

THE PASS-THE-PLATE DEVOS

"Families passing on the faith as they pass their plates at the Family Table on the week of Dec 7th"

Bible Focus Mark 1:1-8

The beginning of the gospel about Jesus Christ, the Son of God. It is written in Isaiah the prophet:

"I will send my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way"

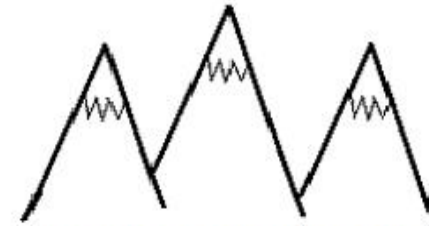
"a voice of one calling in the desert,

'Prepare the way for the Lord,

make straight paths for him.' " And so John came, baptizing in the desert region and preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him. Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River. John wore clothing made of camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. And this was his message: "After me will come one more powerful than I, the thongs of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

The Word of the Lord! **Thanks be to God!**

1. *What does the voice calling in the desert say?*
2. *What was John doing in the desert region?*
3. *What clothes was John wearing?*
4. *What was John's message to the people?*
5. *John the Baptist was pointing the people to Jesus, not himself. This Advent season, we too point people to Jesus who will be born again on Christmas morning. What can your family do this week to point your friends and your extended family toward Jesus?*



Share your **HIGHS** and **LOWS**
from today!



What is your
favorite family
Christmas
tradition?



Family Challenge

It's really easy to skip over the season of Advent and jump straight into Christmas.

This season, let's take time to **REPAIRE THE WAY** for Jesus to come! When your family sets up their nativity scene, leave Jesus out. After all, He's not here yet.

Instead, have a mom or dad hide Jesus somewhere in the house, and have the kids find Him on Christmas morning – just like the shepherds did!