



**E-Kids: At home with your family 10th January 2021**

## **The King is coming Mark 1:1-8**

**1** This is the Good News about Jesus Christ, the Son of God.<sup>2</sup> It began as the prophet Isaiah had written:

"God said, 'I will send my messenger ahead of you  
to open the way for you.'

**3** Someone is shouting in the desert,  
'Get the road ready for the Lord;  
make a straight path for him to travel!'"

**4** So John appeared in the desert, baptizing and preaching.<sup>5</sup> "Turn away from your sins and be baptized," he told the people, "and God will forgive your sins." **5** Many people from the province of Judea and the city of Jerusalem went out to hear John. They confessed their sins, and he baptized them in the Jordan River.

**6** John wore clothes made of camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. **7** He announced to the people, "The man who will come after me is much greater than I am. I am not good enough even to bend down and untie his sandals. **8** I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

### **Intro**

Over the next few weeks in ekids we're going to be focusing on the first three chapters of the book of Mark. Mark writes of the Good News of Jesus, God's son, the one chosen by God to be king forever. Today we see how it all began. In the next few sessions we will be thinking about the things that Jesus did that help us to see that he is God's son. We pray that as you, and E-Kids leaders share these stories with your children, they will be convinced that Jesus is God's Son, will grow in confidence of that truth, and in time want to share it with others too.

### **Retelling The Story**

The good news about Jesus began just as God had said it would. God had been planning for Jesus to come to earth for a very long time.

God sent John the Baptist to get people ready for Jesus. You could talk about getting ready for a special visitor in your house, tidying up and cleaning etc

John tells people the way to get ready for Jesus is to repent, being sorry and turning away from their sins. He tells them that God will forgive their sins, he will wash them clean on the inside John also tells them to be baptised. Being baptised is a picture of being washed, it's a picture of God cleaning us up on the inside. Cleaning up what we think, what we say, and what we do.

### **Prayers**

Thank you God for Mark.

Thank you that you helped him write down what he found out about Jesus.

Thank you God for sending John the Baptist to help people get ready for Jesus.

Please help us to be ready to believe that Jesus is good news

Please help us to be sure that Jesus is God's son.

### **Craft for younger children**

See Below

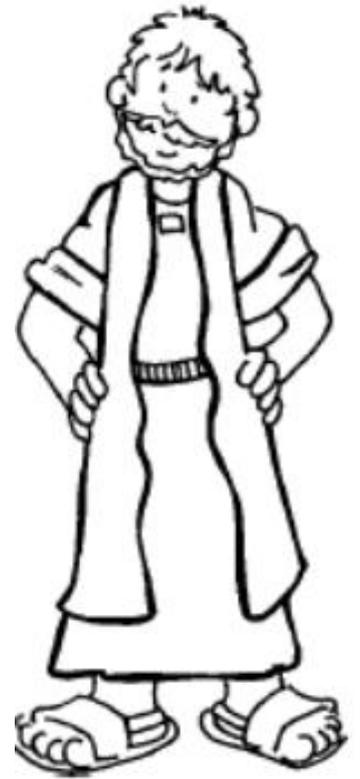
### **Worksheet for older children**

Available from [toni.davies@bramcore.church](mailto:toni.davies@bramcore.church)

Get ready for Jesus, baptism craft

1. Choose a person to colour and cut out.
2. Attach the person to the top of a pencil with scellotape.
3. Cut out the cone template, and colour it in. This is the water.
4. Glue/scellotape the cone together as marked.
5. Cut off the point of the cone so that the pencil can pass through it.
6. Pass the pencil through the cone so that you can move the figure up and down (in and out of the water)





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