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QUICK LESSON

Turn Around!

TODAY'S BIG IDEA	Repent means turn around: sorry for sin and trusting Jesus to forgive.
BIBLE READING	Mark 1:1–8
MEMORY VERSE	"Make ready the way of the Lord! Make his paths straight!" (Mark 1:3)

1 The voice in the wilderness

Mark 1:1–3 The beginning of the Good News of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophets, "Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way before you: the voice of one crying in the wilderness, 'Make ready the way of the Lord! Make his paths straight!' "

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.

1. **What did John call people to do?**

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2. **Repenting has two parts: being sorry for sin, and trusting Jesus to forgive. What happens if you only have the first part?**

2 Point to Jesus

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.”

1. **John was famous, but he kept pointing to Jesus. How can you point someone to Jesus this week?**

3 Pray

Lord Jesus, turn us around. Forgive our sins and help us point others to you this Advent. Amen.

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