SUNDAY GOSPEL STORIES

A Way Through the Wild

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Sunday 6 December 2026

Mark 1:1-8

A FAMILY BOOKLET

READ TOGETHER

The Gospel story



Mark begins his Gospel with good news about Jesus, the Son of God. Long ago, the prophet Isaiah spoke of a messenger calling out in the wilderness. That messenger would ask people to make a way for the Lord.

The messenger was John the Baptist. He wore rough camel-hair clothes with a leather belt and ate locusts and wild honey. People travelled from Jerusalem and the surrounding countryside to hear him.

John asked them to turn back to God. They admitted what they had done wrong, and he baptised them in the Jordan River, calling them to receive God’s forgiveness.

John told people that someone greater than he was coming. John used water, and the one who came after him, Jesus, would baptise with the Holy Spirit.

An original retelling of Mark 1:1-8

REMEMBER THE GOSPEL

Draw or write

What would help you make room for Jesus?

Draw a path through hills to a river. On the path, draw or write one thing you could do differently to get ready for Jesus.

ADVENT WREATH

Colour candle 2 purple and colour its flame.



AT HOME

Talk and pray

SAY TOGETHER

Jesus, thank you for sending John to prepare your way. Help us put things right and turn back to you. Amen.



WONDER TOGETHER

Why did people travel out to the wilderness to see John? What did he ask them to do?

TRY ONE THING

Think of one small thing you can put right. If you hurt someone's feelings, you might start by saying sorry.

Liturgy Office calendar

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