

The Birth of St. John the Baptist

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Luke 1: 57 – 66, 80

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# His Name will be JOHN!

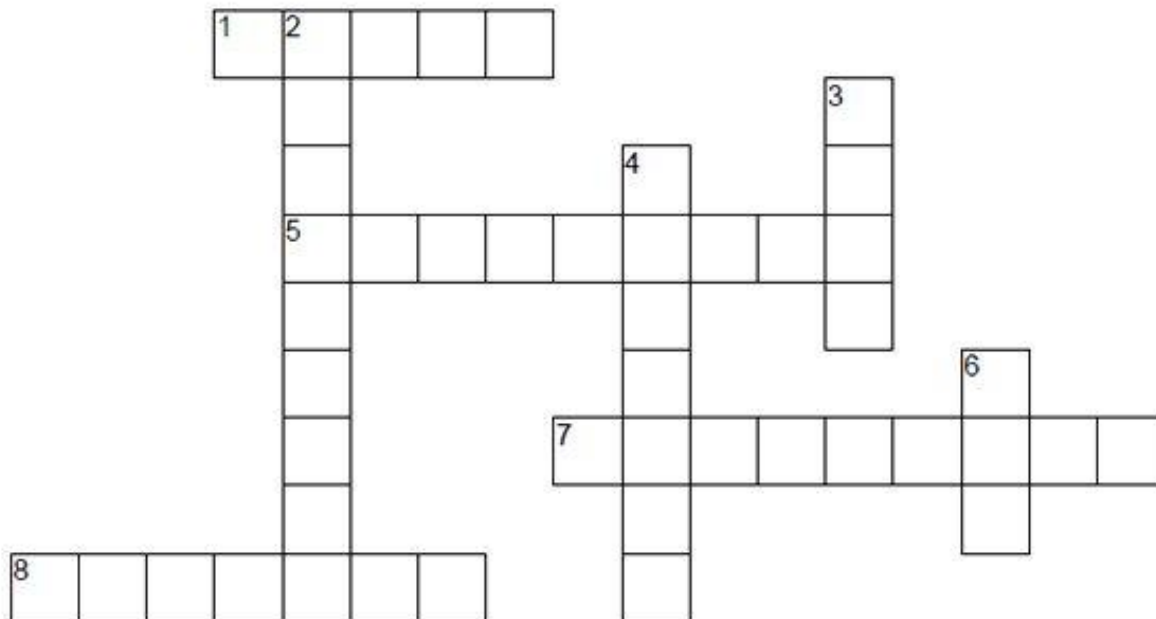
WILL HIS NAME BE ...



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## ACROSS

1. Kind and gentle treatment of another person
5. The father of John the Baptist
7. To be forgiven of our sin
8. One who speaks for God

## DOWN

2. The mother of John the Baptist
3. The one who prepared the way for Jesus
4. To make ready
6. To disobey God's law

ZACHARIAS  
ELIZABETH

MERCY  
SIN

SALVATION  
JOHN

PREPARE  
PROPHET

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V A J P P B S Q I M W K I I Q  
S R R R N M K A M S I T W Z S  
R Z L O Y E Z A L E R G V Y O  
U C P P J G H K H V R A H A V  
V G M H I S E R V E A C E T U  
G G G E T I G R I G Q T Y L Y  
I S B T C P R E P A R E I M C  
H A P E Z A H I P L W L X O G  
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K I A F D W P J L I D R K K F  
V O I P E A C E S Y D D P P D  
O R S F R N A F O G A V X O G  
X R E M Z L H F R C V D J C J  
C Q B H E A N O T G I W N C W  
L T T D H R O Y A L D S Q J D

SALVATION  
PRAISE  
PREPARE

SAVIOR  
DAVID  
FEAR

MERCY  
LORD  
ROYAL

HOLY  
PROPHET  
MIGHTY

PEACE  
SERVE  
ISRAEL

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Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.



A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26

- 13-5-18-3-25 \_\_\_\_\_
- 19-1-12-22-1-20-9-15-14 \_\_\_\_\_
- 19-5-18-22-5 \_\_\_\_\_
- 6-15-18-7-9-22-5 \_\_\_\_\_
- 19-1-22-9-15-18 \_\_\_\_\_
- 16-18-15-16-8-5-20 \_\_\_\_\_
- 16-18-1-9-19-5 \_\_\_\_\_
- 13-9-7-8-20-25 \_\_\_\_\_

PRAISE	SERVE	SALVATION	MIGHTY
PROPHET	SAVIOR	MERCY	FORGIVE



# A Voice in the Wilderness



Complete the paragraph by filling in the blanks with the correct words from the word bank at the bottom of the story.

In those days John the Baptist came, \_\_\_\_\_ in the Desert of Judea and saying, "\_\_\_\_\_, for the kingdom of heaven is near." This is he who was spoken of through the prophet Isaiah:

"A \_\_\_\_\_ of one calling in the desert,  
' \_\_\_\_\_ the way for the Lord,  
make \_\_\_\_\_ paths for him.' "

John's \_\_\_\_\_ were made of camel's \_\_\_\_\_, and he had a leather belt around his waist. His food was \_\_\_\_\_ and wild \_\_\_\_\_. People went out to him from Jerusalem and all Judea and the whole region of the Jordan. Confessing their sins, they were \_\_\_\_\_ by him in the Jordan River.

Matthew 3:1-6 (NIV)

Prepare  
baptized

clothes  
hair

honey  
locusts

preaching  
Repent

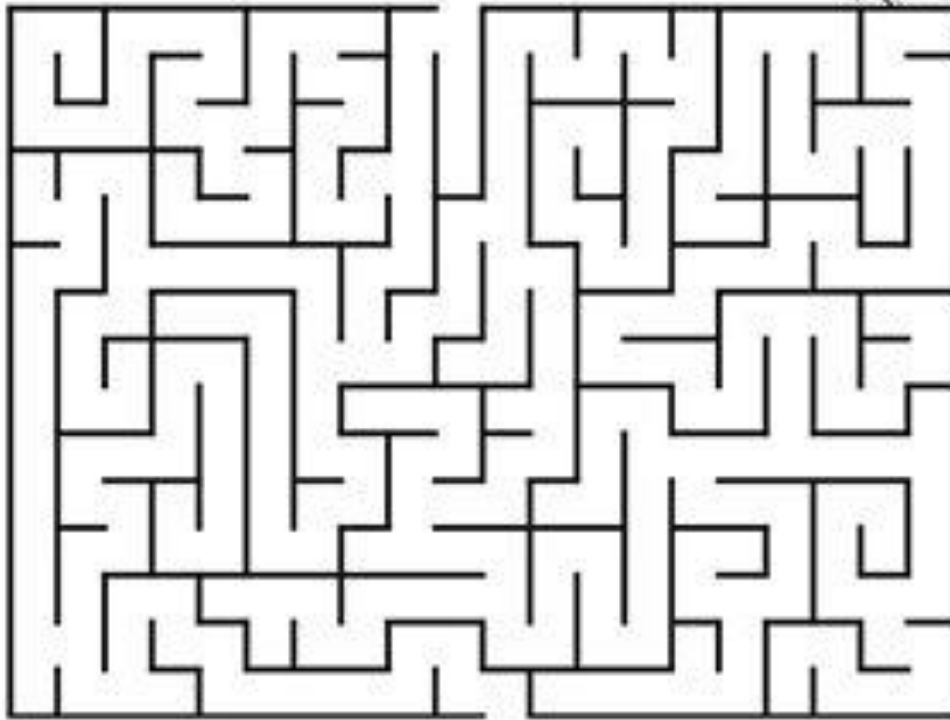
straight  
voice

# JOHN THE BAPTIST

Lead Jesus to John the Baptist



FINISH

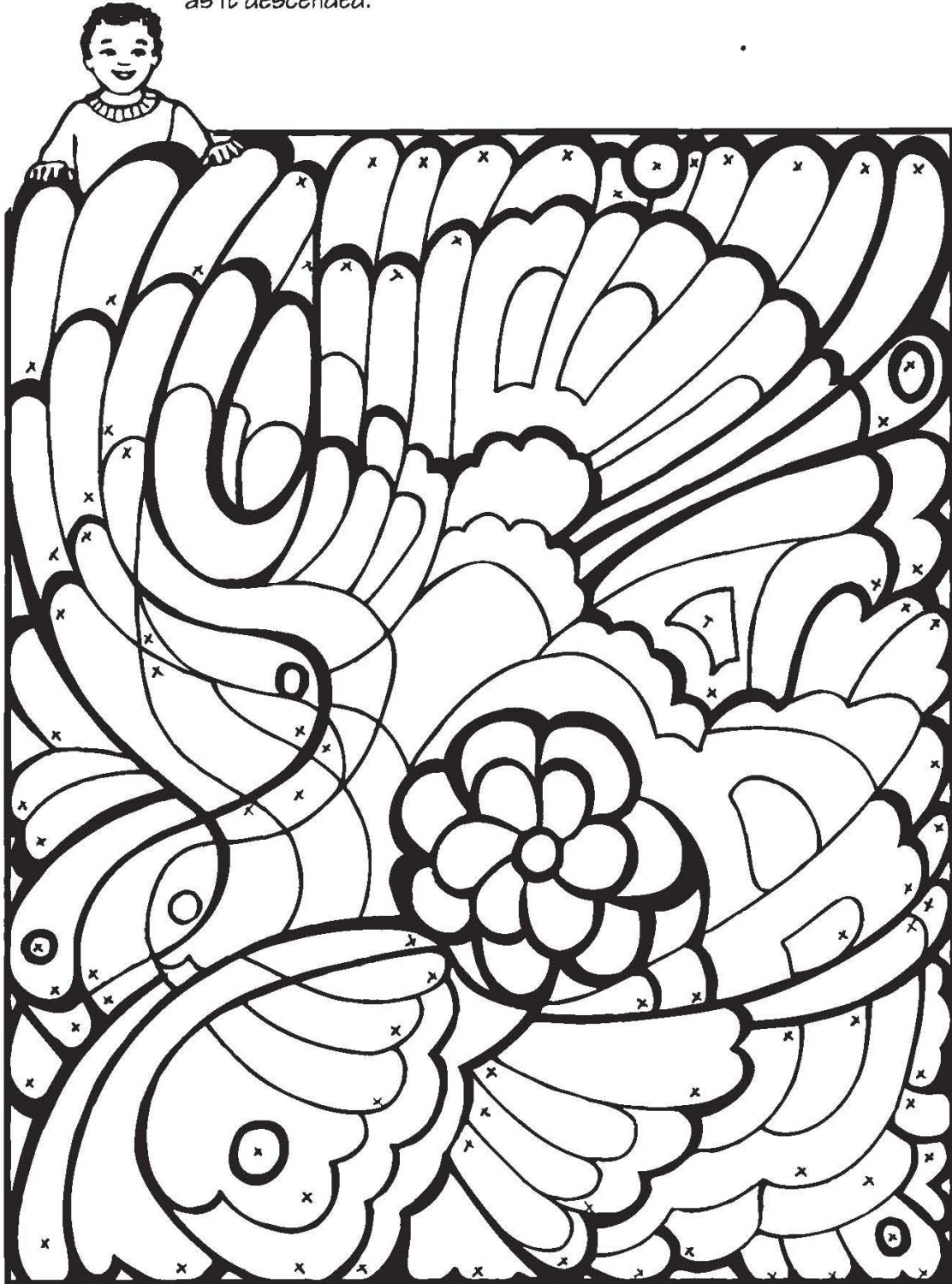


START



## Jesus' Baptism

Jesus was baptized in the Jordan River by John the Baptist. God spoke from heaven and said he was well pleased with his beloved Son. The Spirit of God descended upon Jesus. Color in all the areas marked with an x to find out what form God's Spirit took as it descended.



Lives  
of  
Saints

# St John the Baptist

0 - 30

Feastday: 24th June



"No one can  
receive  
anything except  
what is given  
him from  
heaven."

**(John 3:27)**

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My parents were Zachary, a priest of Abia, and Elizabeth, Mary's cousin. An angel announced my birth. It was announced that I would be great before the Lord, and that I would be filled with the Holy Spirit.

During the pregnancy, Mary visited my mother. I leaped for joy in my mother's womb. I was called 'John' since I would go before the Lord to prepare his ways; to give knowledge of salvation to his people. My father, who had been dumb since the annunciation of my birth, recovered instantly.

During my adult life I went preaching in the desert, clothed in camel's hair, and a leather girdle. I ate locusts and wild honey. Jerusalem and all Judea, and all the country about Jordan were drawn by my strong personality. The austerity of my life added immensely to the weight of my words. I laid bare the hypocrisy of the Pharisees and the Sadducees. I spoke to the wealthy, the publicans, the soldiers. I encouraged faithfulness and honesty in the fulfillment of one's duties, and the humble confession of one's sins. I exhorted people to fast, and I taught special forms of prayer.

I was surnamed "the Baptist", since I baptized people, including Jesus, in the Jordan. I insisted that mine was only a forerunner's mission. I described myself as 'the voice of one crying in the wilderness, make straight the way of the Lord'.

Whenever and wherever I met Herod Antipas, I rebuked him for his evil deeds, especially his public adultery. I was, consequently, apprehended and imprisoned. At the birthday feast which Herod gave, Salome, Herodias' daughter asked for my head. I was executed, and my head was brought in a dish and given to Salome, who gave it to her mother.

My Nativity is celebrated 24 June, whereas my death is celebrated 29 August.