

Junior Church at-home session for Sunday 5 December 2021

Big idea: Jesus is for everyone



Bible story: Luke 3: 1-6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar as Emperor of Rome, Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea. Herod was ruler of Galilee and Philip and Lysanias were the other local rulers. Annas and Caiaphas were the high priests. These were the powerful people when the word of God came to John, son of Zechariah. John went through the whole district around the river Jordan, teaching people that they must repent and turn away from sin, and be baptised, as a sign of a new way of life with God.

The prophet Isaiah had foreseen this and described it like this: 'A voice will cry out in the wilderness: "Prepare a way for the Lord! Make his paths straight. All the valleys will be filled in, and the mountains lowered down to make the road smooth and straight. Then everyone will see how God will save us."'

Notes

- Repent means saying sorry to God for what you have done: having a change of heart.
- A prophet is someone who wrote down messages from God, a long time ago, about the promised Messiah. Talk about Isaiah and look up in the Bible where these words come from (Isaiah 40.3-5).



wonder?

- Why did Luke set out the names of people and places at the beginning of the reading?
- What do you know about John?
- Whose is the voice crying out in the wilderness?
- Who is "the Lord"?
- What do you think John means when he says, 'Make the road smooth and straight'?
- How can we help everyone to know that Jesus is for them?



Creative Activity – world collage - create a symbol of an equal world

You will need: green and brown tissue paper, a large piece of paper, glue

- Prepare strips of green and brown tissue paper and scrunch them up.
- Smooth out each of the strips of tissue paper.
- Stick them on to the large piece of paper to make a collaborative picture representing the earth made smooth.



Creative Activity – create a symbol to show Jesus is for all

You will need: a large sheet of paper, pens and pencils, paints and/or collage items.

- Think of ideas for a symbol that shows Jesus is for everyone. What would it include? How would people know what the symbol means?
- Take the large sheet of paper and draw on the symbol. Decorate it, using pens, paints and/or collage items. Underneath, write 'Jesus is for all'.



Prayer

Loving God,
thank you for being our Messiah;
not just the rescuer of a few people,
but the rescuer of all.
Amen.



For the week

As you are playing games or sports this week, try and do this in a way that all can join in.