Advent is Half Over!

Today is the third Sunday of Advent. That means that half the wait is over! If you have an advent wreath, this is the week to light the pink candle. Pink is a symbol the joy we have because we're half-way to Christmas.

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells the people that John the Baptist was a prophet and messenger. A prophet is someone who tells the truth. In the Old Testament the prophets told God's people the truth about God. Saint John was a prophet because he told the people that the Messiah, or saviour, was coming soon, and that they needed to repent of their sins.

Saint John the Baptist prepared the way for Jesus by calling people to repentance. You can help prepare for

Christmas by thinking and talking about how Jesus came to earth on the first Christmas. Can you tell somebody the story of the first Christmas today?

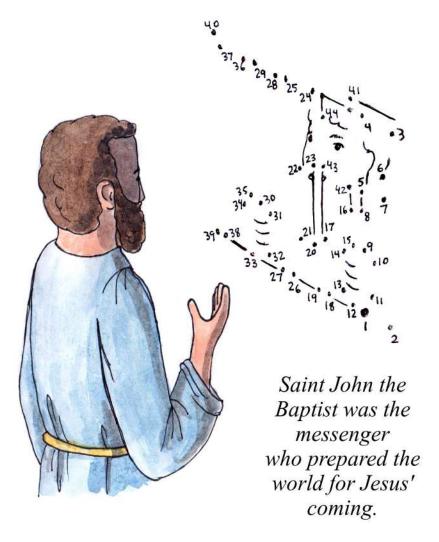
and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them.

Answer to front page: St. John was in prison. Answer to match up puzzle: the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed

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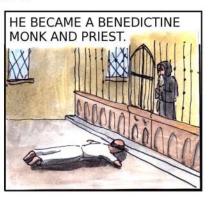
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Where was he in today's Gospel reading?
Connect the dots to find out!
Then you can finish colouring in the picture.

Saint Dominic of Silos December 20















100 YEARS AFTER HE DIED A WOMAN PRAYED AT HIS TOMB THAT SHE WOULD HAVE A BABY, THAT BABY **BECAME THE GREAT SAINT** DOMINIC THAT STARTED THE

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What Happens When Jesus Comes?

In today's Gospel reading Jesus tells the disciples t to tell John the Baptist what He does. What happens to whom? Match up the people with what happens to them.

> the blind • are raised up

have good news and the lame • preached to them

> lepers • hear

the deaf. are cleansed

the dead • receive their sight

and the poor • walk

