Youth News

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LEAD STORY HEADLINE:

PREPARE THE WAY!

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“The One who is coming will not judge by what others say or by what people look like, but will judge the poor with justice and fairness.”

Isaiah 11:3-4
GOSPEL: MATTHEW 3:1-12

When John the Baptist went to the desert to preach, he always said to the people, “Change your lives! The reign of God is near!” Long ago, Isaiah the prophet was talking about John the Baptist when he said, “There is someone out in the desert proclaiming, ‘Prepare the way for the coming of God! Make a straight path for the coming of God!’” John wore clothes that were made of camel’s hair, and he wore a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. Many people went to the desert to see John and confessed their sins. John baptized them in the Jordan River and told them, “I am baptizing you in water to change your lives. But someone is coming after me who is more powerful than I am. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.

This is the Good News of the Lord.


WHAT DO YOU THINK?

1. How do you think John the Baptist meant we should change our lives because God was coming? What would you change in your life if you knew God was coming?

2. Who do you think is the person that John the Baptist was saying was more powerful than he was? Why do you think this person was more powerful?

FOOD FOR THOUGHT…

We are taught to worship one God, but why do you think this is so? Why would it be wrong for someone to think of something else as more important than God? Do you think we all make that mistake sometimes?

JOHN THE BAPTIST:

Colour this picture of John the Baptist while you think about how people may have prepared for Jesus when they heard that he was coming.

“Change your lives! The reign of God is near! Matthew 3:2

BY THE WAY…

John the Baptist is the only birthday other than that of Mary and Jesus who is celebrated in the church calendar. We celebrate this day on June 24 every year.
Inside Scoop...

John the Baptist tells us in today’s story to prepare the way for the coming of God. Did you know that the first commandment tells us to worship one God and only one God instead of idols? In keeping all of God’s commandments and honouring God, we are keeping the first commandment. We can do this by praying often, making sacrifices like we do during Lent, and doing other things like going to church. If we do all of these things, we are keeping the first commandment. If you were to design a billboard to teach people how to follow the first commandment, what would you put on it? Make it for real and teach your family and friends about what it means to worship only one God!

“Prepare the way for the coming of God! Make a straight path for the coming of God!”
Matthew 3:3