



Nurturing Faith...
Every Day in Every Way

December 6, 2020

Isaiah 40:1-11
 Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13
 2 Peter 3:8-15a
 Mark 1:1-8

*Prepare Ye
 the Way of
 the Lord*

Second Sunday of Advent

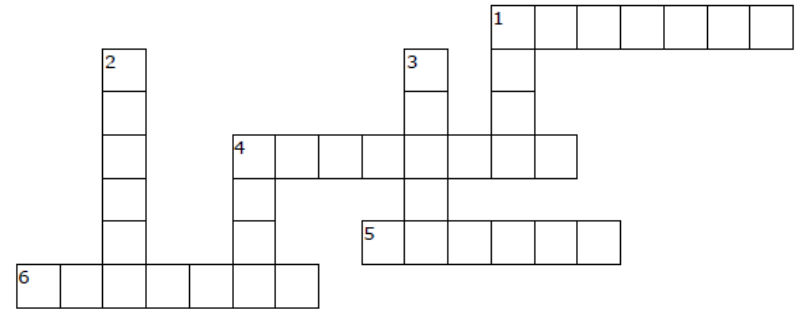
Hello friends! I need you to put on your traveling hat and go to a place in your head where you can pretend. Ready? Pretend that it's your very first day of school...in a great big brand new building. You walk into the front door and you have no idea which way to turn to get to your classroom. You turn left, and don't see your class...then right...and still you are not where you need to be. You are lost! BUT!!! Then, you see a teacher at the end of the hallway. This teacher is not a teacher you know, but you don't care because you just want to get to your classroom at this point. You say to this teacher that you don't know, you say, "Dear Teacher in the hallway, I don't know how to get to my classroom. Can you point me in the right direction?" What do you think the teacher will say? Of course the teacher will help you! She tells you that in order to find your classroom, all you need to do is turn around...it's right behind you!

In our Gospel lesson from Mark, we hear a similar story – except the hallway teacher is John the Baptist. John is in the middle of the wilderness telling everyone to "repent". The word, "repent," here, simply means to turn around. Just like when we were trying to find the right classroom, John tells others "You've made some wrong turns, so what you need to do is turn around and go in the other direction – doing that will get you to your teacher, Jesus."

John the Baptist's job is to point to Jesus in all that he does and to lead people to follow Jesus, the true Messiah. And that's our job too. It's easy to get lost and turned around, but as members of the Church, our job is to help remind each other to follow Jesus. *adapted from rfour.org*

Loving God, help us to remind each other to follow the example of John the Baptist and in all that we do, to point to Jesus and follow his way. Amen.

Crossword Puzzle



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

Activity: As a family, play a game of Follow the Leader. See who listens best and can be the family champ!

Discussion Question Who is the person in your life that is most like John the Baptist? The one who turns you around and reminds you to follow Jesus?

Family Table Prayer for December:

God of love you light the way as we journey towards Christ and Christmas Day. Thank you for your Son, presents, and fun, help us to be mindful of all that you have done. Amen.

December Memory Verse: Luke 1:37 For nothing will be impossible with God.

**John the
Baptist
Prepares
the Way**

