

Children's Newsletter

St Mary's

2nd Sunday
of Advent

Matthew 3:1-12

John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness and telling people to repent and be sorry for the things they had done wrong. He baptized many with water from the river and telling them that there would be one coming after him who would be greater than him and would baptize them with the Holy Spirit.

John the Baptist

1. Who is John the Baptist?

He was the cousin of Jesus.

2. Who were his parents?

Zachary and Elizabeth.

3. Who told Zachary they were going to have a baby?

The Angel Gabriel.

4. What did Zachary say?

He didn't believe the angel Gabriel and he could not speak until the baby was born.

5. Who else did the angel Gabriel visit?

He visited Mary and told her that Elizabeth was going to have a baby. She went to visit Elizabeth.

Prophets

What is a prophet?

A prophet is a messenger from God.

Isaiah

Isaiah is one of God's prophets. Long before Jesus was born Isaiah told everyone that Jesus was coming. He also told them that there would one who came before Jesus to prepare the way: this was John the Baptist.



Quiz

What does Advent mean?

Whose Gospel will we listen to this year?

What do we call someone sent by God to tell us something?

Who was the cousin of Jesus?

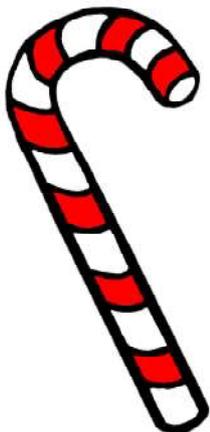
What were his parents' names?

Answers
1. Advent means 'coming'
2. Matthew
3. A Prophet
4. John the Baptist
5. Zachary and Elizabeth



John the Baptist prepares the way for Jesus to come after him. John is known as the first prophet of the New Testament because he was a messenger of God. John met his cousin, Jesus, at the River Jordan and Jesus asked John to baptize him.

Candy Canes



Why do we hang candy canes on our Christmas trees?

A sweet maker wanted to make something to honour Christ's birth.

It had to be a hard sweet to show that God's church was built on solid rock.

Because Jesus is known as the 'Good Shepherd', it was formed in the shape of a shepherd's staff (and turning it upside down, it was also a "J" for Jesus).

