



HAT DOES IT MEAN TO ME?

(Circle all correct answers.)

How was John's birth similar to Jesus'?

- A) He slept in a manger.
- B) His mother was Mary.
- C) An angel foretold his birth.
- D) Shepherds visited him at his birth.

How was John the Baptist's purpose similar to that of Isaiah and the other prophets?

- A) They all told about the Messiah.
- B) They all told about sin.
- C) They all told about punishment.
- D) They all told about salvation.

How was John's life-experience different from any other prophet?

- A) He was Jesus' cousin.
- B) He got to baptize Jesus.
- C) He got to eat locusts.
- D) He lived in the desert.

John understood the purpose of his life. How would you describe the purpose of your life?

- A) To love God and others.
- B) To tell people about God's love.
- C) To be famous.
- D) To have fun.

Like John the Baptist, all believers can point the way to Christ. Who are the people who prepared the way for you to trust Jesus?

- A) Friends.
- B) Parents.
- C) Teachers.
- D) Other _____

We can all help prepare the way for Jesus. When have you helped a friend know who Jesus really is?

Think for a moment about the people God has placed around you. Who might need you to point the way to Jesus this Christmas season?

Advent 3: John the Baptist BETWEEN THE LINES

Take some time to read the story of John the Baptist in Luke 1:76-79, Matthew 3:1-12, and John 1:29.



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How did Zechariah describe his unborn son in Luke 1:76-79?

What was unusual about John's appearance and style of living? (See Matthew 3:4-6.)

How did people respond to John's message? (See Matthew 3:4-6.)

How did John describe Jesus in John 1:29?



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Why do you think John was such an extreme personality?

Do you think it might have seemed odd for John to be the cousin of the Messiah? Why/why not?

How do you think John knew that Jesus was the Son of God?

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