



Friends of Jesus and Mary

Cycle B - III Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 61, 1-2. 10-11; Luke 1, 46-48. 49-50. 53-54; 1 Thessalonians 5, 16-24; John 1, 6-8. 19-28

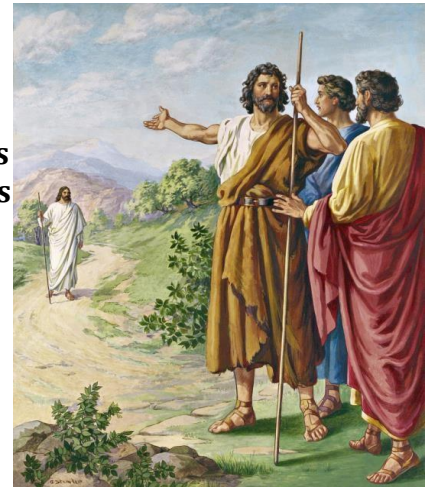
John, witness of the light.

A man named John was sent from God. He came to witness, to witness to the light, so that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to witness to the light. And this is the witness of John. When the Jews from Jerusalem sent priests and Levites to him to ask him, "Who are you?" He admitted and did not deny it, saying, "I am not the Christ." So they asked him, "Who are you then? Are you Elijah?" And he said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" He answered, "No." So they said to him, "Who are you, so we can give an answer to those who sent us? What do you have to say for yourself?" He said: "I am *the voice of one crying out in the desert, 'make straight the way of the Lord,'*" as Isaiah the prophet said." Some Pharisees were also sent. They asked him, "Why then do you baptize if you are not the Christ or Elijah or the Prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water; but there is one among you whom you do not recognize, the one who is coming after me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie." This happened in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

Reflection

When you see your brother or sister break something and you tell your Mom, you are a witness to the event. What is a witness? (Someone who has observed a certain event or knows something and declares it.) **The Gospel says that John came as a witness to the light. Who is the light?** (Jesus.) **How does John witness to Jesus with his life?** (He lived in the desert dedicated completely to God by praying and sacrificing showing how important God was to him.)

How is John witness to Jesus with his words? John asked God's people to repent and be baptized to prepare for the coming of the Savior. He also answered the priest's and Levite's questions declaring he was not the Savior who was already present in the world. **Why were these words so important:** "I am *the voice of one crying out in the desert, 'make straight the way of the Lord,'*" as Isaiah the prophet said? The Jews were waiting for the coming of the Messiah and they knew the words of the prophet Isaiah who foretold the Savior's coming. With these words the priests and Levites knew that John was proclaiming the coming of the awaited Savior. His words were believable to many because of the way he lived his life. **How can we be believable witnesses to Jesus with our lives?** (Pray often, do Works of Mercy, forgive, participate in the Sacraments.) **With our words?** (Speak with kindness, say the truth, tell others about God's great love for them, invite friends to mass).



Activity

On the following page, use the Advent code to reveal the message. On the next page, every time you do a loving act, color a flower purple. On the last page, color and answer the questions about St. John the Baptist.

Prayer

Lord, give me a humble heart so I may always seek you, always repent, and always love you, Help me to be a believable witness of your Light with my life and my words so I may help build Your Kingdom. Amen.

Song: This Little Light of Mine, Listener Kids (Ctrl Click) <https://youtu.be/recdOYUmSRQ> (3-6 yrs.)
Shine Jesus Shine, eri63C, <https://youtu.be/gURAcHTSsN4>

PPT: https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1ewKGlwQbe_VsGv-Zl3YMXS-l0SFev6ys/edit?usp=drive_link&ouid=115268475267556305384&rtppof=true&sd=true

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Advent

Use the code to Find the Advent message.

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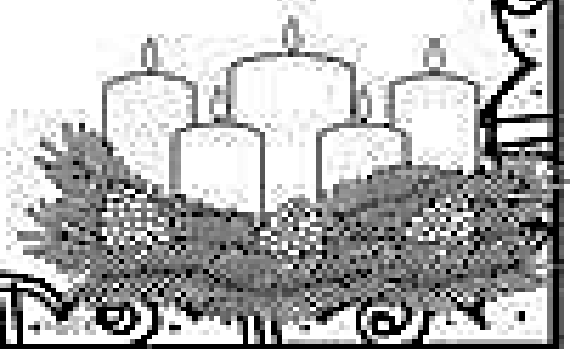
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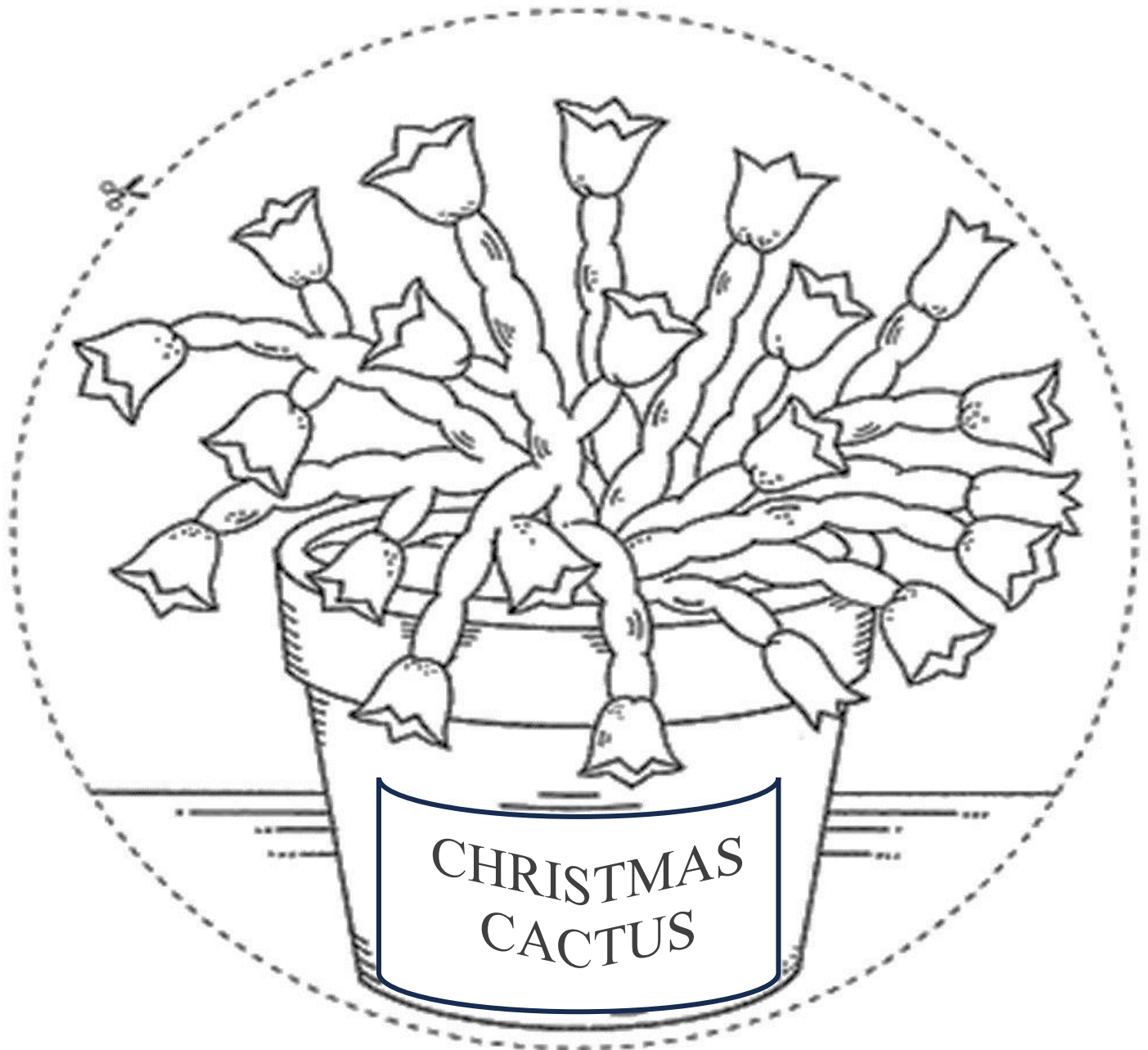


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Advent Flowers

During Advent, we help others see the love of God.

This cactus flowers during Advent. Color the leaves green. Every time you help someone see the love of God, color the flower purple. Cut the plant.



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St. John the Baptist, Witness to the Light



How did John live? _____

For what did John ask? _____

For whom did John prepare the way? _____