

OUR PURPOSE



*Loving God
Welcoming All
Serving Neighbors
Together through
Jesus Christ*

DAILY DEVOTIONALS

Sun., Dec 17 - **2 CORINTHIANS 8:1-13** *3rd Sunday of Advent*
 Mon., Dec 18 - **1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-24** *Learning to Whistle*
 Tue., Dec 19 - **2 CHRONICLES 20:13-22** *All My Might*
 Wed., Dec 20 - **ROMANS 12:3-8** *What Can I Give?*
 Thu., Dec 21 - **PSALM 73:1-28** *Finding Direction*
 Fri., Dec 22 - **ROMANS 12:9-14** *Power in Prayer*
 Sat., Dec 23 - **MATTHEW 5:14-16** *Seasons of Joy*

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AVERAGE WEEKLY GIVING *(last 8 weeks)*
\$7,941.86

WAYS TO GIVE:

- **PLACE** in Offering Plate when entering/exiting Worship Service
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*Third Sunday of Advent
December 17, 2023*

JOY



Who Are You?



A special welcome to our guests today! Your visit is a blessing and we are glad you are here! 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.

* = Please stand in your heart or posture. **UMH** = United Methodist Hymnal. **TFWS** = The Faith We Sing.
Italicized, BOLD Text = recite out loud

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

A Rosetti Christmas

(with *In the Bleak Midwinter* and *Love Came Down at Christmas*)

Linda Custer
 by Mark Hayes

Worship Service

Isabel S., Acolyte

WELCOME—Introductions and Prayer

PRELUDE MUSIC—ORGAN/TRUMPET

Proclaim the Glory of the Lord

Linda Custer/Walter Moskwa
 by Liles/Borop/Schrader

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING CEREMONY—*Christ Be Our Light!*

by Farrell/Raney

INTROIT—CHANCEL CHOIR—*Christ Be Our Light!*

by Bernadette Farrell

***RESPONSIVE LITANY**—*Hope for Those Who Are Watching*

led by Betty Jean Selby

LEADER: Advent is a time to awaken our spiritual senses.

PEOPLE: **We stand in awe of your deeds, O Lord, repeat them in our day!**

LEADER: Grant us vision to behold your glory.

PEOPLE: **We stand in awe of your deeds, O Lord, repeat them in our day!**

LEADER: Quiet us so we may hear your still, soft voice.

PEOPLE: **We stand in awe of your deeds, O Lord, repeat them in our day!**

LEADER: Make us vessels of your mercy, compassion, and grace.

PEOPLE: **We stand in awe of your deeds, O Lord, repeat them in our day!**

LEADER: For all of us eagerly watching for your glory in our midst:

PEOPLE: **Grant that we might have the peace of Christ as we wait, the love of Christ as we act, and the grace of Christ as we speak.**

***CANDLE LIGHTING**

Patrick, Erin, Bradley and
 Mia Smeller

***CONGREGATIONAL CHORAL RESPONSE**

see insert

***PRAYER**

led by Betty Jean Selby

God of eternity, you called faithful people throughout the ages to behold your glory. We acknowledge you call us to the same awareness today. We confess at times our spiritual senses are stifled. Rekindle a new awareness of your everlasting glory. We stand in awe of your deeds and ask you to repeat them in our day. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN**—*All Earth Is Waiting*

UMH 210

FIRST READING—*1 Thessalonians 5:16-24*

Gary Hartz

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM—BELL CHOIR

Mary, Did You Know?

Becky Smalley
 by Anna Laura Page

SECOND READING—*John 1:6-8, 19-28*

Rev. Timothy Dowell

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON—*Who Are You?*

Rev. Timothy Dowell

ANTHEM—CHANCEL CHOIR

As the Dark Awaits the Dawn

Janet Hartz
 by Carl Schalk

OFFERING (Offering Plates in Spurrier Hall)

Rev. Timothy Dowell

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Rev. Timothy Dowell

***DOXOLOGY**—*Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

UMH 95

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

UMH 895

***CLOSING HYMN**—*Christ Is the World's Light*

UMH 188

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Timothy Dowell

POSTLUDE MUSIC

On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry

Linda Custer
 by David Cherwien

SCHEDULE	DECEMBER 24 4 th Sunday of Advent 10:30 am	DECEMBER 24 Christmas Eve 7 pm	DECEMBER 31 1 st Sunday after Christmas	JANUARY 7 2 nd Sunday after Christmas
LITURGIST	Erin Smeller Ralph Hitchens	Brenda Boulter Kirsten Lewis	Pam Flick Ray Hoewing	TBD
ACOLYTE	Nicole L.	Addison S.	Aubrey S.	Chloe D.

Christ, Be Our Light!

A Candle Lighting Ceremony for Advent

Words and Music by
BERNADETTE FARRELL

Congregation:

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your Church gath - ered to - day.

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“As Dark Awaits the Dawn” by Carl Schalk

As the dark awaits the dawn, so we await your light.

O star of promise, scatter night, loving bright,
Til shades of fear are gone.

As the blue expectant hour before the silv’ring skies,
We long to see your day arise, whole and wise,
O lucent Morning Star.

As the moon reflects the sun until the night’s decrease,
may we your healing light release, living peace,
Unto your holy dawn.

Shine your future on this place, enlighten ev’ry guest,
That through us stream your holiness, bright and blest;
Come dawn, O Sun of grace.



Helping our Neighbors

Thank you to all of those that signed up to donate. Please return all gifts by Monday, 12/18.

Thank you to all those that planned, helped, provided food, participated in and/or attended our:

- Christmas Program & Potluck last Sunday; and our
 - Live Nativity last night!
- You are a blessing!**

!From: Catherine Beliveau with Backpack Bites Program...

I want to thank you all for your participation in our Backpack Bites Program. We got off to a good start this fall and are on a roll headed into the new year. We are currently serving 11 families at Poolsville ES and 10 at Monocacy. We could not do it without YOU!! Your service is greatly appreciated

Thank you to those that are helping with food/serving on Sat., 12/23. Each month there is the opportunity to provide food and/or serve the men.

Nursery(6mo-4yr)
10:15-11:45 am—Rm 5

UPCOMING HAPPENINGS

SUN - DEC. 17 3 rd Sunday of Advent	9:15 - 10:15 am 10:15 - 11:45 am 10:30 - 11:30 am 11:30 am - 12:30pm 6 - 8 pm	Sunday School - Rm 1, 2, 3, 4, (6 & Zoom for Adults) Nursery - Room 5 Worship Service - Sanctuary/YouTube Finance Committee Meetings - CANCELED PHS Football Banquet - FH
MON - DEC 18	10 am - 12 pm 4:30 - 6 pm 6 - 7 pm 7 - 8:30 pm	Food Pick-up - Kitchen Girl Scout Troop #32009 Meeting - Room 1 Girl Scout Troop #32095 Meeting - Room 1 Bell Choir Rehearsal - Spurrier Hall
TUE - DEC 19	6 - 7 pm 7 - 8 pm	Girl Scout Troop #32066 Meeting - Room 1 Men’s Group - Room 6 & Zoom
WED - DEC 20	7:30 - 9 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Room 8
THU - DEC 21	7 - 8 pm 7 - 8 pm	Review/Preview with Pastor Tim- Via Zoom Zumba - Fellowship Hall
SAT - DEC. 23	1 - 4 pm 4 pm - 6 pm	Friendly Thrift Shop Ministry - On Location Frederick Rescue Mission - Off-Site
SUN - DEC. 24 4 th Sunday of Advent Christmas Eve	9:15 - 10:15 am 10:15 - 11:45 am 10:30 - 11:30 am 7 - 8 pm	Sunday School - Rm 1, 2, 3, 4, (6 & Zoom for Adults) Nursery - Room 5 Worship Service - Sanctuary/YouTube Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship Service - S/YT
MON - DEC 25	<i>Merry Christmas!</i> Bell Choir Rehearsal Cancelled	
TUE - DEC 26	6 - 7 pm 7 - 8:30 pm	Girl Scout Troop #32066 Meeting - Room 1 Christian Education Meeting - Room 6
WED - DEC 27	7:30 - 9 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal - CANCELLED
THU - DEC 28	7 - 8 pm	Review/Preview with Pastor Tim- Via Zoom
SAT - DEC. 30	1 - 4 pm	Friendly Thrift Shop Ministry - On Location
SUN - DEC. 31 1 st Sunday after Christmas	9:15 - 10:15 am 10:15 - 11:45 am 10:30 - 11:30 am	Sunday School - Rm 1, 2, 3, 4, (6 & Zoom for Adults) Nursery - Room 5 Worship Service - Sanctuary/YouTube

Up-Coming Week’s Scripture Readings

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16
Luke 1:47-55
Romans 16:25-27
Luke 1:26-38



Sunday School 9:15 am - 10:15 am
Kid’s start in Rm 1 / Adults in Rm 6



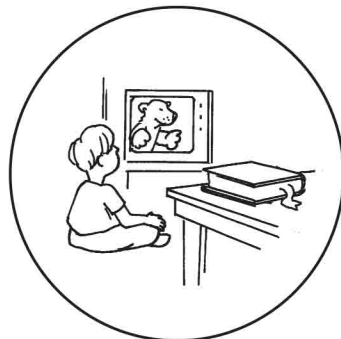
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Hold on to what is good and stay away from what can harm you.

Match the opposites.

Good

Harmful



Do What is Good

Rejoice always!





Circle and count those rejoicing.

How many? 2 or 4 ?



What should we do continually?

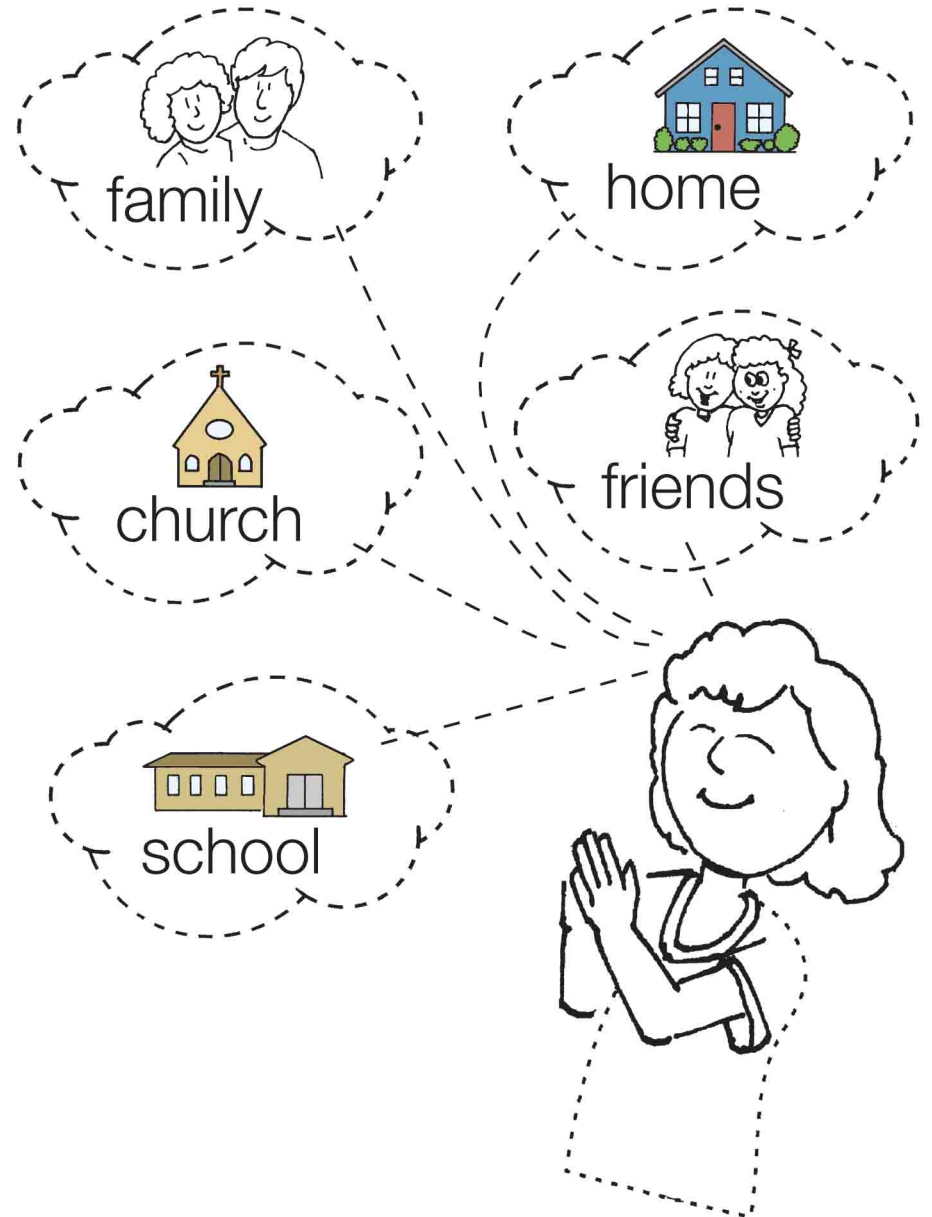
Write the first letter of each picture in the boxes.



Give thanks in all things.

Trace the dashed lines in the picture.



family

home

church

friends

school

John said that Jesus would come after him.

Find and **circle** these hidden objects in the picture.



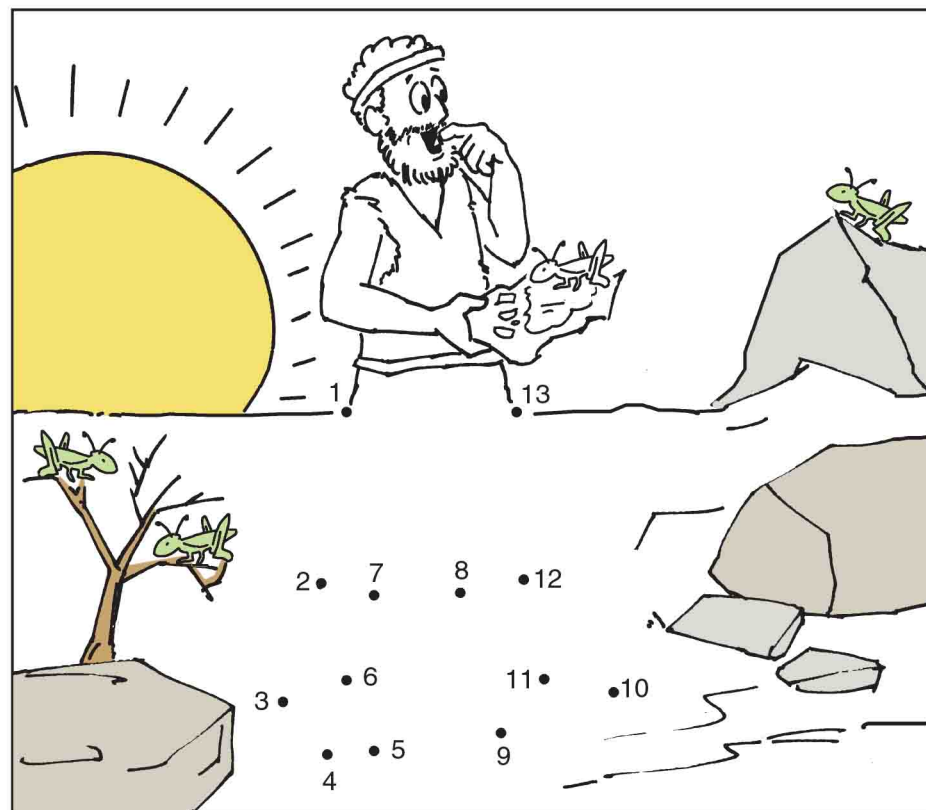
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John the Baptizer

John the Baptist was sent to tell about Jesus.

Connect the dots. 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13

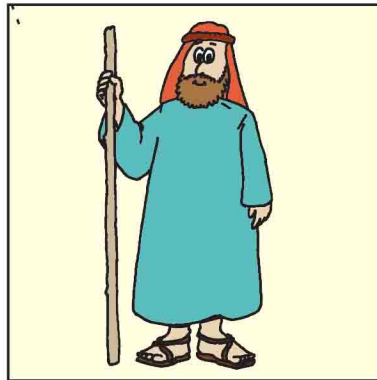
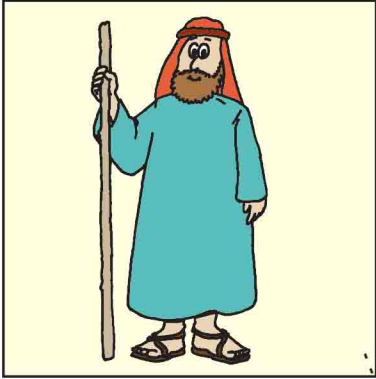


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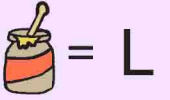
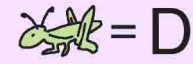
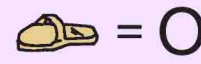
Some people thought John was one of the prophets from long ago.

Match the pictures.



He answered, "I am not a prophet, nor am I the Christ."

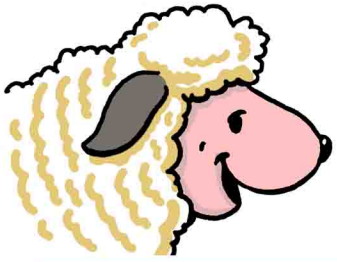
Fill in the missing letters.



John said,
"Make a straight way for the

"





May you be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

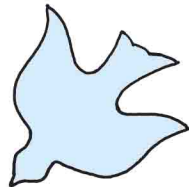
Find two words from the list that match the clues. Write them in the blanks, making sure they have the correct number of letters. Use the circled letters to complete the verses.

asp harp trumpet father furnace lavender
 iron uncle India yellow flamingo anaconda
 carrot turnip stork Norway

long-legged birds	<input type="radio"/>	1	_____	<input type="radio"/>	2	_____
snakes	<input type="radio"/>		_____	<input type="radio"/>		_____
nations	<input type="radio"/>		_____	<input type="radio"/>		_____
root vegetables	<input checked="" type="radio"/>		_____	<input type="radio"/>		_____
musical instruments	<input type="radio"/>		_____	<input type="radio"/>		_____
hot things	<input type="radio"/>		_____	<input type="radio"/>		_____
relatives	<input type="radio"/>		_____	<input type="radio"/>		_____
colors	<input type="radio"/>		_____	<input type="radio"/>		_____

May God himself, the God of peace,

1) _____ you through _____ and through ... The one who calls you is



2) _____ and he will do it.

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Do What Is Good

What did Paul tell the Thessalonian Christians they should do?

Complete the Sudoku puzzle, placing numbers 1 through 9 in every row and every column. Use the numbered letters to find what Paul said.

1	W	6	F	3	5	O	7	9
5	S	F	6	2	7	Y	1	W
A	3	2	S	1	8	4	U	L
Y	7	1	5	W	9	6	2	4
O	4	S	1	7	L	5	8	3
8	6	U	3	F	2	A	9	J
9	5	3	O	6	J	8	F	7
L	2	8	A	9	4	1	3	U
4	J	7	8	5	Y	S	6	2

Be _____.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 6 8 7 3 9

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Paul advised the believers to do something else as well.



Unscramble the letters to spell a 5-letter opposite of the given word. One letter will be left over. Write it in the blank. Read the resulting message from top to bottom.

DARK	TILGPH	<u>L</u>	<u>I</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>P</u>
SAD	PHPYAR	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
THIN	CATHKI	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
ASLEEP	WAYKEA	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
NOISY	CUTIQE	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
WHITE	COLKAB	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
SMOOTH	GURHON	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
DEAD	VILATE	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
DULL	PISHAR	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
STRAIGHT	NURCLY	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
LARGE	LULMAS	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
FULL	PAMTYE	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
OLD	LUNGOY	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
EXIT	RENTLE	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
SOONER	RELATY	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Paul gave them some final instructions.

Fit the words from the list into the crossword. Then place them in the blanks according to their numbers in the crossword.

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|-----|------|------|-------|--------|---------------|
| be | the | hold | test | always | circumstances |
| in | evil | kind | avoid | joyful | everything |
| of | give | onto | every | thanks | continually |
| all | good | pray | | | |

19A _____

13D _____ 14D _____

4D _____ 15A _____

9D _____ 17A _____ 2D _____

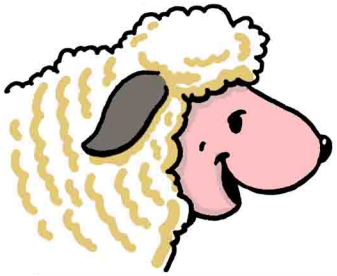
1D _____ 12A _____

16D _____ 5D _____

3D _____ 6A _____ 17D _____ 9A _____

8D _____ 11A _____ 18D _____ 10D _____ 7A _____



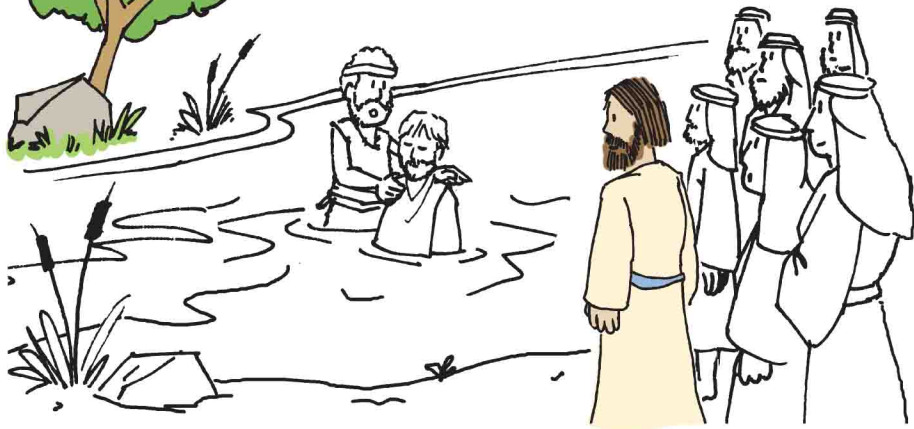
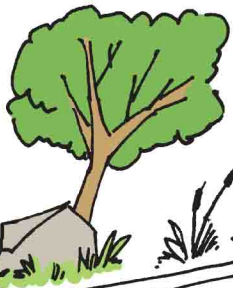
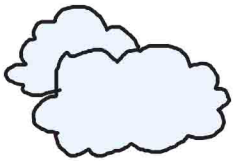
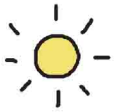


John said, "I baptize with water, but among you stands One you do not know." John was referring to Jesus."

Find the underlined words in the puzzle.

They are → ← ↗ ↘ ↙ ↘ ↗ ↘ ↗ ↘ ↗ ↘ .

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



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John the Baptizer

John the Baptist was sent from God. Why?

Use the code to find out.

☆ = A ☆ = E ○ = G ⊖ = I ☀ = L ☀ = P 🕯 = S 🕯 = U
 ★ = D ★ = F ● = H ◐ = J ● = O ◐ = R 🕯 = T 🕯 = W



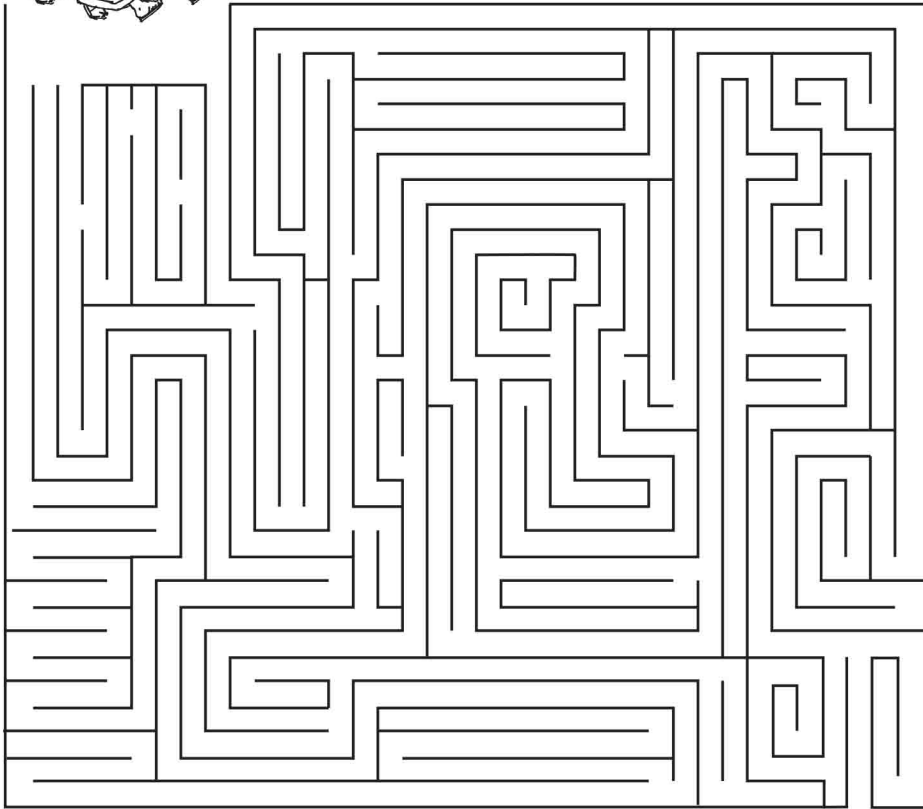
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Some people of Jerusalem sent priests and Levites to question John the Baptist while he was baptizing at Bethany, on the other side of the Jordan River.

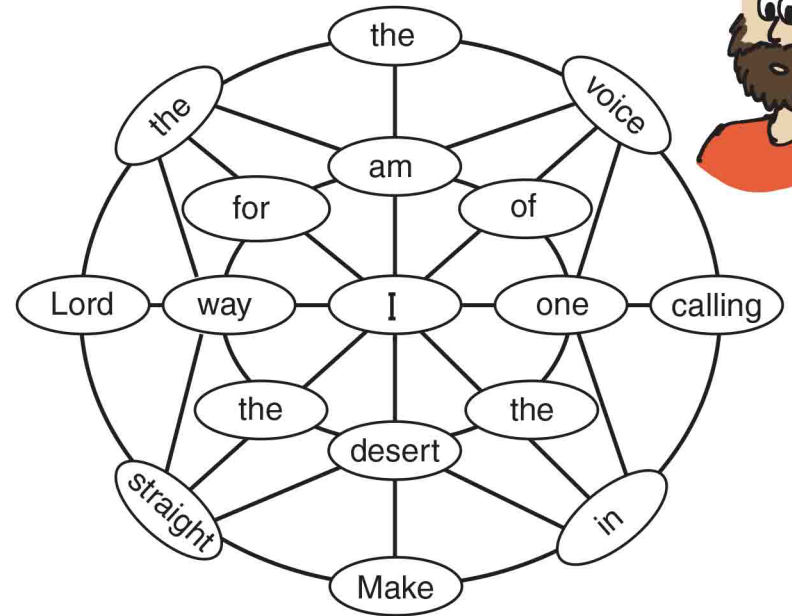


Help them on their way.



The Levites asked John who he was. John described himself using these words of the prophet Isaiah.

Start with the center word.
Use the arrows to find the right words to fill in the blanks.
Hint: Each word is used only once.



“ _____
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