



December 5, 2021

Hello Trinity Episcopal Church Sunday School Families,

“Are You Ready for Christmas” is the title of this week's lesson, from Luke 3:1-6. This lesson speaks on preparing our hearts for when Christ comes again. Our memory verse for this week is: "Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him. And all mankind will see God's salvation." Luke 3:4-6.

<https://sermons4kids.com/> is the homepage and where you will find the sermon lesson to read to your children. For this lesson, you will need an Advent or regular calendar.

To the right of the lesson are links to print a coloring page, word search, a crossword puzzle and more. Feel free to use any of these supplemental activities for your child's individual level. Additionally, below the lesson is an instructional video for creating a related snack.

This week's group activities can also be found in that list of resources beside the sermon reading. Feel free to use and modify any of these activities to suit your family. At the bottom of this email, there is a themed snack idea provided by Sermons4Kids. There you will also find the Discussion Questions and Suggested Prayer Starters from Sermons4Kids.

Sample prayer for this week:

Dear Father, we want to be ready for You. Make our crooked ways straight and our rough places smooth. In Jesus' name, amen.

We pray that each of you are staying healthy and safe! The children have been busy practicing for the advent pageant and discussing what it means to prepare our hearts for Jesus' return. We hope to see you at Sunday School soon!

God bless you,

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Elementary Discussion:

This week, we learn in Luke 3:1-6 about John the Baptist, who was on a mission to tell people to prepare their hearts and get ready for Jesus to come to earth. John traveled from place to place, sharing with everyone who would listen, "Prepare the way for the Lord. Fill in the valleys and level off all the mountains. Make the crooked roads straight and the rough places smooth" (Luke 3:4-6). Kids learn that during the Christmas season, we too can prepare our hearts to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Bible Memory Verse: As is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet: "A voice of one calling in the desert, 'Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for Him. Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill made low. The crooked roads shall become straight, the rough ways smooth. And all mankind will see God's salvation.'" Luke 3:4-6.

MONDAY:

- What do you think it means to get your heart right?
- Thank God for teaching you how to prepare your heart.

TUESDAY:

- If you knew Jesus was coming to your house tomorrow, what would you do to prepare?
- Ask God to help you prepare your heart to celebrate Jesus' birth.

WEDNESDAY:

- How can you tell others about Jesus like John the Baptist did?
- Ask God to help you prepare to tell others about Jesus.

THURSDAY:

- How can you prepare to celebrate Jesus this Christmas?
- Ask God to help you prepare for Christmas.

FRIDAY:

- How can you pray for and encourage others to worship Jesus at Christmas?
- Thank God for sending his Son Jesus to be with us on earth.

The Way Snacks (this week, there is also an additional snack featured on the home page below the sermon lesson)

You'll Need (use parental discretion with small items):

- Paper plates - one per child
- Napkins - one per child
- Graham crackers
- Resealable sandwich bags - one per child
- Icing
- M&M candies

Do This:

- Give each child a paper plate, a napkin, and three graham crackers.
- Invite kids to break and place one graham cracker inside a baggie and seal it tightly. Then they can crumble the cracker into tiny pieces like sand
- Instruct kids to paint icing down the middle of each intact cracker and sprinkle the graham cracker "sand" on the intact cracker to create a path.
- Give kids M&Ms to create steps along the path.
- Enjoy

SAY:

- *The words John was preaching are from the book of Isaiah. He said, "A voice of one calling in the wilderness, 'Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him. Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill made low. The crooked roads shall become straight, the rough ways smooth. And all people will see God's salvation.'"*