

Year C - Second Sunday of Advent

Luke 3: 1-6

All people shall see the salvation of God.



For fifteen years Emperor Tiberius had ruled that part of the world, and Annas and Caiaphas were the Jewish high priests.

At that time God spoke to Zechariah's son John, who was living in the desert.

So John went along the Jordan Valley, telling the people,

"Turn back to God and be baptised!

Then your sins will be forgiven."

Isaiah the prophet wrote about

John when he said,

"In the desert someone is shouting,

'Get the road ready for the Lord!

Make a straight path for him!

Fill up every valley and level every mountain and hill.

Straighten the crooked paths and smooth out the rough roads.

Then everyone will see the saving power of God.' "



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Turn back to God - a spring clean for the soul



Introduction

- Who has ever been told that they have to tidy their room, or we need to clean the house because visitors are coming round?

Message

- Sometimes when someone special is coming around, parents like to do a clean-up. Or when you are going out somewhere special, like for dinner or for a wedding, people dress up. It's a way of telling someone they are special, you've made a special effort for them
- But Jesus isn't concerned about what we look like, or how tidy our room is, he is far more interested in us and how we are.
- Just like our rooms can get messy if we don't care for it properly, our hearts and souls can suffer if we don't take care. Like, if we have been making bad choices, hurting others, getting angry or letting people down.
- But each time we say sorry for those things or each time we try to make it right, it's like our hearts and soul get a spring clean. *If there are children in your group who have made their first reconciliation you can discuss that here.*
- What John the Baptist is saying in today's gospel is to turn back to God, to repent. He is saying we need to say sorry for the wrong things we have done (because we all do the wrong things every now and then) and in doing so we can be ready for Jesus.

Discussion questions

- What are some things that can make our hearts messy?
- How hard can it be to say sorry?
- Why do you think it's important that we try to make things right again after we've done something wrong?

