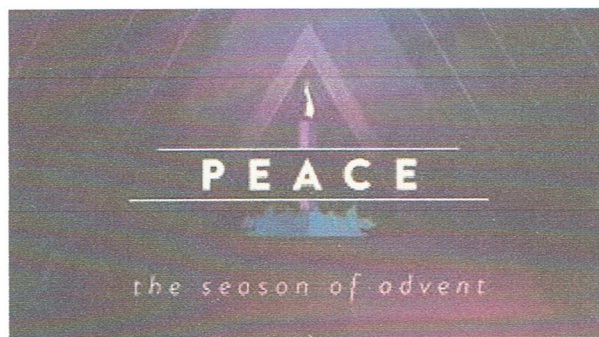


## This Week in Sunday School 12.6.20 - John the Baptist/Advent Week 2



Happy Sunday Friends,

Today is the second Sunday in Advent. Today we light the peace candle. After a busy weekend of tree and house decorations, I am happy to be able to take a moment and sit peacefully, something we don't always do during the very busy holiday season.

In today's lesson we are going to learn about John the Baptist, who was Jesus's cousin. He baptized a lot of people including Jesus and also tried to teach people about repentance. We are also going to learn some more about Advent and this special time as we wait for Jesus' birth.

Also attached are some activities and coloring sheets.

Finally Friends, please remember that Repentance doesn't mean feeling bad for what we are doing wrong. It means turning around and changing, walking away from bad choices and starting to make good choices. And that God will always, always forgive you. No matter what.

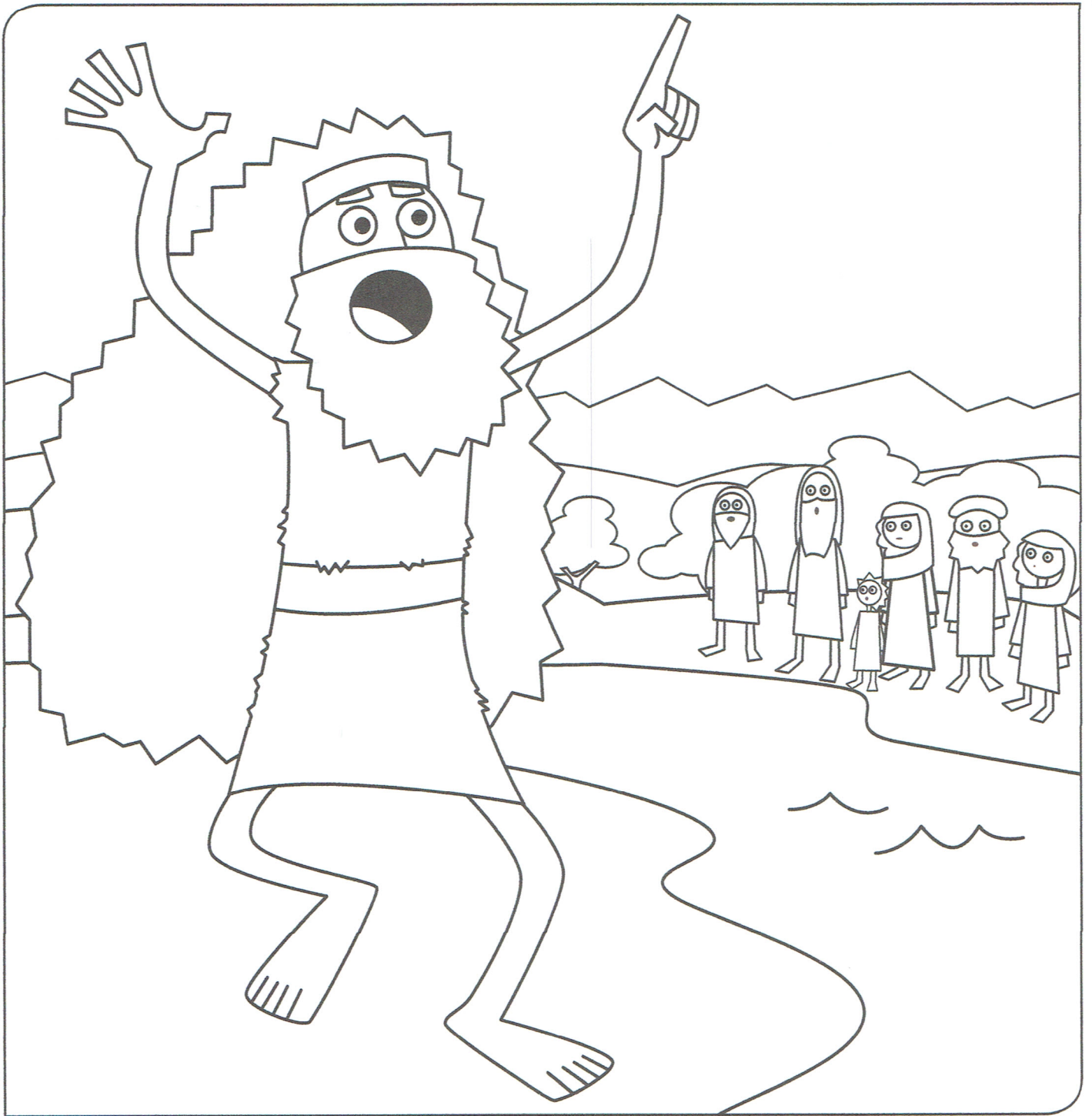
Finally Finally Friends, Here's a cool short video on how to sign "Peace" in ASL.

<https://aslteachingresources.com/dictionary/peace/>

I hope you know how much you are loved and missed! We can't wait to be back at church together soon.

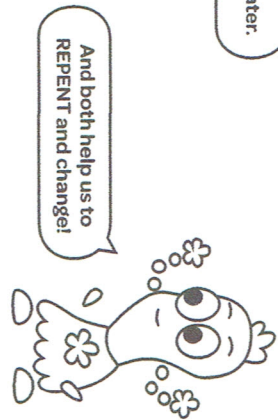
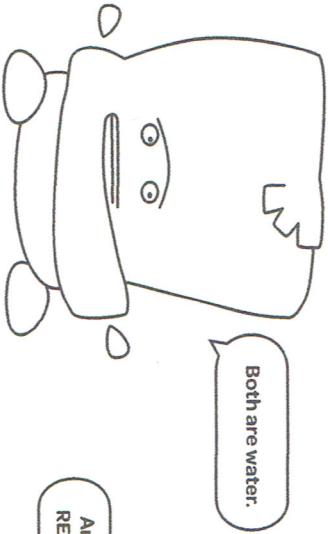
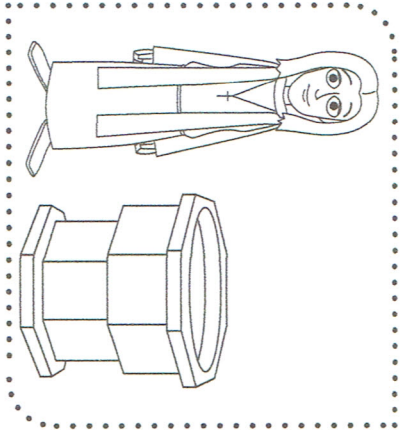
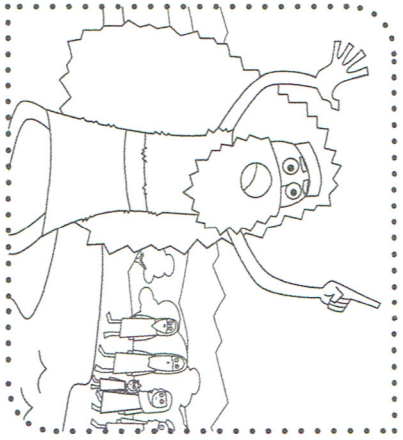
Take Care,  
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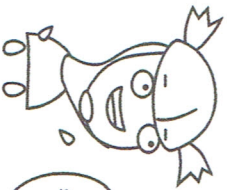


John the Baptist waved his arms and shouted to get people's attention. How can you spread the message about Jesus?

John baptized people in a river. How are people baptized in your church?

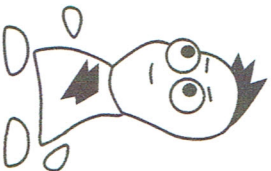


I'M SORRY



Color your "I'm Sorry" and then save it. You can use it whenever you need it!

These are important words. Everybody does something wrong, but when we do, our baptism helps us to say we're sorry and do something different.



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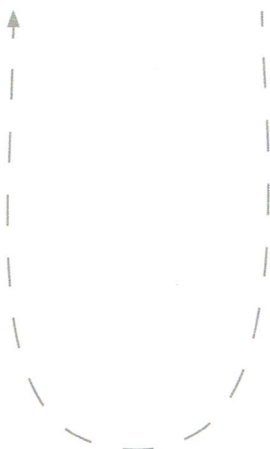
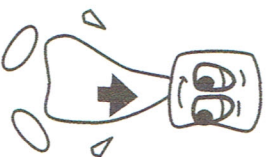
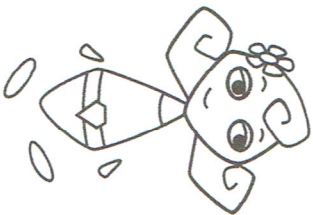


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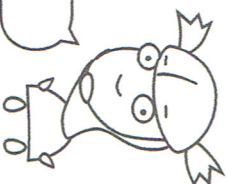
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**REPENT means to turn away from doing wrong.**  
Draw arrows to help Ruby and Victor turn away.

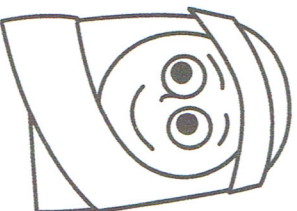
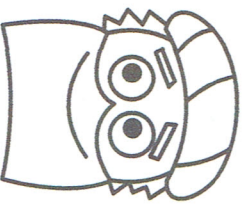
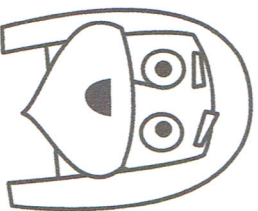
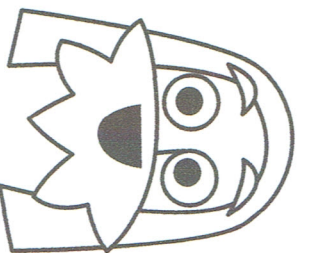
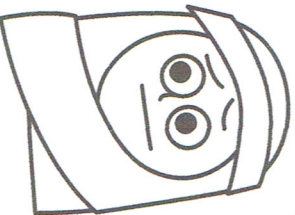
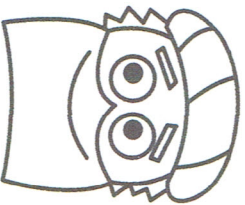
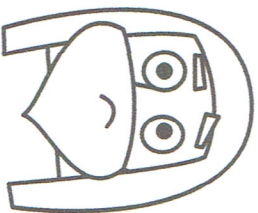
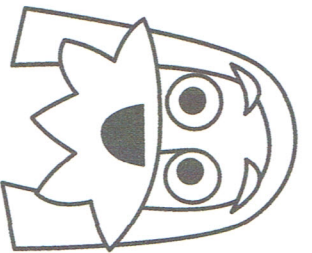
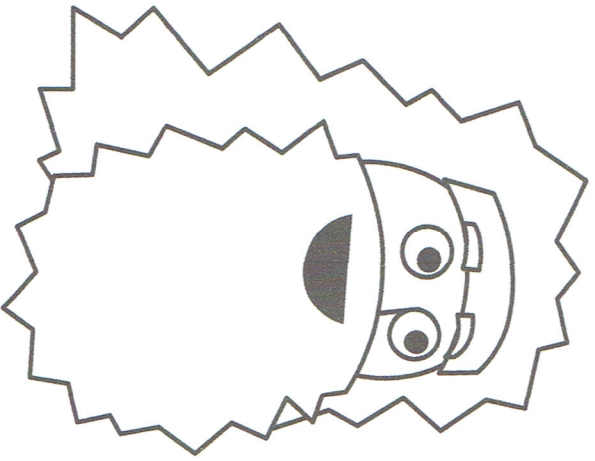


Sometimes turning away saves a lot of trouble!



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# Change your life!

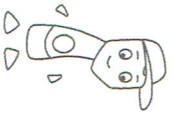


John told people to be baptized and change!  
Put a triangle ▲ between the faces that have changed.  
Put a square ■ between the faces that are the same.  
Color the changed faces.

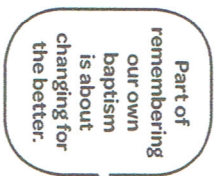
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# REPENT

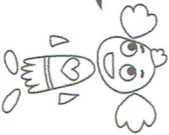
Write down some things, actions, attitudes, or habits that you'd like to change about yourself.



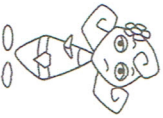
John the Baptist wanted people to be baptized and REPENT, or change their lives.



Part of remembering our own baptism is about changing for the better.



Repent? Way to put a damper on the holiday cheer, guys.



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## John Prepares the Way

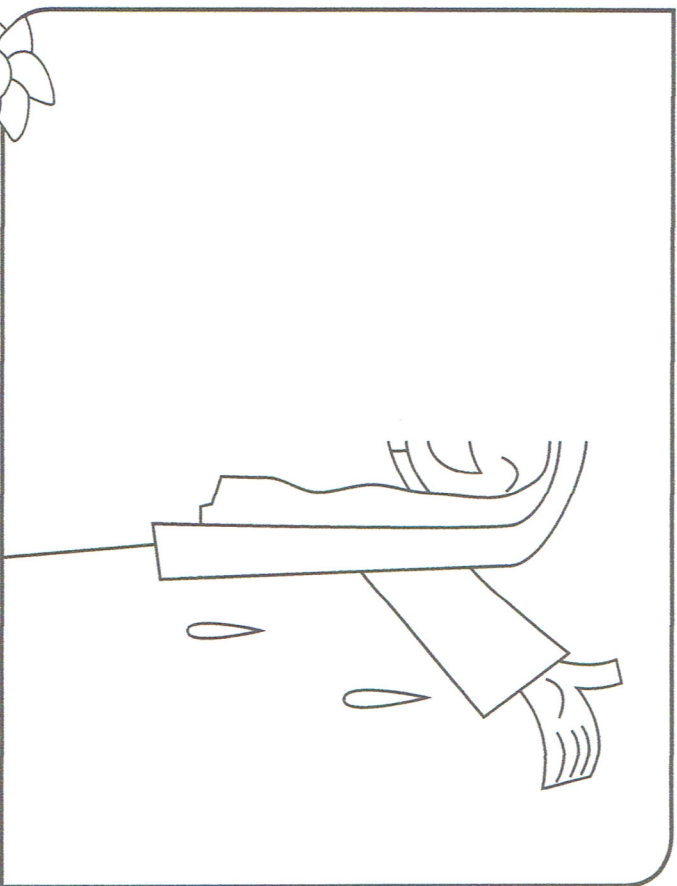
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To “repent” means to turn away from doing wrong.

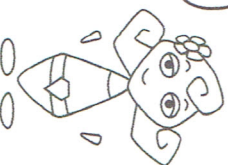
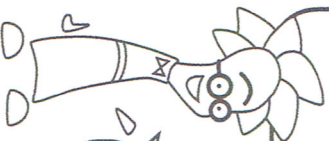
When people confessed their sins, John would baptize them.

Can you finish the drawing of a woman John baptized?



I've seen a river baptism before. It looked pretty cold.

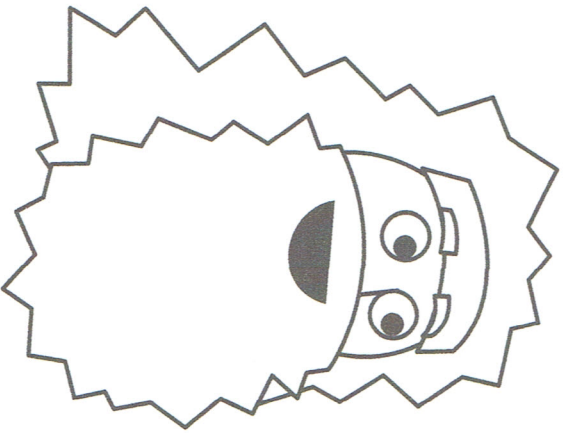
That must have looked like quite a swimming party.



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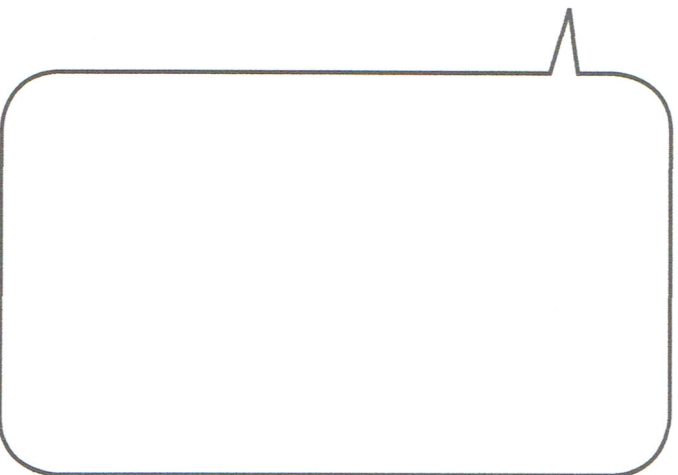
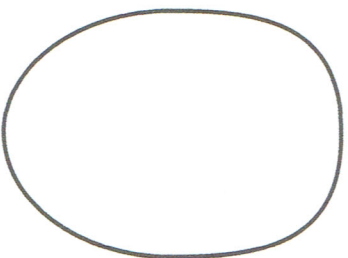
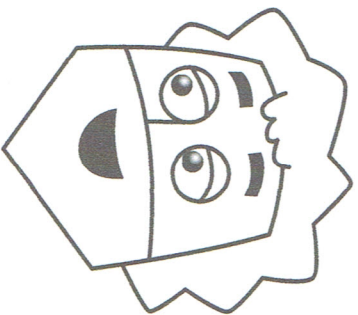
**“I am sending my messenger out ahead of me.” John was Jesus’ messenger.**

**What was John’s message?  
See Mark 1:1-8.**



**Draw your face and write  
your message about Jesus.**

**What was Jesus’ message? Write down everything  
you know about Jesus’ message here.**



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