

## OUR PURPOSE



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

## DAILY DEVOTIONALS

Sun., Jan 7 - **1 KINGS 17:7-16** *God Provides*  
Mon., Jan 8 - **JOHN 11:32-44** *Blessings Within Burdens*  
Tue., Jan 9 - **PSALM 16:1-11** *God Is Our Guide*  
Wed., Jan 10 - **EPHESIANS 3:14-21** *Before We Ask*  
Thu., Jan 11 - **COLOSSIANS 3:12-17** *Love One Another*  
Fri., Jan 12 - **PSALM 107:33-37** *God's Renewing Power*  
Sat., Jan 13 - **PSALM 119:97-104** *Making Time*

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**AVERAGE WEEKLY GIVING** (*last 8 weeks*)  
\$9,796.91

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- **PLACE** in Offering Plate when entering/exiting Worship Service
- **MAIL** to Memorial's PO Box 358
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*Epiphany and Baptism of the Lord Sunday  
January 7, 2024*



*New Year - New Life - New Hope*



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

*Brightest and Best Are the Stars of the Morning*

Linda Custer  
by Janet Linker

Worship Service

Chloe D., Acolyte

WELCOME—

Introductions and Prayer

PRELUDE MUSIC

*Variations on “Puer Nobis Nascitur” (O Spondor of God’s Glory Bright)*

Linda Custer  
by Hal H. Hopson

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

led by Bob Bachman  
by Nancy C. Townley

LEADER:

From the waters of Creation, the earth sprang forth.

PEOPLE:

From the waters of a womb, God blessed Son was given to us.

LEADER:

From the waters of a river, people were baptized and marked as God’s Children

PEOPLE:

Praise be to God, whose loving gifts and presence have called us together.

LEADER:

Let us shout our love to God for God’s abundant love.  
<https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/2214/worship-connection-january-10-2021>

\*OPENING PRAYER

led by Bob Bachman

*Holy God, Eternal Spirit, we thank you for baptizing us into one body in Jesus the Christ. Wash over us with your Spirit, that, like Jesus, we may serve you in serving humanity. Baptize us with the fire of your truth, through Jesus Christ. Amen.*  
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\*OPENING HYMN—

*Spirit of God*

TFWS 2117

FIRST READING—

*Matthew 2:1-12*

Betty Jean Selby

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

ANTHEM—

CHANCEL CHOIR

Janet Hartz  
arr by David L. Mennicke

*Down in the River to Pray* (lyrics in insert)

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SECOND READING—

*Mark 1:4-11, Acts 19:1-7*

Rev. Timothy Dowell

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

SERMON—

*New Year - New Life - New Hope*

Rev. Timothy Dowell

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE—

*This Is A Day Of New Beginnings*

UMH 383

OFFERING

(Offering Plates in Spurrier Hall)

Rev. Timothy Dowell

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Rev. Timothy Dowell

\*DOXOLOGY—

*In the Bleak Midwinter*

UMH 221, verse 4

COMMUNION WITH SUNG RESPONSE

*A Service of Word & Table II w/Musical Setting C*

UMH pgs.12-15, 20-22

THE LORD’S PRAYER

UMH 895

COMMUNION HYMNS

*Spirit Song*

*Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

*Shall We Gather at the River*

UMH 347

UMH 420

UMH 723

\*CLOSING HYMN—

*Come, Let Us Use the Grace Divine*

UMH 606


\*BENEDICTION

Rev. Timothy Dowell


POSTLUDE MUSIC


*As With Gladness Men of Old* (Lyrics of 1<sup>st</sup> verse in insert)

Linda Custer  
by Janet Linker



Blessings to you this Christmas Season  
and a very Happy New Year!





Up-Coming Week’s Scripture Readings

1 Samuel 3:1-10 • Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 • 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 • John 1:43-51

SCHEDULE	JANUARY 14	JANUARY 21	JANUARY 28
LITURGIST	Eleanor Bateman Ray Hoewing	Brenda Boulter Kirsten Lewis	Pam Flick Scott McGrew
ACOLYTE	Knox H.	Isabel S.	Aubrey S.

### *Down in the River to Pray*—Anthem Lyrics

As I went down in the river to pray, Studyin' about that good ol' way  
And who shall wear the robe and crown; Good Lord, show me the way!

Oh sisters, let's go down, Let's go down, come on down.

O sisters, let's go down, Down in the river to pray.

As I went down in the river to pray, Studyin' about that good ol' way

And who shall wear the starry crown; Good Lord, show me the way!

Oh brothers, let's go down, Let's go down, come on down.

Oh Brothers, let's go down, Down in the river to pray.

As I went down in the river to pray, Studyin' about that good ol' way  
And who shall wear the robe and crown; Good Lord, show me the way!

Oh fathers, let's go down, Let's go down, come on down.

O fathers, let's go down, Down in the river to pray.

As I went down in the river to pray, Studyin' about that good ol' way

And who shall wear the starry crown; Good Lord, show me the way!

Oh mothers, let's go down, Let's go down, come on down.

O mothers, let's go down, Down in the river to pray.

As I went down in the river to pray, Studyin' about that good ol' way  
And who shall wear the robe and crown; Good Lord, show me the way!

Oh sinners, let's go down, Let's go down, come on down.

O sinners, let's go down, Down in the river to pray.

As I went down in the river to pray, Studyin' about that good ol' way

And who shall wear the starry crown; Good Lord, show me the way!

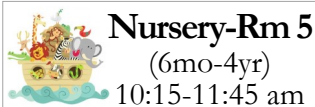
Oh children, let's go down, Let's go down, come on down.

O children, let's go down, Down in the river to pray.



### **TODAY (Jan 7<sup>th</sup>) after worship**

All help is greatly  
appreciated.  
Guaranteed to be fun!



Meet 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Tuesdays in  
Room 6 at 7pm.



### *As With Gladness Men of Old*

Postlude Lyrics—1<sup>st</sup> Verse

As with Gladness Men of Old,  
Did the guiding star behold.

As with joy they hailed its light,  
Leading onward, beaming bright.

So, most gracious Lord, may we  
Evermore be led to thee.



### **DONATE. SHOP. HELP.**

Wed & Fri, 2-8pm / Thu & Sat, 10am-4pm  
PMUMC receives monetary donations from Thrift  
Shop sales which help fund our ministries.

**Share Your Voice** - Wed. Choir Re-  
hearsals, 7:30-9pm Contact Janet Hartz  
with questions at [gjalaska@verizon.net](mailto:gjalaska@verizon.net).



**Food Donations Needed:** Oatmeal (plain/instant), Fruit Cups (single serve), Vegetables (canned), Granola Bars, Cheese Crackers), Milk (8oz, shelf stable), Pasta (1 lb), Mac & Cheese (box), Rice (1 lb), Peanut Butter (16 oz), Beans (dry/1 lb), Chicken (canned), Tuna (canned). Questions, email Catherine at [crbeliveau@gmail.com](mailto:crbeliveau@gmail.com). **To Help Pack or Deliver to PES or MES visit:** <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805094AA8A82CA75-44957977-backpack>

### **UPCOMING HAPPENINGS**

<b>SUN - JAN 7</b> <i>Epiphany &amp; Baptism of the Lord Sunday</i>	9:15 - 10:15 am 10:15 - 11:45 am 10:30 - 11:30 am	Sunday School - <b>Rm 1, 2, 3, 4, (6 &amp; Zoom for Adults)</b> Nursery - <b>Room 5</b> Worship Service - <b>Sanctuary/YouTube</b>
<b>MON - JAN 8</b>	10 am - 12 pm 4:15 - 6:15 pm 7 - 8:30 pm	Food Pick-Up - <b>Kitchen</b> Girl Scout Troop #32009 Meeting - <b>Room 1</b> Bell Choir Rehearsal - <b>Sanctuary</b>
<b>TUE - JAN 9</b>	6 - 7 pm 7 - 9 pm	Girl Scout Troop #32066 Meeting - <b>Room 1</b> Church Council Meeting - <b>Room 6 &amp; via Zoom</b>
<b>WED - JAN 10</b>	8 am - 1 pm 7:30 - 9 pm	Kitchen Hood Cleaning - <b>Kitchen</b> Chancel Choir Rehearsal - <b>Room 8</b>
<b>THU - JAN 11</b>	7 - 8 pm 7 - 8 pm 7 - 8:30 pm	Review/Preview with Pastor Tim- <b>Via Zoom</b> ZUMBA- <b>Fellowship Hall</b> IOOF #97 Meeting- <b>Room 6</b>
<b>SAT - JAN 13</b>	9:30 an - 1 pm 1 - 4 pm 6:30 - 7:30 pm	Private Party (AS) - <b>Fellowship Hall</b> Friendly Thrift Shop Ministry - <b>On Location</b> PENDING - Girl Scout Troop 32066 - <b>FH</b>
<b>SUN - JAN 14</b> <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany</i>	9:15 - 10:15 am 10:15 - 11:45 am 10:30 - 11:30 am	Sunday School - <b>Rm 1, 2, 3, 4, (6 &amp; Zoom for Adults)</b> Nursery - <b>Room 5</b> Worship Service - <b>Sanctuary/YouTube</b>
<b>MON - JAN 15</b>	10 am - 12 pm 7 - 8:30 pm	Food Pick-Up - <b>Kitchen</b> Bell Choir Rehearsal - <b>Sanctuary</b>
<b>TUE - JAN 16</b>	6 - 7 pm 7 - 8 pm	Girl Scout Troop #32066 Meeting - <b>Room 1</b> Men's Group Meeting - <b>Room 6 &amp; via Zoom</b>
<b>WED - JAN 17</b>	7:30 - 9 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal - <b>Room 8</b>
<b>THU - JAN 18</b>	7 - 8 pm 7 - 8 pm	Review/Preview with Pastor Tim- <b>Via Zoom</b> ZUMBA- <b>Fellowship Hall</b>
<b>SAT - JAN 20</b>	1 - 4 pm 4 - 5:30 pm	Friendly Thrift Shop Ministry - <b>On Location</b> Friendly Thrift Shop Meeting - <b>Room 6</b>
<b>SUN - JAN 21</b> <i>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany</i>	9:15 - 10:15 am 10:15 - 11:45 am 10:30 - 11:30 am 11:30 am - 12:30 pm 11:30 am - 12:30 pm	Sunday School - <b>Rm 1, 2, 3, 4, (6 &amp; Zoom for Adults)</b> Nursery - <b>Room 5</b> Worship Service - <b>Sanctuary/YouTube</b> Fellowship Time- <b>Fellowship Hall</b> Finance Committee Meeting-Open to All- <b>Room 6</b>



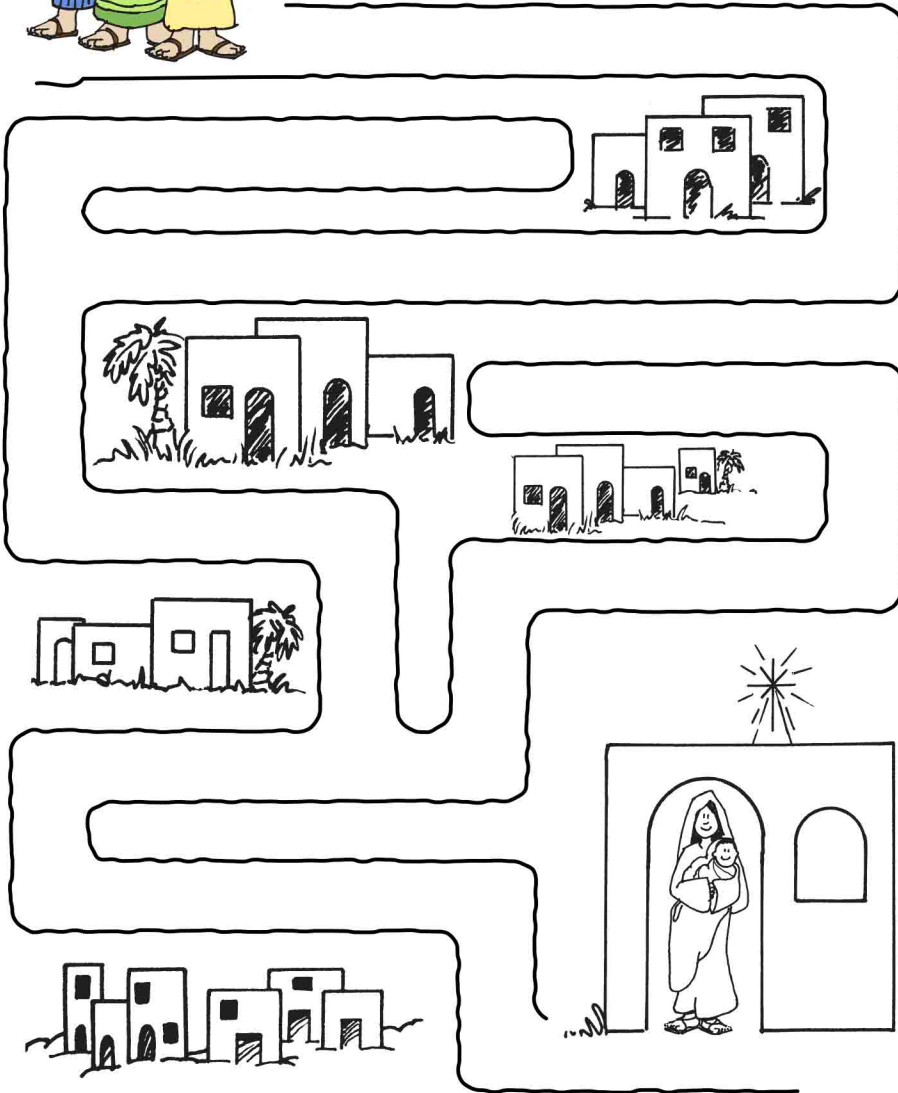
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The magi followed the star  
to where Jesus was.



Help the magi get to baby Jesus.





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## The Visit of the Magi

The magi (wise men) asked about  
the birth of Jesus.

Circle and count how many:  3 or 4 ?  4 or 5 ?



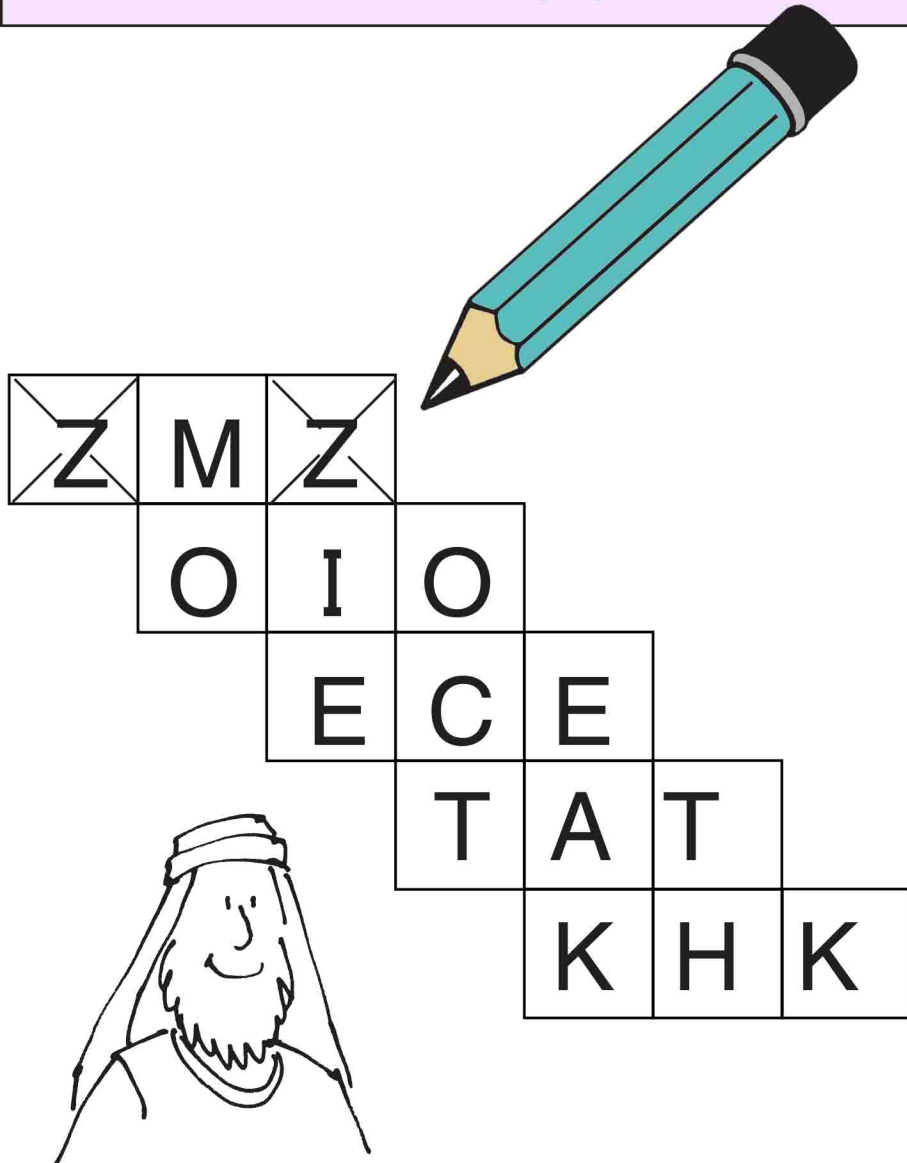
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Teachers of the law told King Herod  
what the prophet had said long ago.

Which prophet told of the birthplace of the Messiah?  
Cross out the letters that appear 2 times  
in each row to reveal the prophet's name.



The prophet had said,  
“For out of Bethlehem will come a ruler.”

Finish the picture below.



When Paul placed his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied.

Count the disciples.  
Write the number on the blank below.



There were about \_\_\_\_\_ men in all.




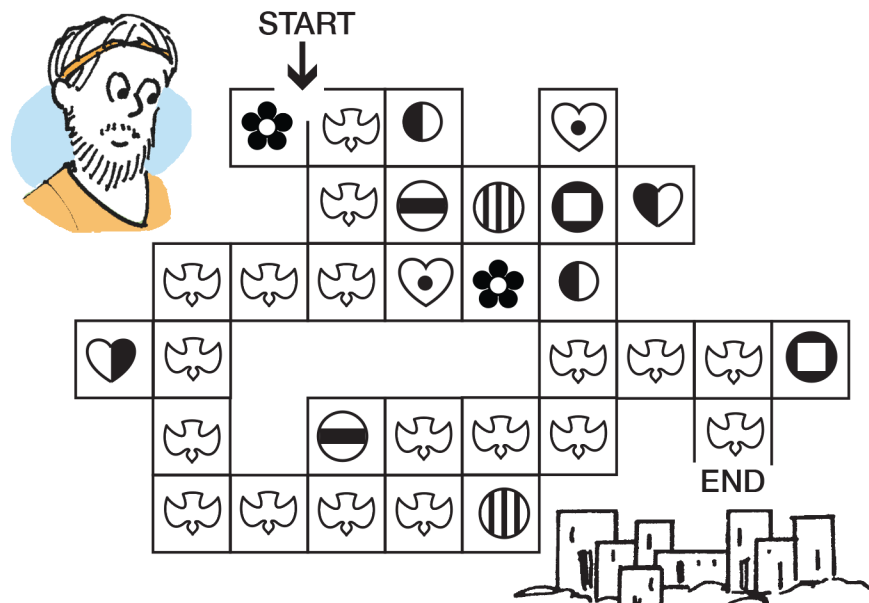
### Ages 3+

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## Disciples in Ephesus

Paul arrived at the city of Ephesus.

Follow the  to take Paul to Ephesus.



He found some disciples and asked them,  
“Did you receive the Holy Spirit  
when you believed?”

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They answered, “No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.”

Circle

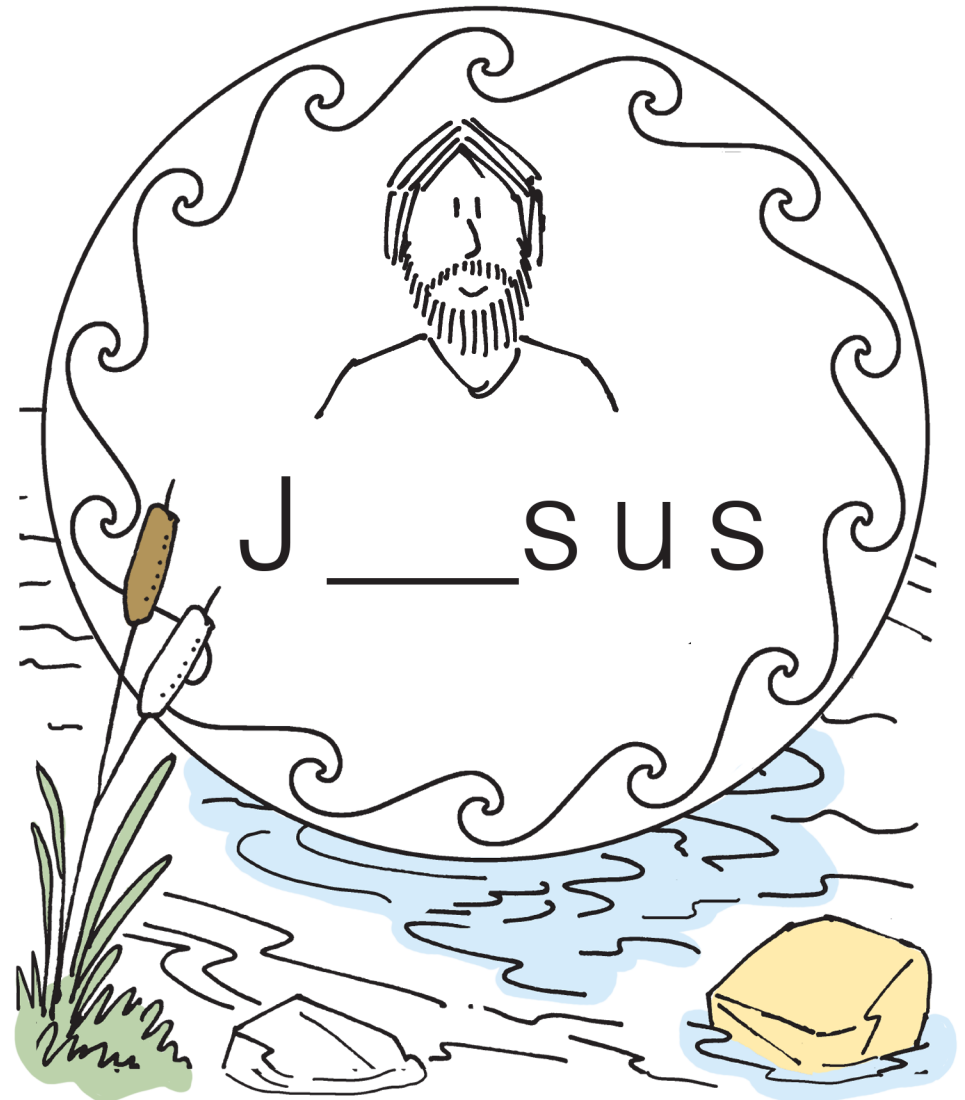
John the Baptist below.



So Paul asked,  
“Then what baptism did you receive?”  
“John’s baptism,” they replied.

Paul said that John told the people to believe in the One coming after him, Jesus.

Write the letter “e” on the blank below.

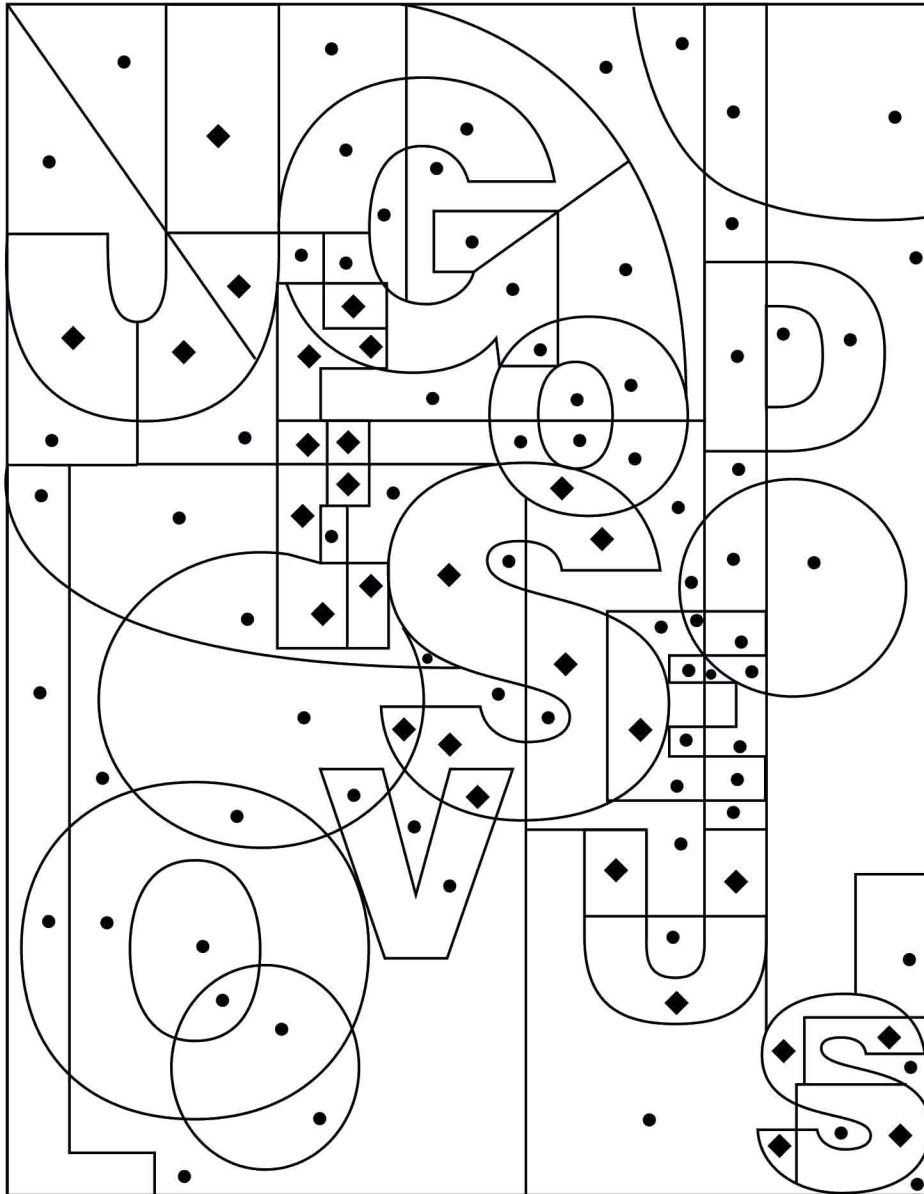


On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.



John said,  
"One more powerful than I will come."

Shade in the spaces with ♦ to find out who.



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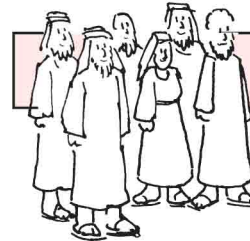


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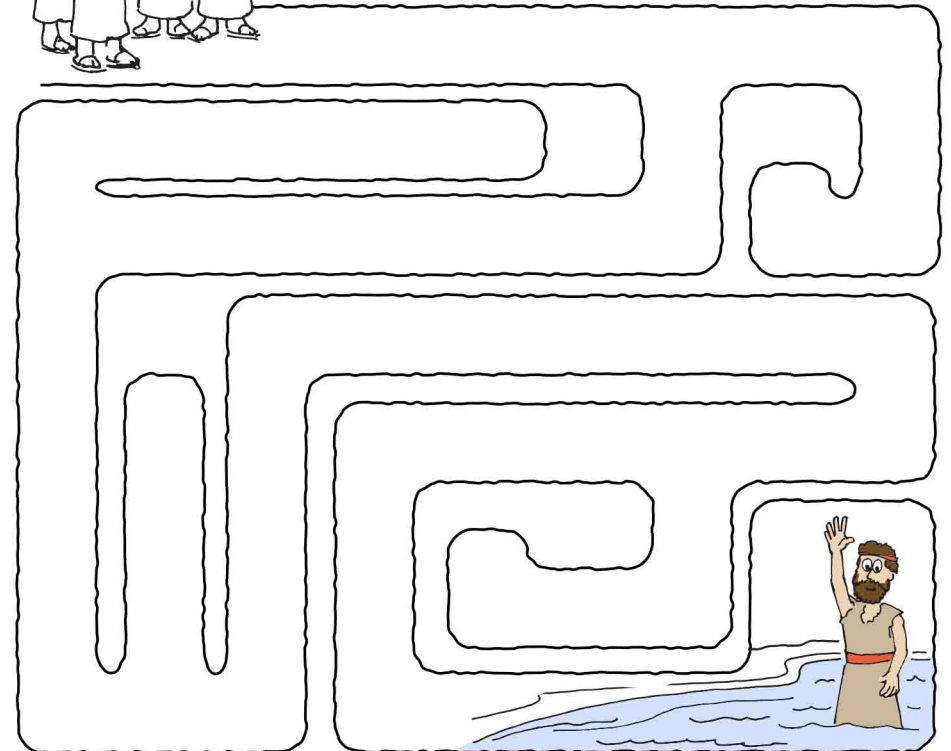
January 7, 2024 • Mark 1:4-11

## John the Baptizer

John preached to the people.



Help the people reach John.



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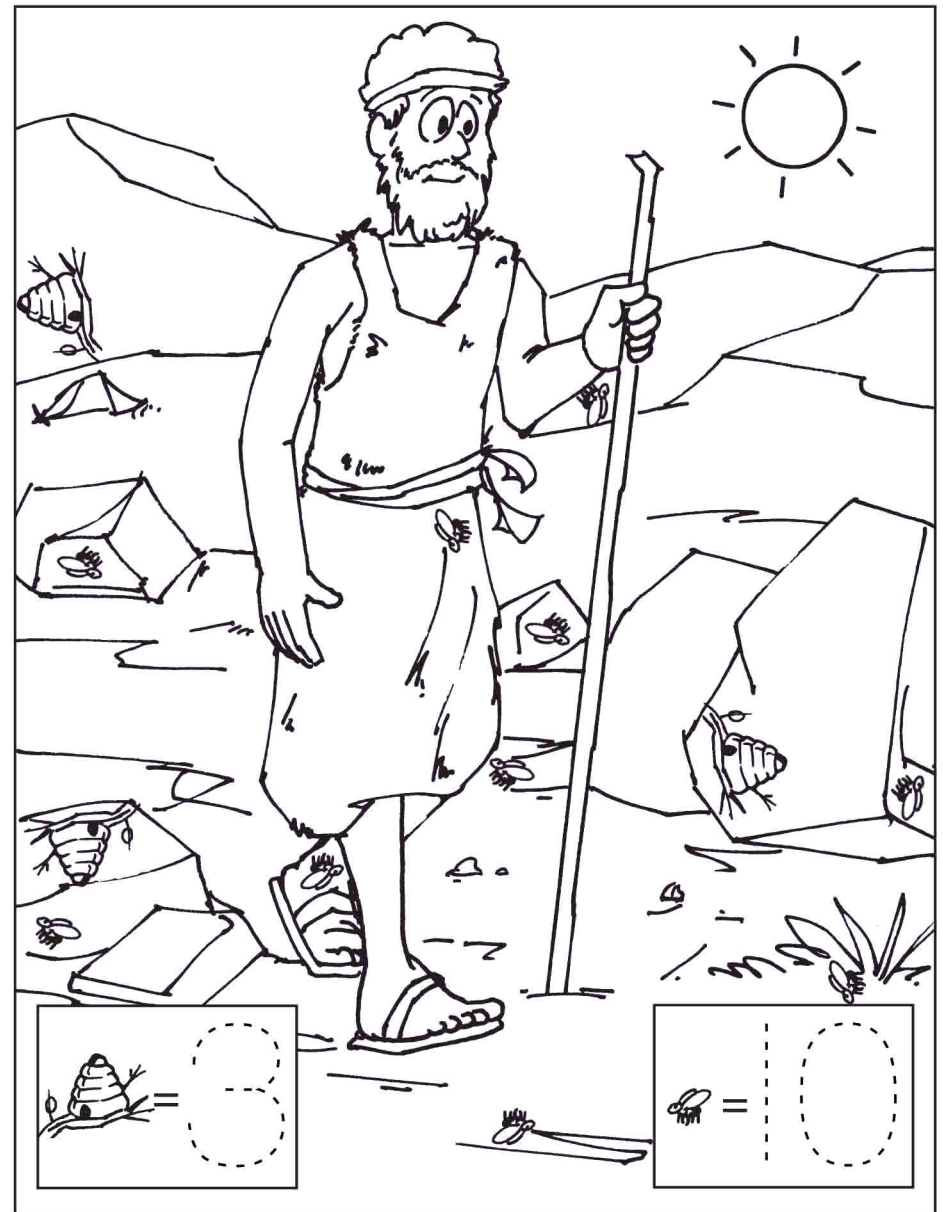
The people were sorry for what they had done. John baptized them.

Circle 5 differences in the bottom picture.

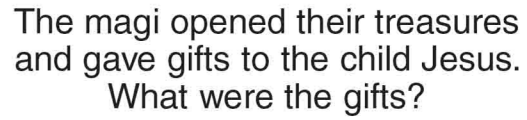


John wore rough clothing. He ate locusts (grasshoppers) and wild honey.

Count the  and .







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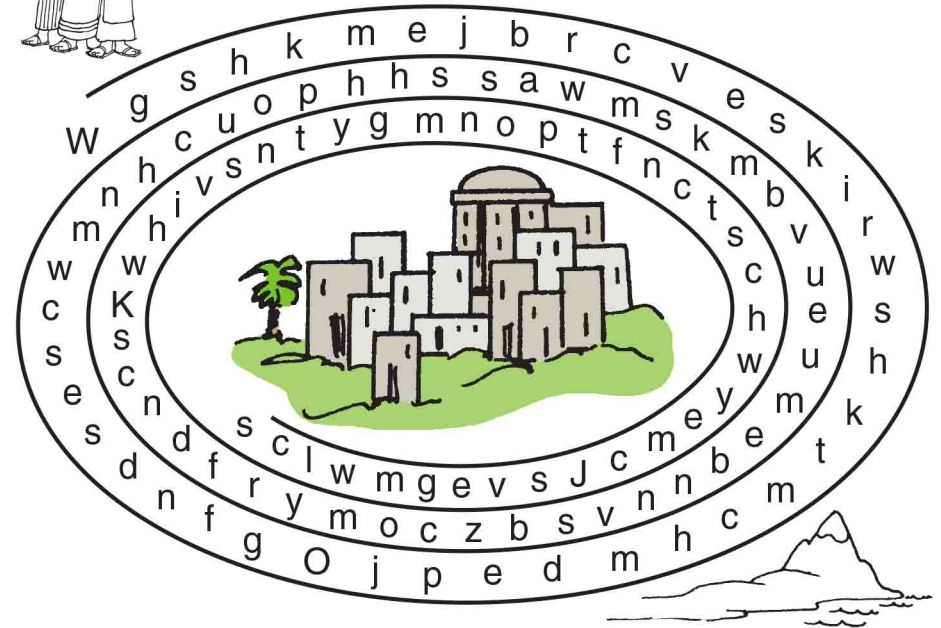
January 7, 2024 • Matthew 2:1-12

# The Visit of the Magi

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem during the time of King Herod, magi (wise men) from the East came to Jerusalem.



To find what the magi said, follow the spiral to Jerusalem.  
Begin with the first letter and then circle every third letter.  
Then write the letters in order on the lines below.



“ \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_?  
\_\_\_\_\_”

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Why did the magi say they had come?



Use the code to find the answer.

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

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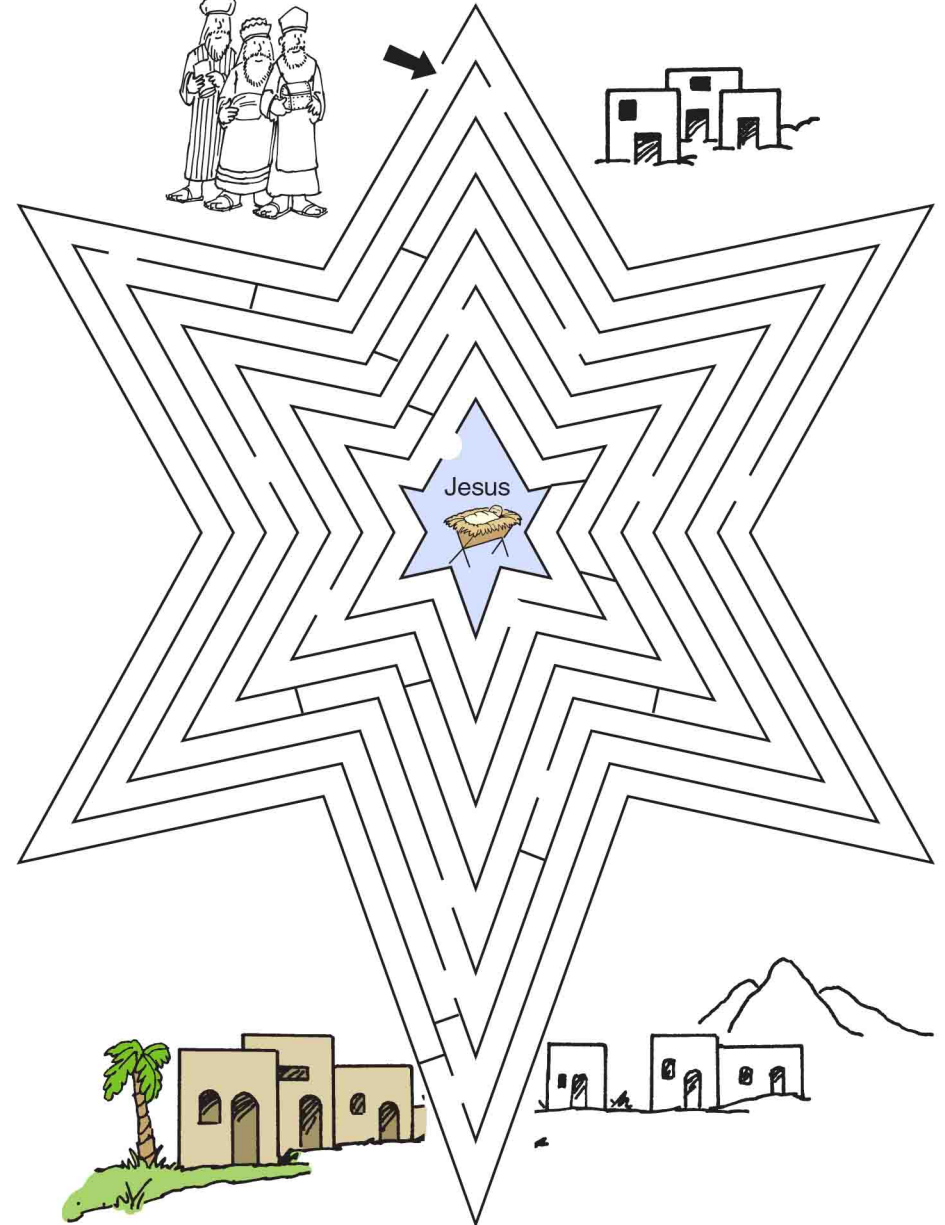
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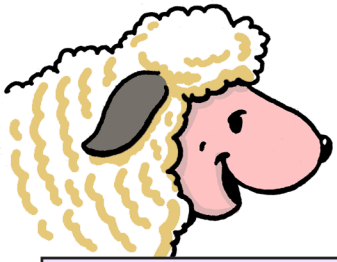
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The star led the magi to the place where the child Jesus was.

Help the magi find the correct path to Jesus.





What happened when Paul placed his hands on them?

Follow the instructions to change one word to another. Write the new words in order on the blanks below to finish the verse.

HONEY	Change NE to L =	HOLY
SPILL	Change LL to RIT =	
FLAME	Change FL to C =	
THERE	Change RE to M =	
AWOKE	Change AW to SP =	
tone	Change E to GUES =	
PROPHET	Change T to SIED=	
WAKE	Change AK to ER =	
MEET	Change ET to N =	
ASK	Change SK to LL =	

The Holy \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_, and  
they \_\_\_\_\_ in  
\_\_\_\_\_ and  
\_\_\_\_\_. There \_\_\_\_\_  
about 12 \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_.



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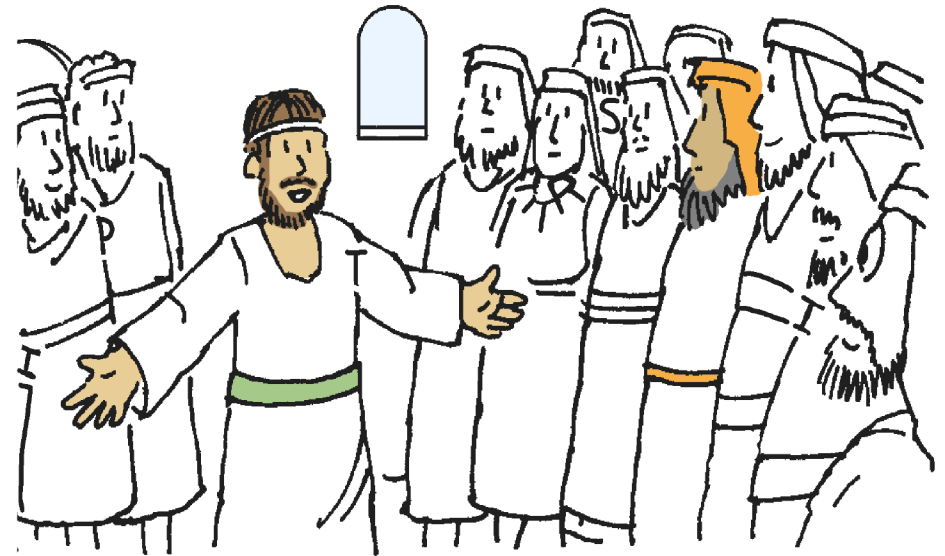
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## Disciples in Ephesus

Paul arrived at the city of Ephesus.  
There he found some disciples and asked them,  
“Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?”

Find the hidden letters in the picture.

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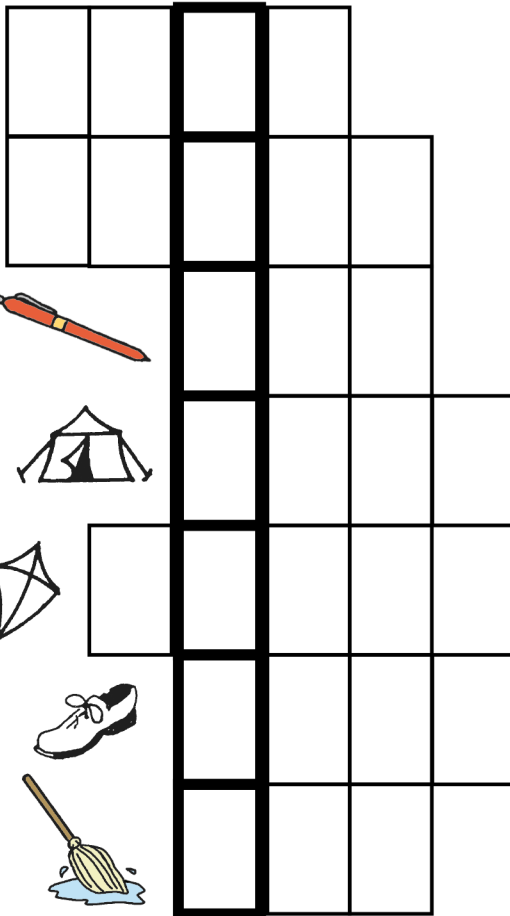


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They answered, “No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.”

Write the name of each picture. Read the letters in the darker boxes from top to bottom, and write the word on the two blanks below.



So Paul asked, “Then what

\_\_\_\_\_ did you receive?”

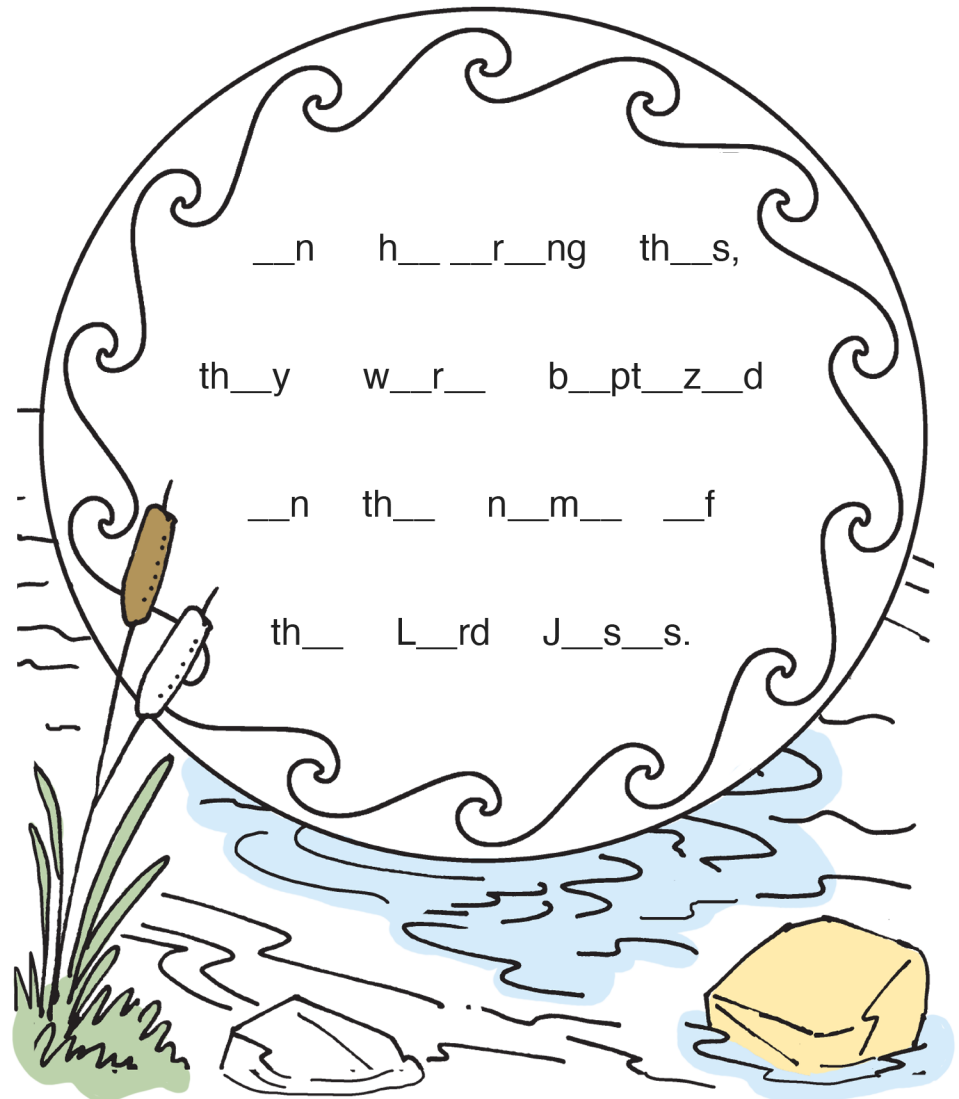
“John’s \_\_\_\_\_,”

they replied.

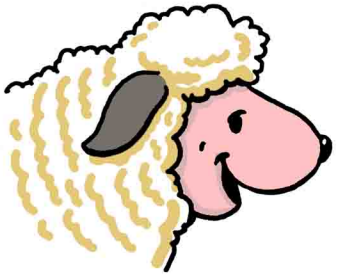
Paul said, “John’s baptism was a baptism of repentance. He told the people to believe in the One coming after him, that is, in Jesus.”

Write the vowels in order on the blanks below.

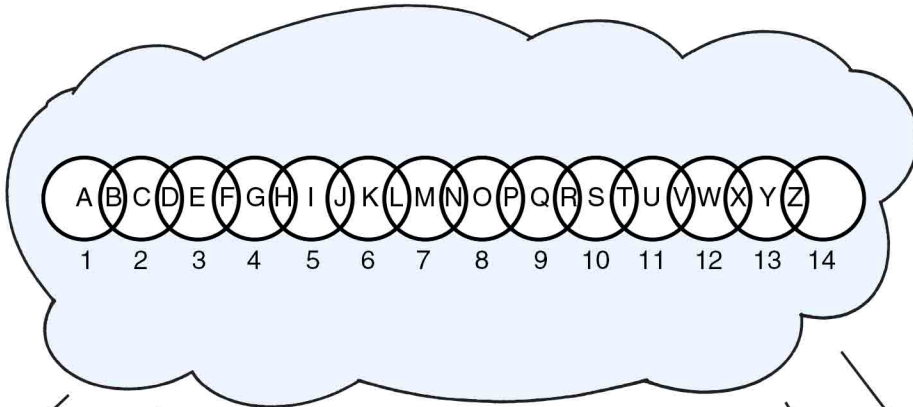
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Find letters in the clouds below to fill in the blanks.



A voice from heaven said,

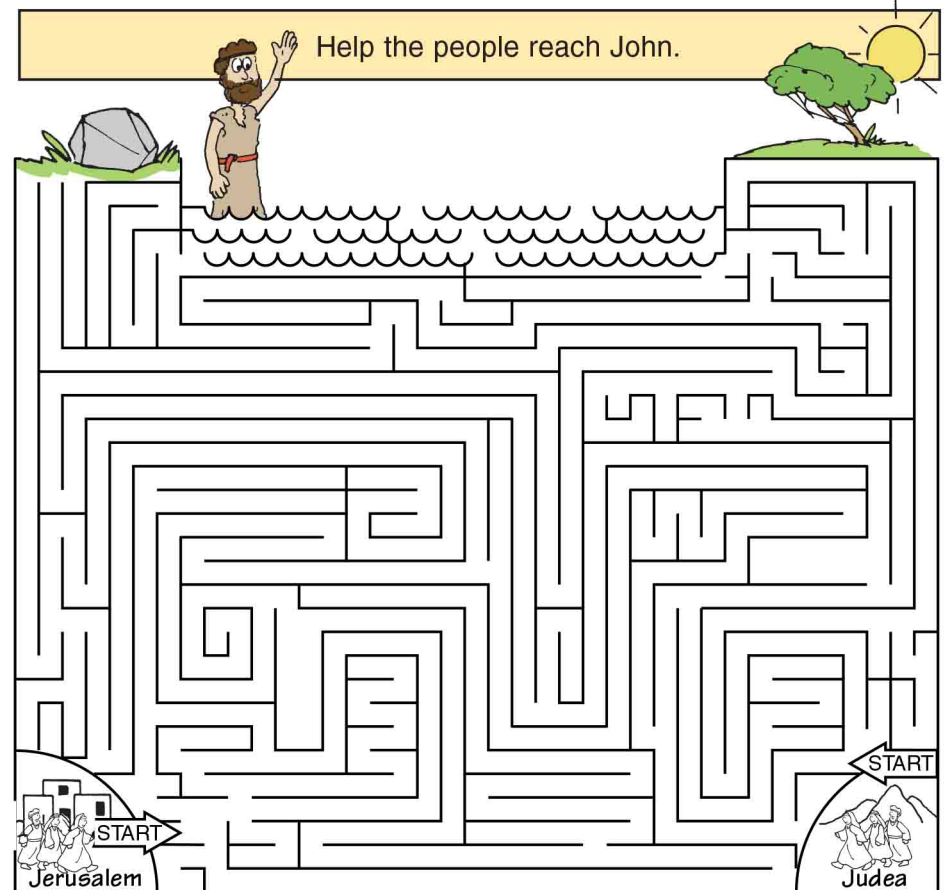
“  
 $\frac{13}{10}$   $\frac{8}{8}$   $\frac{11}{7/8}$   $\frac{1}{12}$   $\frac{9/10}{4/5}$   $\frac{3}{8}$   $\frac{7}{7}$   $\frac{13}{5}$   
 $\frac{6/7}{12}$   $\frac{8}{5}$   $\frac{11/12}{10/11}$   $\frac{3}{4/5}$ ;  
 $\frac{13}{12}$   $\frac{8}{3}$   $\frac{11}{6/7}$   $\frac{5}{6/7}$   $\frac{1}{6/7}$   $\frac{7}{6/7}$   
 $\frac{8/9}{6/7}$   $\frac{3}{3}$   $\frac{1}{10}$   $\frac{3}{2/3}$ ”

Ages 7+

January 7, 2024 • Mark 1:4-11

## John the Baptizer

People came from Jerusalem and the Judean countryside to be baptized by John in the Jordan River.



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Meet John the Baptist.

Fill in the blanks with the words from this list.  
The vowels are already in place. Read the poem with a rap rhythm.

h_m_	s_nt	r_p_nts	w_rld	l_th_r
g_v_	<del>n_m_</del>	l_c_sts	cl_th_s	pr_ch_ng
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My name is John, and I'm a \_o\_ \_ man.

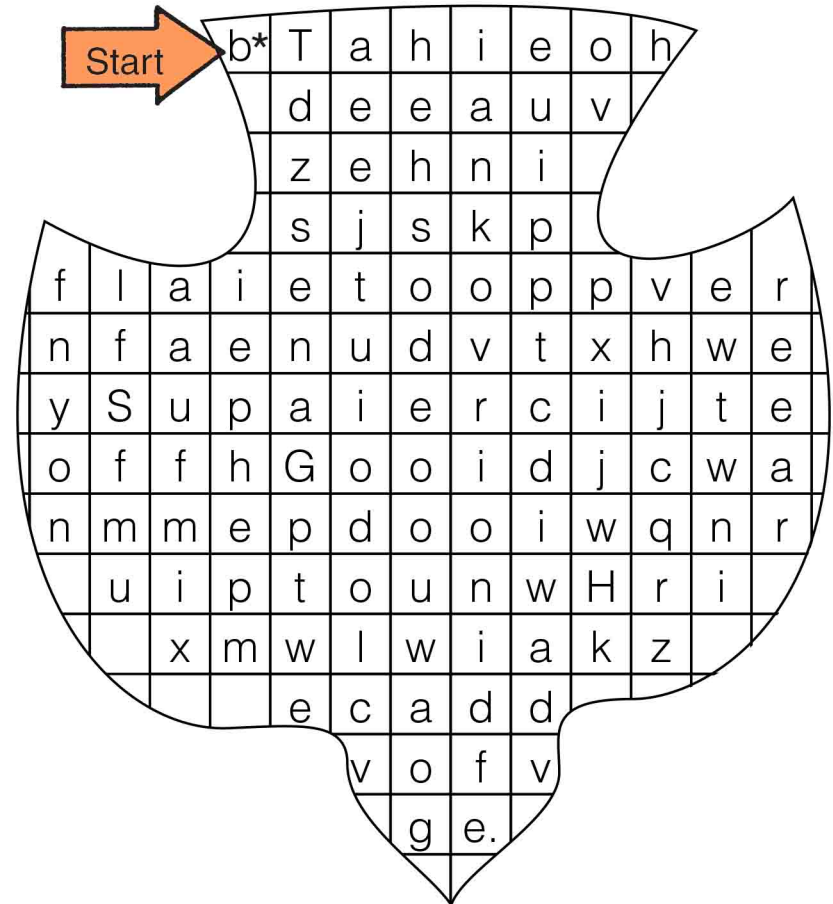
God \_e\_ \_ me here to prepare the land  
for the coming of His Son into the \_o\_ \_ \_  
one day, and to \_a\_ \_i\_e everyone who  
\_e\_e\_ \_ of their sinful way.

I wear \_o\_ \_e\_ of camel's hair, a  
\_ea\_ \_e\_ belt around my waist; I eat  
\_o\_u\_ \_ \_ and wild honey; you're welcome  
to a taste. The \_e\_e\_ \_ is my \_o\_e\_;  
in the \_i\_ \_e\_ \_e\_ I live.

listen to my \_ \_ea\_ \_i\_ \_;  
important \_o\_ \_ \_ to you I \_i\_e!

Jesus came to John to be baptized in the  
Jordan River. When He came up out of  
the water, what happened?

Cross out every other letter, beginning with the one marked  
with the ★. Write the answer on the lines.



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