

Year C - Third Sunday of Advent

Luke 3:10-16, 18

What, then, must we do?



The crowds asked John the Baptist, "What should we do?"

John told them, "If you have two coats,
give one to someone who doesn't have any.
If you have food, share it with someone else."

When tax collectors came to be baptised, they asked John,
"Teacher, what should we do?"

John told them, "Don't make people pay more than they owe."
Some soldiers asked him, "And what about us? What do we have to do?"

John told them,
"Don't force people to pay money to make you leave them alone.
Be satisfied with your pay."

Everyone became excited and wondered,
"Could John be the Messiah?"

John said, "I am just baptising with water.
But someone more powerful is going to come,
and I am not good enough even to untie his sandals.
He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire."

In many different ways John preached the good news to the people.



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Preparing ourselves to meet Jesus



- Introduction**
- We all have our own traditions and different things we do at home to get ready for Christmas.
 - Ask the children about traditions they have at home and share some of your own traditions.

- Message**
- John the Baptist had a very special job. He was a prophet, which meant he had a role to tell people about the Messiah who was coming - Jesus!
 - He was such a kind and wise person that people thought that maybe he was the Messiah but told them "No there is one even greater than me to come"
 - In lots of different ways, John preached about Jesus and prepared the way for him.
 - It wasn't about just what he said to others, it was also what he did for others and what he taught them.
 - This week in Advent there is a special focus on the joy that Jesus brings to our lives. When we share the message of Jesus with others, we share great joy with them.
 - There are lots of ways we can help prepare ourselves and others for the arrival of Jesus.

- Discussion questions**
- Using our words - what are some ways we can prepare the way for Jesus?
 - Using our actions - what are some ways we can prepare the way for Jesus?
 - Why do you think it's important to use our words and our actions to tell people about Jesus?

