

Third Sunday of
Advent

December
13
2020

10:30 am

Memorial United Methodist Church
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MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Poolesville, MD



Thank you for coming together in worship this morning. As we gather, take time to relax and prepare your heart to listen for God through today's time of prayer, song, and scripture study. As you participate with heart and/or voice, the words will be displayed on your screen for your convenience.

UMH=United Methodist Hymnal.; TFWS=The Faith We Sing.

WORSHIP SERVICE - December 13, 2020

MESSAGE - *A Testimony*

SCRIPTURES: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11 and John 1:6-8, 19-28

CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: We come to worship Christ

PEOPLE: **Who proclaims good news to the poor, binds up the broken-hearted, frees the prisoner and comforts those who mourn.**

LEADER: We come to worship Christ

PEOPLE: **Who bestows a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair.**

LEADER: We come to worship Christ

PEOPLE: **Who rebuilds ancient ruins and restores broken places.**

LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLE - *Deck the Halls*

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE FOR AFTER CANDLE IS LIT

O Come, O Come, great Lord of might

**Who to thy tribes on Sinai's height, In ancient times once gave the law
In clouds of majesty and awe.**

Rejoice, Rejoice, Emmanuel, Shall come to thee, O Israel.

MUSIC

PRE-SERVICE An assortment live piano music

PRELUDE *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* (Duet) by Joel Raney

HYMNS *Christ is the World's Light* UMH 188

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing UMH 240

POSTLUDE *Prepare the Royal Highway* by John Behnke

WORSHIP SERVICE CONTRIBUTORS

PASTOR: Rev. Timothy A. Dowell

WORSHIP ASST: Sandy Parnell-Dowell

ORGAN/PIANO: Linda Custer, Janet Hartz

COMMUNION: Bob and Janet Spiker

READERS: Joan Carroll, Samantha Baggett, Sandi Baggett

VOCALIST: Laura Blauch, Link Hoewing, Wendy Huff

AUDIO/VIDIO: David Melton, Tim Melton, Kevin Schramm

UPCOMING HAPPENINGS

SUN - DEC 13 <i>Third Sunday of Advent</i>	9:15 - 10:15 am 9:30 - 10 am 10:30 - 11:30 am	Adult Sunday School - Zoom ADVENT Child & Youth Sunday School - Zoom Worship Service - In-Person & YouTube
TUE - DEC 15	7 - 8:30 pm 8:30 - 9:30 pm	Men's Group Meeting - Zoom Task Force Committee Meeting - Zoom
WED - DEC 16	2 - 3 pm 7 - 8 pm	Saval Community Food Distribution - Parking Lot Friendly Thrift Shop Ministry
THU - DEC 17	7 - 8 pm	Review/Preview with Pastor Tim - Zoom
SAT - DEC 19	6:30 - 8 pm	Live Nativity - Front Lawn
SUN - DEC 20 <i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i>	9:15 - 10:15 am 9:30 - 10 am 10:30 - 11:30 am	Adult Sunday School - Zoom ADVENT Child & Youth Sunday School - Zoom Worship Service - In-Person & YouTube
WED - DEC 23	2 - 3 pm	Saval Community Food Distribution - Parking Lot
THU - DEC 24 <i>Christmas Eve</i>	4 - 5 pm	Christmas Eve Worship Service - In-Person & YouTube
FRI - DEC 25 <i>Christmas</i>		
SUN - DEC 27 <i>First Sunday after Christmas</i>	9:15 - 10:15 am 9:30 - 10 am 10:30 - 11:30 am	Adult Sunday School - Zoom ADVENT Child & Youth Sunday School - Zoom Worship Service - In-Person & YouTube

UPCOMING READER SCHEDULE

DATE	DEC 20	DEC 24	DEC 27	JAN 3
ADVENT READERS	Priscilla Lyon Bob Spiker	Andrew Lewis Kirsten Lewis	N/A	N/A
LITURGIST	Sandi Baggett	Sandi Baggett	Betty Jean Selby	Pam Flick
ACOLTYE		Samantha B.		

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sun., Dec 13 - **PSALM 146:5-10** *God's Helping Hands*
 Mon., Dec 14 - **2 TIMOTHY 2:20-25** *Imperfect But Useful*
 Tue., Dec 15 - **REVELATION 3:18-24** *Listening to God*
 Wed., Dec 16 - **2 CORINTHIANS 9:6-15** *Working with Jesus*
 Thu., Dec 17 - **ISAIAH 7:10-14** *Immanuel*
 Fri., Dec 18 - **1 CORINTHIANS 15:50-58** *A Transforming Moment*
 Sat., Dec 19 - **MATTHEW 6:25-34** *Why Worry?*

Visit www.upperroom.com for more information.

MEMORIAL'S PURPOSE



CHURCH GIVING

AVERAGE WEEKLY GIVING (last 8 weeks)
\$5,209

WEEKLY BUDGET GOALS
\$5,770

WAYS TO GIVE:

- **MAIL** to Memorial's PO Box 358
- **DROP** in Memorial's secured mailbox next to entrance
- **ELECTRONICALLY** via PMUMC.org

OFFICE INFORMATION

COORDINATOR HOURS
Monday-Friday, 9am-Noon

APPOINTMENTS WITH THE PASTOR
To schedule, please contact the office at 301-349-2010, office@pmumc.org, or visit www.pmumc.org

PHONE MESSAGES
Messages for Shirley and Pastor Tim are sent to their email accounts.

EMERGENCIES
For immediate pastoral care, please email Pastor Tim at PastorTim@PMUMC.org

CHURCH PERSONNEL

PASTOR - Rev. Timothy A. Dowell

CHURCH COORDINATOR
Shirley Prasada-Rao

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC - Janet Hartz

ORGANIST - Linda Custer

BELL CHOIR DIRECTOR - Becky Smalley

HEAD USHER - Dr. Robert Spiker

HEAD ACOLYTES
Charlotte Selby and Rachel Smalley

CUSTODIAN - Pecoe Fleming

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Memorial's Child/Youth Sunday School
presents...

Boxes of LOVE!



EVERYONE is encouraged to take one!

Boxes of all shapes and sizes will be filled with LOVE and wrapped for ALL to take home. Whenever you look at your beautifully wrapped "gift" you will be reminded that God loves you!

Boxes are available for pick-up next to the dropbox by the Main Door of the church.



LIVE NATIVITY 2020

Sat., Dec 19th 6:30-8 pm

To ensure both our participants' and our guests' safety, our annual event will have some small changes including no animals, no sharing of costumes, must maintain social distancing, masks must be worn by all. There will also be two 45-minute shifts instead of four 30-minute shifts.

Can you help with:

- Portraying a character?
- Parking?

To participate, contact Ellie Bateman at 301-461-7898 or EleanorGBateman@gmail.com.

Advent and Christmas Display

an opportunity for reflection and meditation

As we prepare for the birth of our Lord and Savior, a progressive display will be in the sanctuary throughout Advent and Christmas.

In-Person - You may visit the sanctuary 10-10:30 and 11:30-11:45 am on Sundays during Advent, or from 3:15-4 pm on Christmas Eve.

Virtually - An updated pictures of the display will be available on Sundays before and after services from 10-10:15 and 11:30-11:45am on our YouTube channel.

*"though your sins are like
scarlet,
they shall be like snow"
Isaiah 1:18*



The red drape represents our sins and the snowflakes forgiveness.

We pray this display will bless each of you.

Board of Child Care
"BCC"

Red Stocking Of- fering

For many, the Board of Child Care Red Stocking is a part of your holiday tradition. Whether this was filling a card of coins, or an envelope in the back of a pew, seeing the red stockings meant that the Holidays were here. We are continuing this tradition for 2020. Pick up your stocking to fill in the back of the Fellowship Hall or visit www.BoardOfChildCare.org/donate/Christmas for additional options.



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Our new Connect Challenge is to reach out to someone that brings you a sense of JOY

Have fun with this new challenge or return to a former challenge engaging with someone new. Some of our previous challenges were to reach out to someone...

- you haven't seen since March
- that typically sits near you in church
- whose last name starts with the same letter as yours
- you talked to at a community dinner
- you are **THANKFUL FOR;** or gives you **HOPE** or **PEACE**

These connections can be done by phone call or text, a porch visit, dropping off goodies (garden vegetables, flowers, sweets), or sending the time-less note. If you need a phone number or address, contact the church office at office@pmumc.org or 301-349-2010.

Have fun bringing joy to others and yourself!

Send requests to
prayers@pmumc.org
PRAYER REQUESTS
We are here to pray for you!



Most of Memorial's Small Groups will remain online.

If you are part of a group of 5 or less you may opt to hold your meeting in the church building while maintaining all proper social distancing protocol. To connect with a group email...

- **Worship Service** - visit www.PMUMC.org for instructions
- **Adult Sunday School** - contact Fred Lyon at cfredlyon@gmail.com
- **Youth Sunday School/VBS** - contact Betty King at bking21710@gmail.com
- **Church Council Meeting** - contact Scott McGrew at scott.mcgrew@aol.com
- **Youth Group** - contact Pastor Tim at pastortim@pmumc.org or Betty King at bking21710@gmail.com
- **Trustees Meeting** - contact Gary Hartz at gjalaska@verizon.net
- **Review/Preview with Pastor Tim** - contact Pastor Tim at pastortim@pmumc.org
- **Men's Group** - contact Ray Hoewing at RLHoewing@gmail.com

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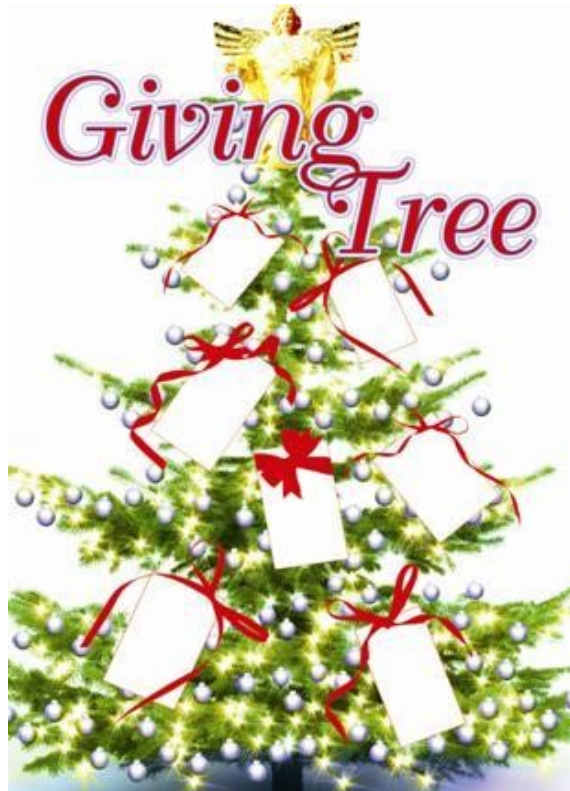
The Giving Tree -

In the middle of this past week we found out that one child had been left off of the list we had received. As of Thursday, the items below are awaiting donors. If you would like to donate please visit: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4dacab28aaf8c70-christmas>.

All food/gift donations need to be at church by Sunday, December 20th at noon. Drop off Mondays-Fridays from 9:30am-1pm or Sunday mornings. *Gifts* - Please wrap the present and place a sticky note indicating the gift on top of the gift. Sticky notes available at church.

Any questions or problems, please contact Shirley at office@pmumc.org, 301-349-2010, or 301-760-6542 (cell).

- \$25 Target Gift Card
- Electric Guitar, Tuner, Strings, Amp (used is great!)
- Men's size 8 slipper (for 16 year old boy)
- Women's slipper socks
- Large throw or Full/Queen size blanket (3 needed)
- Outfit - 12 month for boy
- Family board game for ages 8+
- Gaming Headset (universal—good for different gaming systems)
- Women's Robe - size 1X
- Burgandy & Gold stocking cap
- Boy's Outfit - shirt size 9, pants size 8 slim/tall
- Nail polish set (for 10 year old and 16 year old)
- Pajamas - Girls size 14 tall/long
- Bikes - one for 10 year old boy, 14 year old girl, 17 year old boy (used is great!)
- Kitched Aid Mixer (used is great!)
- Skateboard - 10 year old boy and 14 year old girl
- Long dressing mirror for wall
- Laptop (used would be great!)
- Men's devotional book or new bible for 17 year old
- LEGO set - adult (17 year old boy)
- Noise Canceling Headphones



FROM BALT/WASH CONFERENCE

Lift up your Hearts:

A weekly prayer for the Baltimore-Washington Conference from the Appointive Cabinet.

Waiting with Conviction

"For God alone my soul waits in silence, for my hope is from God." --Psalm 62:5

Holy God, Creator, Sustainer, and Redeemer: As events unfold in this season of Advent, we pray to be able to wait with conviction. Calm our anxiety and release us from fears which may interfere with faithful endurance.

Remind us that this is a season of holy waiting and that all things are not yet revealed and we are called to affirm again that your promises are true. As we navigate this in-between time, when we wait upon the coming of Christ,

between falling down and rising up;

between loss and discovery;

between grief and joy;

between letting go and holding on;

between speaking and listening;

between holding on and letting go;

between despair and rejoicing;

between silence and speech;

Let us be guided by you alone, that our direction is true and we might have the courage we need. Help us to know we are not alone in this in-between time as a new era comes to life. In the meantime, give us what we need to wait -- with conviction. Amen.

Online courses at Wesley:

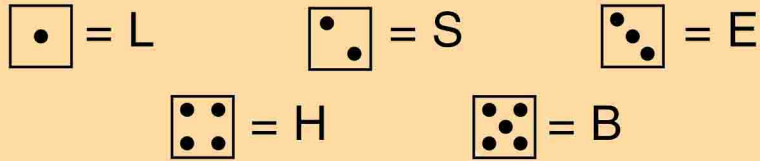
We are all looking forward to the end of 2020... why not launch 2021 with taking an online class at Wesley Theological Seminary? For information whether it's your first class ever, continuing a degree or certificate program, or taking a continuing education class call (202)885-8659 or go to

<https://www.wesleyseminary.edu/admissions/try-a-class-2/>.



God will help His people.

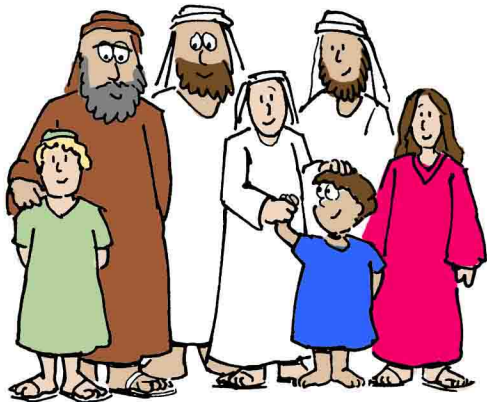
Use the code to fill in the missing letters.



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December 13, 2020 • Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11



The spirit of God helped Isaiah preach good news to the poor.

Find the prophet Isaiah  in the crowded streets.



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Isaiah said, "Those who cry will be comforted."

Isaiah said, "The cities in ruins will be rebuilt."

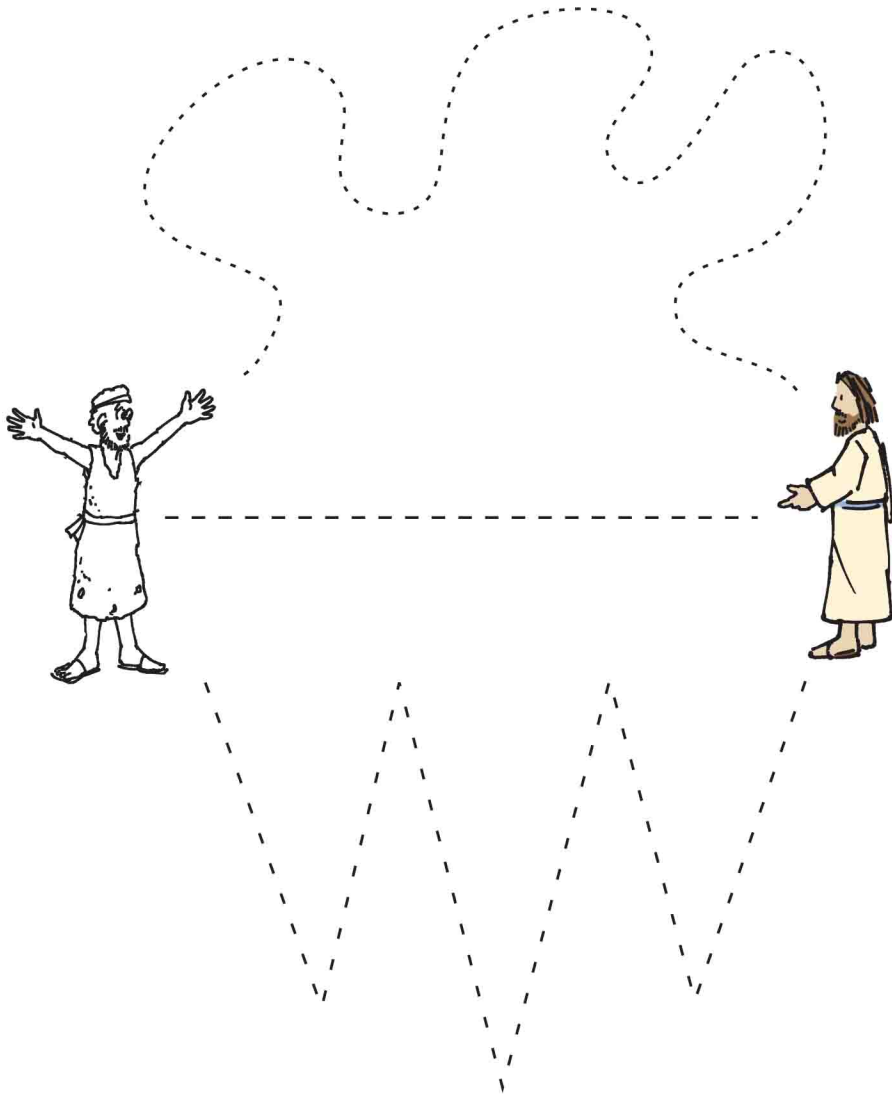
Connect the dots to rebuild Jerusalem.
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 A B C D E F G H I J K L

Count how many
Tears ☹ 3 or 4? Smiles 😊 12 or 13?



John answered, "I am the voice of one calling in the desert, 'Make straight the way for the Lord.'"

Trace the straight path.




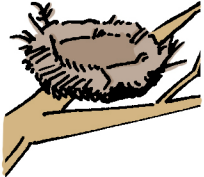
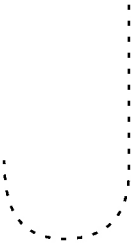


Make Straight the Way of the Lord



There was a man sent from God. His name was John.

Write the beginning sounds for each picture.


			
			

John told about Jesus.

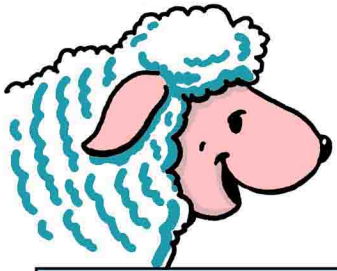
Find  John and  Jesus and circle them.



People asked John if he was
Elijah or a prophet.

Draw a ? inside the  s.

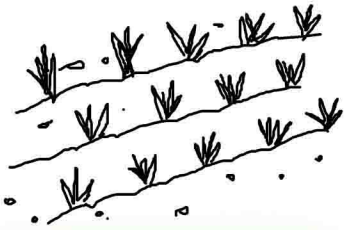
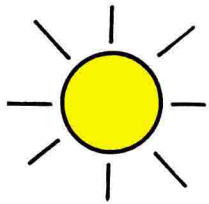




Isaiah said something else.
What was it?

Solve the math problems. Then write the words in order from the smallest number to the biggest.

- spring = $6+6 =$ _____
- causes = $9-3 =$ _____
- soil = $7-6 =$ _____
- nations = $17-4 =$ _____
- makes = $9-7 =$ _____
- righteousness = $13-3 =$ _____
- come = $10-6 =$ _____
- sprout = $7-4 =$ _____
- Lord = $5+4 =$ _____
- grow = $11-3 =$ _____
- garden = $2+3 =$ _____
- praise = $15-4 =$ _____
- seeds = $2+5 =$ _____



“For as the _____ the _____
 _____ up and a _____
 _____ to _____, so the Sovereign _____
 will make _____ and _____
 _____ up before all _____.”

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Good News

Isaiah said something important. What was it?

Write the name of the picture, then transfer the letter to the lines below.



 12 5 8 3



_____ _____
 10 4



 13 1 6



_____ _____
 7 9



_____ _____
 2 11

“ 6 13 4 12 5 8 1 8 6
 9 7 6 13 4 2 9 1 3
 8 12 9 10 11 4 ”

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What else did Isaiah say?

Subtract the letters listed, then unscramble the remaining letters and write them in the blanks.

1. pteIntdms - ptldm = _____
2. dckipbzwn - ckpzw = _____
3. pcedfklmronr - pcklnr = _____
4. zemnaepsrcl - zmnpc = _____



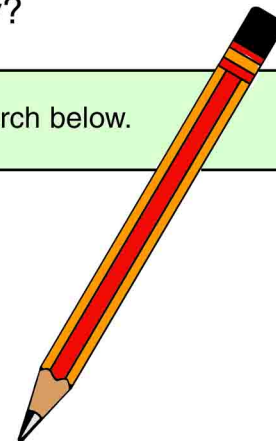
“God has _____₁ me to _____₂ up the
brokenhearted, to proclaim _____₃
for the captives and _____₄
from darkness the prisoners.”



What did the Lord say?

Find the underlined words in the search below.

“For I, the Lord, love justice; I hate
robbery and iniquity. In my
faithfulness I will reward them and
make an everlasting covenant
with them.”



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





The Pharisees questioned John, "Why then do you baptize if you are not the Christ?" How did John answer?



Write the letter that is in the first word but not the second. Then fill in the blanks.

- 1. rate - tea = ____
- 2. meal - alm = ____
- 3. told - old = ____
- 4. trash - star = ____
- 5. moose - some = ____
- 6. beat - tea = ____
- 7. pint - tin = ____
- 8. time - met = ____
- 9. yarn - ran = ____
- 10. team - met = ____
- 11. zone - one = ____
- 12. waste - seat = ____
- 13. dune - den = ____
- 14. main - aim = ____
- 15. sand - and = ____
- 16. meager - eager = ____

“
 8 6 10 7 3 8 11 2 12 8 3 4
 _____,” J _____ d,
 12 10 3 2 1 5 4 14 15 10 8
 “
 _____ g _____
 6 13 3 10 16 5 14 9 5 13
 _____ d _____
 15 3 10 14 15 5 14 2 9 5 13
 d _____ n _____ k _____
 5 5 3 14 5 12 4 2
 8 15 3 4 2 5 14 2 12 4 5
 c _____ f _____.”
 5 16 2 15 10 3 2 1 16 2

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Make Straight the Way of the Lord

This Scripture is about a man who came as a witness. Find out about him.

Name each picture. Write all the letters of each word in order on the blanks at the bottom.

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____
- 4) _____
- 5) _____
- 6) _____

_____ e _____ a _____
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 1 5 6 5 4
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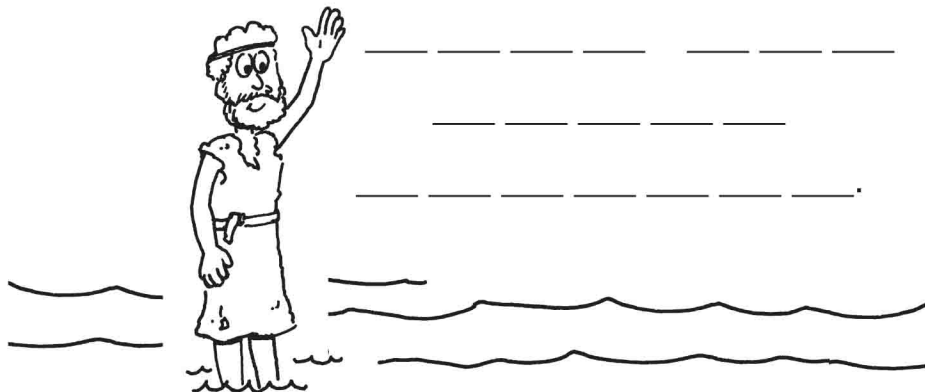
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Read more about this man.

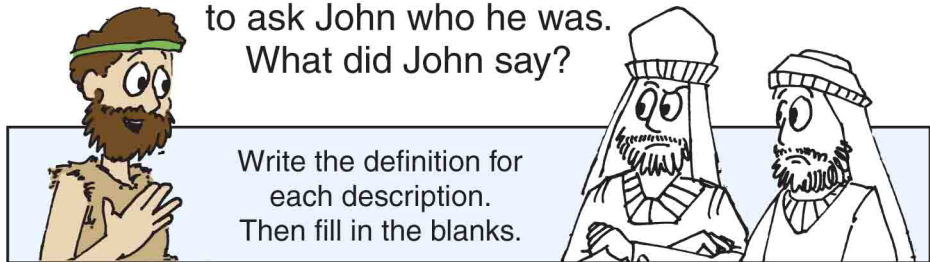
Starting with the second letter, cross out every other letter and write the remaining letters on the lines below.

START

J K O B H D N G C P A T M L E W A R S
 S W T D I O F P Y W C R O Q N E N
 L R I W G D H P T T S N O H T N C F E R S
 K E P S V L R I W G D H P T T S N O H T N C F E R S
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The Jews of Jerusalem sent priests and Levites to ask John who he was. What did John say?



Write the definition for each description. Then fill in the blanks.

container for flowers $\frac{\quad}{15} \frac{\quad}{10} \frac{e}{18}$

to walk behind $\frac{\quad}{2} \frac{\quad}{19} \frac{\quad}{4} \frac{\quad}{6}$

a nickel is a $\frac{\quad}{16} \frac{\quad}{12}$

a guide to places $\frac{\quad}{5} \frac{9}{\quad}$

sound a storm makes $\frac{t}{17} \frac{\quad}{3} \frac{\quad}{\quad} \frac{\quad}{\quad} \frac{\quad}{14}$

husband of the queen $\frac{\quad}{7} \frac{\quad}{1} \frac{13}{\quad}$

the area around the house $\frac{\quad}{8} \frac{\quad}{11}$

John replied, " $\frac{\quad}{12} \frac{\quad}{9} \frac{5}{\quad} \frac{t}{17} \frac{\quad}{3} \frac{e}{18}$

$\frac{\quad}{15} \frac{\quad}{4} \frac{\quad}{12} \frac{e}{16} \frac{\quad}{18} \frac{\quad}{4} \frac{2}{\quad} \frac{\quad}{4} \frac{1}{\quad} \frac{e}{18}$

$\frac{16}{t} \frac{9}{\quad} \frac{19}{e} \frac{19}{11} \frac{12}{18} \frac{1}{10} \frac{13}{18} \frac{12}{14} \frac{1}{17} \frac{t}{\quad}$,

' $\frac{\quad}{5} \frac{9}{t} \frac{7}{\quad} \frac{18}{e} \frac{10}{\quad} \frac{17}{t} \frac{14}{\quad} \frac{9}{\quad} \frac{12}{\quad} \frac{13}{\quad} \frac{3}{\quad} \frac{t}{17}$

$\frac{\quad}{17} \frac{3}{t} \frac{18}{e} \frac{6}{17} \frac{9}{3} \frac{8}{18} \frac{2}{19} \frac{4}{4} \frac{14}{11}$

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