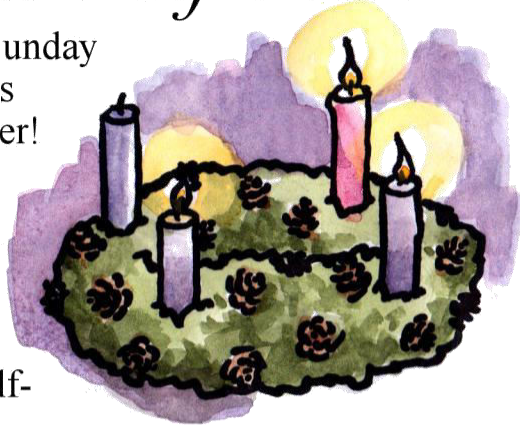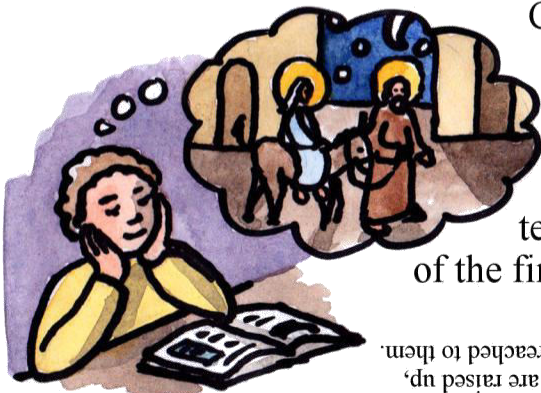# *Advent is Half Over!*

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.

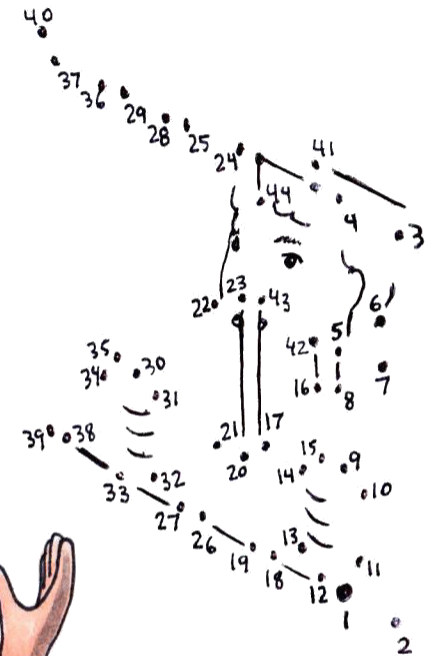Saint John the Baptist prepared the way for Jesus by calling people to repentance. You can help prepare for Christmas by thinking and talking about how Jesus came to earth on the first Christmas. Can you tell somebody the story of the first Christmas today?

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

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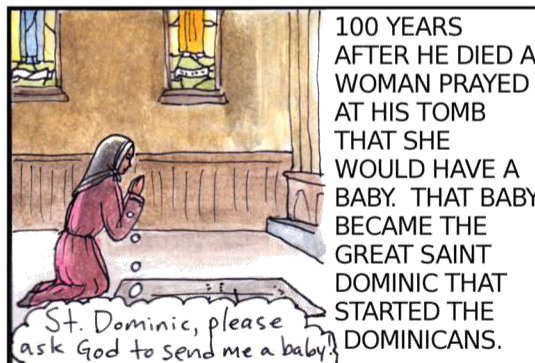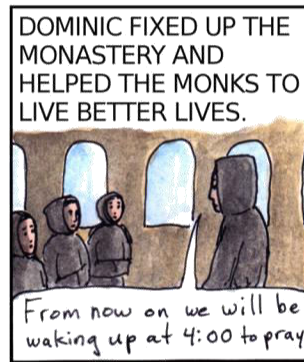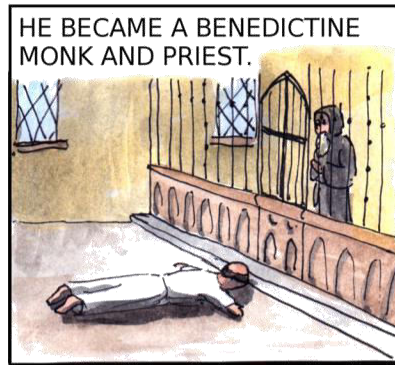**Third Sunday of Advent**
December 15th, 2019

Saint John the Baptist was the messenger who prepared the world for Jesus' coming.

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

DOMINIC OF SILOS WAS BORN TO A POOR PEASANT FAMILY IN SPAIN AROUND THE YEAR 1000.

It's a boy!

HE BECAME A BENEDICTINE MONK AND PRIEST.

WHEN THE KING TRIED TO TAKE THE MONKS' LAND, DOMINIC WOULD NOT LET HIM.

These lands belong to the Church.

SO THE KING SENT HIM TO A RUN-DOWN OLD MONASTERY AT SILOS.

DOMINIC FIXED UP THE MONASTERY AND HELPED THE MONKS TO LIVE BETTER LIVES.

From now on we will be waking up at 4:00 to pray.

HE ALSO HELPED RESCUE SLAVES FROM THE MOORS.

I'll give you five for 20 pieces of gold.

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 DOMINICANS.

St. Dominic, please ask God to send me a baby.

SAINT DOMINIC SHOWED HIS LOVE FOR GOD BY PROTECTING WHAT BELONGED TO THE CHURCH. HE ALSO WORKED TO RE-BUILD WHAT HAD BEEN BEAUTIFUL BUT WAS FALLING APART. WE CAN LEARN FROM HIM TO RESPECT WHAT BELONGS TO THE CHURCH AND HELP MAKE THE CHURCH BEAUTIFUL FOR GOD.

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What Happens When Jesus Comes?

In today's Gospel reading Jesus tells the disciples 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

and the lame •   • have good news preached to them

lepers •   • hear

the deaf •   • are cleansed

the dead •   • receive their sight

and the poor •   • walk