



John the Baptist was the last prophet to point the way to Jesus. He was the son of Mary's cousin, Elizabeth and was born a few months before Jesus.

When he grew up, he wore clothes made of camel-hair with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey.

People went to him to be baptised in the river Jordan. When people asked who he was, he said

“ I baptise you in water, but the one who follows me is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to carry his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ”

John told the people to get ready for Jesus.

He shouted....

“ **Prepare a road for the Lord** to travel on! Wide the pathway before him! Level the mountains! Fill up the valleys! Straighten the curves! Smooth out the ruts! And then all mankind shall see the Saviour sent from God. ”

How can you prepare the road for Jesus to travel on?

One way we can prepare is by having an advent calendar in our home.

Make Your Own Advent Calendar

Make a special Advent Calendar to think of one thing you can do each day to get ready for Jesus' birth.

You will need:

- 24 small envelopes
- 24 Cards small enough to fit in the envelopes
- 24 small pegs
- String



- On the 24 cards **write** down ways in which you can get ready for Jesus.
- **Number and decorate** 24 envelopes.
- **Put** the cards in the envelopes and add a few sweeties for special days like Sundays
- **Hang up** your sealed envelopes on some string and start getting ready for Jesus!

A suggestion for your family:

Wrap an empty box up as a special present. Every day of Advent, offer what you have done to Jesus by putting the card in the present box. On Christmas day, you have a present of wonderful things you have given to Jesus.

