



a Kendall Hunt Company

Second Sunday of Advent, Year C, Primary - RCLB Lectionary



Primary Session

Luke 3:1-6

Opening Prayer

Let us pray.

Come, Lord Jesus, let your light shine on us for all the world to see.

In the name of Jesus Christ we pray.

Amen.

Opening Life Reflection

On this second Sunday of Advent we are reminded to prepare the way for Jesus. The theme for today is that God gives us reason to hope in the promise of salvation.

Begin the session by discussing the story of *Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer* with the children.

- What happens in the story of *Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer*?
- How does Rudolph prepare the way for Santa?
- How does Rudolph use his unique gift to help others?

Rudolph the Red-Nosed reindeer was given a very special gift and he used it to announce the coming of Santa. Today we will find out about a very unique person, the Prophet John the Baptist, who uses his unique gifts to announce the coming of Jesus.

Listening to the Word of God

In the gospel today a fascinating prophet points the way to Jesus, notice who it is.

Read Luke 3:1-6.

Allow for silence.

- Where did the John the Baptist come from?
- Who does he prepare the way for?
- What is John the Baptist's message?

Scripture Background

Provide 2-3 minutes of background information on the gospel using the Catechist Background section.



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In today's gospel we are introduced to a most interesting character, John the Baptist. In the wilderness John hears the word of God. With boldness and determination he urges people to repent and be baptized for the forgiveness of sins.

John the Baptist understands that he has important work to do. He wants people to be ready for the coming of Jesus. John announces the coming of the Lord, and those who hear him look forward with great anticipation. John the Baptist prepares the way for Jesus. During the season of Advent we listen to the message of John the Baptist, and we prepare for the coming of the Lord.

Questions for Deeper Reflection

- During Advent how do you prepare for the coming of Jesus?
- Who points the way to Jesus for you?
- How can you announce the coming of Jesus to others?

If you are not going to continue with the doctrinal discussion, proceed to the Gospel in Life.

Doctrinal Discussion Starters

"Through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation."

During the season of Advent we watch and wait. We hope in the promise of salvation. The message of salvation, impressed upon us by the prophets, makes us who we are this Advent - a people preparing for the day, hoping in God's promise.

- Is it hard for you to wait until Christmas?
- What helps you to watch and wait?
- Do you look forward to celebrating the birth of Jesus our savior?
- What helps you to focus on Jesus during the season of Advent?

The Gospel in Life

Discuss with your family some ways that you can really get ready for the coming of Jesus.