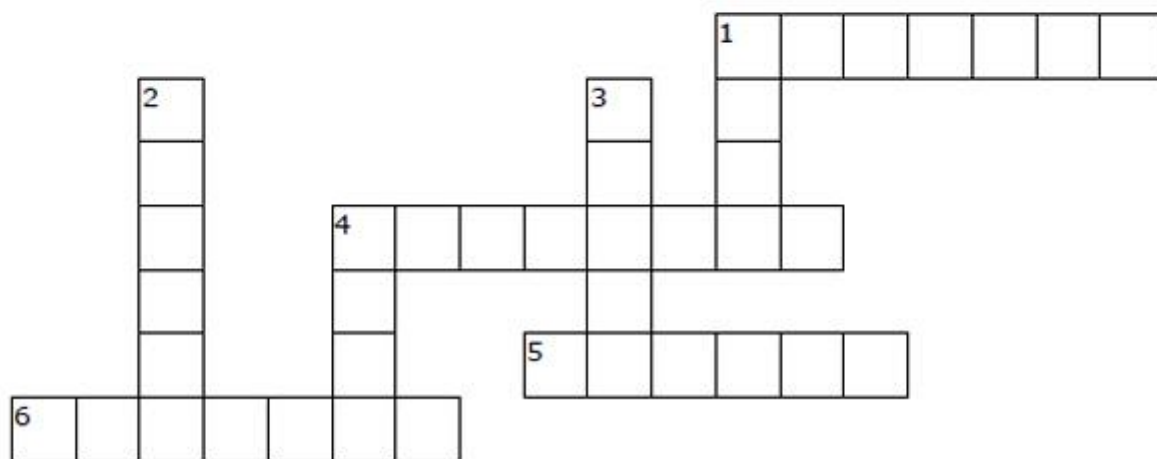
MIGHTY

ISRAEL

Preparing the Way

"A voice calling in the wilderness, 'Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.'" Mark 1:3

Puzzle is based on Mark 1:1-8



ACROSS

1. To make ready ahead of time
4. Not having any curves or bends
5. A dry, barren region with only a few plants
6. To admit your sins to God

DOWN

1. A trail made for traveling on foot
2. The river where John baptized people
3. What people use for speaking
4. Actions that break God's law

VOICE	PREPARE	SINS	STRAIGHT
JORDAN	DESERT	PATH	CONFESS



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JOHN THE BAPTIST

Matthew 3:3, Mark 1:3, Luke 3:4