



13-19 December 2020

Play and explore the idea of Jesus being with us.

Use the image. What is your favourite part of the picture? What Bible stories can you find in the picture? Try to find Jesus in the picture – you will have to look very closely! If you did find Jesus, the Messiah, what would you ask him?

Now read the story together then explore it using these activities.

Play

Print off or draw simple black and white pictures of Jesus and hide them round the room. Then all search to try and find them.

Create

Colour in the pictures of Jesus from *Play*. Decorate paper cups and then hide the images of Jesus inside.

Praise

Light the third candle on your Advent wreath (or just light three candles, with one unlit), as you sing (to the tune of 'Twinkle, twinkle, little star'):

Light the Advent candle three,
we are searching, help us to see.
Help us know that you are near,
very soon you will be here.
Light the Advent candle three,
we are searching, help us to see.

Pray

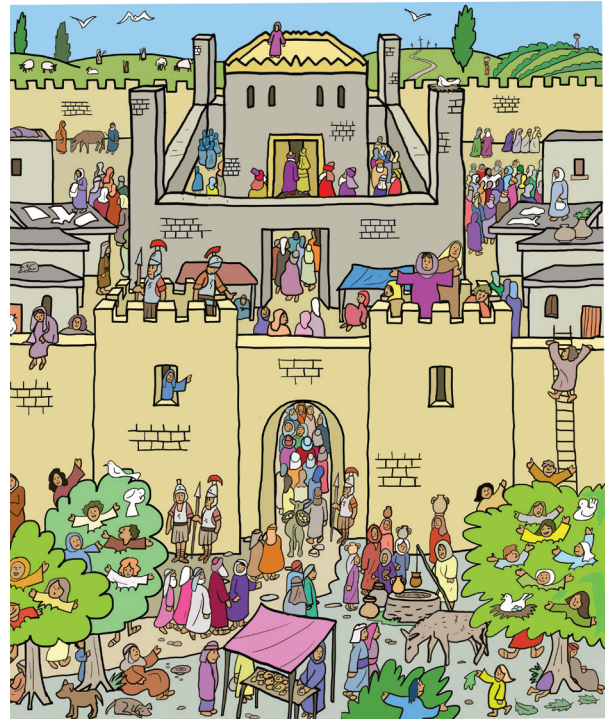
Thank you, God, for messengers like John the Baptist. Help us to pass on the message that Jesus is coming.

Amen.

Bible story



John 1.6-8,19-28



Using a large sheet of paper, each time someone asks a question in the story draw a large question mark on the paper, making them bigger each time.

Lots of people came to John asking, 'Who are you?' He told them he was not the Messiah, so they tried to guess. 'Are you Elijah?' John said, 'No.' 'Are you the prophet?' John said, 'No.' The people began to be annoyed. Why wouldn't John tell them who he was? 'We need to know,' they said. 'Who are you?' John said: 'I am just the person helping the world to get ready for the Lord. Someone else more important than me is on his way. He is already here but you don't know him.'

Through the week

Every time you leave your house this week, pause and thank God that he is with you.