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REGULAR LESSON

Make a Road for the King!

TODAY'S BIG IDEA	God sent John the Baptist to get people ready for Jesus. We get ready by saying sorry to God and trusting that Jesus forgives us.
BIBLE READING	Mark 1:1–8
MEMORY VERSE	"Make ready the way of the Lord! Make his paths straight!" (Mark 1:3)

1 Getting ready for a King

Today the **second** Advent candle is lit. Color the two lit candles:

2 The road in the desert

Isaiah 40:3–4 The voice of one who calls out, "Prepare the way of the LORD in the wilderness! Make a level highway in the desert for our God. Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low. The uneven shall be made level, and the rough places a plain.

1. **What did God want built in the desert?**

2. **What gets in the way when Jesus wants to come into our hearts?**

3 John at the river

Mark 1:4–5 John came baptizing in the wilderness and preaching the baptism of repentance for forgiveness of sins. All the country of Judea and all those of Jerusalem went out to him. They were baptized by him in the Jordan river, confessing their sins.

Mark 1:6 John was clothed with camel’s hair and a leather belt around his waist. He ate locusts and wild honey.

1. **What did John wear and eat?**

2. **What did people do before John baptized them?**

3. **Who was John getting people ready for?**

Mark 1:7–8 He preached, saying, “After me comes he who is mightier than I, the thong of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and loosen. I baptized you in water, but he will baptize you in the Holy Spirit.”

4 Sorry and forgiven

Isaiah 40:1–2 “Comfort, comfort my people,” says your God. “Speak comfortably to Jerusalem; and call out to her that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received of the LORD’s hand double for all her sins.”

God says to his people: “Comfort, comfort my _____.” (Isaiah 40:1)

5 Live it

My road for Jesus. Draw a mountain that gets in the way. Then write over it: “Jesus forgives me!”

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