

# MISSION FILE

## GOSPEL

**MATTHEW 3:1-12**

In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.' For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said, 'The voice of one crying in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight."' Now John wore a garment of camel's hair and a leather belt round his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan were going out to him, and they were baptised by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit in keeping with repentance. And do not presume to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our father", for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. 'I baptise you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

## WORD OF THE WEEK

# PEACE

## PRAYER

**WHAT CAN YOU DO TO PREPARE THE WAY FOR JESUS TO COME INTO YOUR HEART THIS ADVENT? ARE THERE THINGS YOU CAN DO AND THINGS YOU CAN REMOVE?**

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**AS YOU SLOWLY READ OR LISTEN TO THE GOSPEL, WHICH LINE STANDS OUT? HIGHLIGHT IT IN THE TEXT. PRAY ABOUT HOW GOD MAY BE SPEAKING TO YOU THROUGH THIS LINE?**

## WONDER QUESTIONS

**WHY DID JOHN LEAVE HIS HOME, HEAD OUT INTO THE WILDERNESS AND MAKE IT HIS MISSION TO TELL PEOPLE WHO WAS TO COME?**

**WHY DID SO MANY PEOPLE COME OUT TO SEE JOHN?**

## MISSION

**ST JOHN THE BAPTIST INVITES YOU TO PREPARE A WAY FOR JESUS TO COME INTO YOUR LIFE. PRAYERFULLY THINK ABOUT HOW YOU CAN MAKE A STRAIGHT PATH FOR JESUS TO COME. ARE THERE TIMES IN YOUR DAY YOU CAN TURN TO HIM? ARE THERE DISTRACTIONS OR THINGS YOU WASTE TIME ON WHICH DON'T HELP YOUR FRIENDSHIP WITH JESUS? USE THE PRAYER SECTION TO RECORD YOUR RESPONSE.**

## COLOUR

