



**Children's Church – Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December**  
**Mark 1:1-8**  
**John the Baptist – the Messenger**

Jesus was SO important that God sent a messenger to get everyone ready! John was Jesus' cousin and he spent his whole life telling people about Jesus. He helped them prepare for Jesus in their hearts and to say sorry for the wrong things they had done. This meant they would feel brand new!

As Christmas gets nearer and nearer, and we all get more excited about it, we should try to remember that it is about Jesus' birthday and this is what we will be celebrating. Just as John the Baptist prepared the people for Jesus, we can prepare for Christmas and all the fun we will share by also remembering we will be celebrating Jesus' birthday!

**Video:**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7NMHOLPWeTM>

**Song:**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DkTWjhjKHjs>





### Craft:



John the Baptist told people to prepare for Jesus. When we prepare for Christmas we can make paper chains to decorate our houses. How about writing a message on the first few strips of one? This could remind us to be ready for Jesus! You could write one word of each of the

following on yours before you link them all together:

**John told others about Jesus Mark 1:1-8**



### Prayer:

Dear Lord

Please help us to remember, in the excitement of preparing for Christmas, that we are preparing to celebrate the birth of your son, Jesus. Thank you so much for sending us the most amazing gift of all!

Amen





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## JOHN THE BAPTIST

*Matthew 3:3, Mark 1:3, Luke 3:4*



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