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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 talks about preparing the way.
Let's, listen and hear the story Jesus tells his followers.**

A reading from the Gospel according to Mark *adapted for children*

**The prophet Isaiah foretold that God would send
a messenger to prepare the people for the Lord.**

**This messenger was John the Baptist, who appeared
in the desert telling the people to be sorry
for their mistakes and to make a fresh start in their lives.**

**Many people heard this message and came
to be baptised as a sign of their change of heart.**

John told them:

***“Someone is coming who is more
powerful than me, and I am not good enough to
undo the strap of his
sandals. I baptise you with water,
but he will baptise you with the
Holy Spirit.”***

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

Unpacking the Gospel

- * do you know what a prophet is?

(Someone who speaks in the name of God and has been allowed

by God to know and share part of the plan for the world)

- * What was the name of the prophet who foretold the coming of John the Baptist?

- * What did John want the people to do?

- * Why?

(John was God's messenger. He wanted the people to turn away from their selfish ways and turn back to God. He wanted them to ask forgiveness for their mistakes (sins) and lead good and loving lives.)

- * do we still need to prepare for Jesus' coming today?

We can prepare ourselves just as the people did in the time of John the Baptist. We can change what is wrong in our lives and try to live as Jesus has taught us to.



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Preparing the Way

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

The puzzle is based on Mark 1:1-8



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

HONEY	BAPTIZE	SINS	LOCUSTS	JORDAN
PATHS	RIVER	VOICE	WORTHY	CONFESS
STRAIGHT	WILD	DESERT	PREPARE	SANDALS

JESUS AND JOHN THE BAPTIST

Spot 8 differences between the two pictures.





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JOHN THE BAPTIST

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