

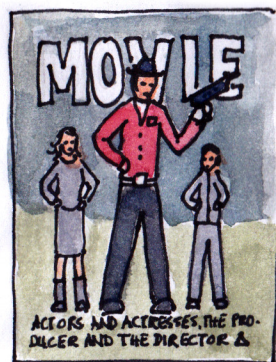
Who Will Lead You to God?



Today's Gospel reading tells us about Saint John the Baptist, who prepared the people for the coming of Jesus. At first people thought that he might be the saviour they were all waiting for, but he was very clear

when he told them that he wasn't- there was one coming after him Who would be the truly great One.

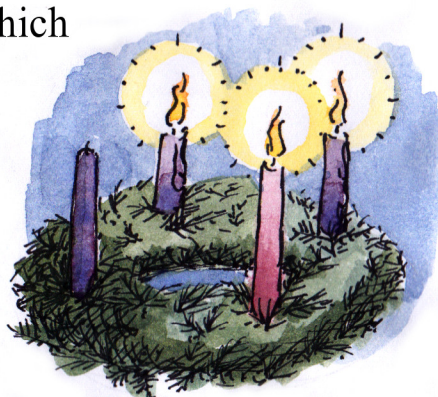
Sometimes we hear about great or important people. We know about movie stars and singers and government leaders. Who are some important people you know of?



Do those people that you've thought about help to bring you closer to God? Do they teach you well and give good example? Or do they lead people away from God by doing wrong things or making fun of God's truth?



We can know which people are really great by thinking about whether they lead us closer to God, like Saint John the Baptist did, or further away from Him. Which sort of people do you want to follow?

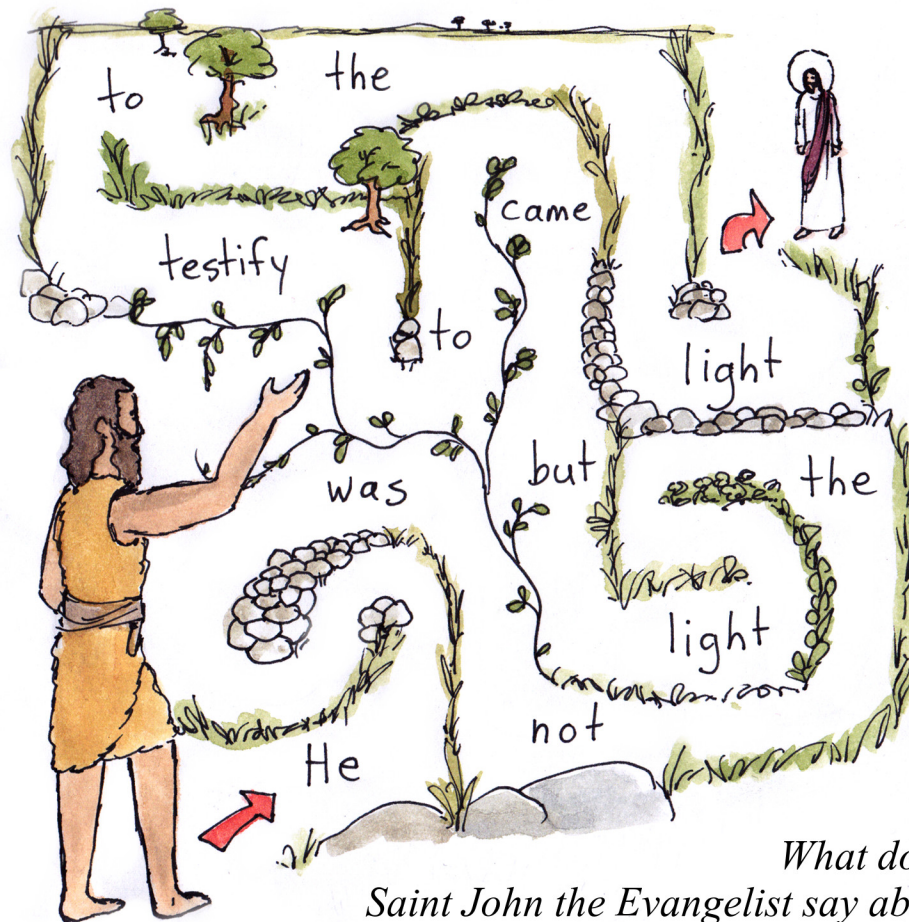


Answer to Word-find: brokenhearted.

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Third Sunday of Advent
December 17th, 2023



What does Saint John the Evangelist say about Saint John the Baptist at the beginning of the Gospel? Read the words you pass as you go through the maze.


Was the priest who offered Mass today wearing pink vestments? The colour pink, or rose, is a sign of joy. We use it for the third Sunday of Advent because we are happy that we're half-way to Christmas! If you have an Advent wreath, it's time to light the pink candle!



SAINT HILDEGARD OF BINGEN

DECEMBER 17

ST. HILDEGARD OF BINGEN WAS BORN IN THE LATE 1000'S TO A WEALTHY FAMILY. AS A CHILD SHE WAS SICKLY BUT SHE WAS TAUGHT TO READ THE PSALMS IN LATIN.



Sicut cervus desiderat ad fontes...


AT THE AGE OF 18 HILDEGARD ENTERED A BENEDICTINE CONVENT, AND SOON BECAME SUPERIOR.



HER CONFESSOR TOLD HER TO WRITE DOWN THE VISIONS SHE HAD SEEN.



I want you to write down what you saw.



SHE ALSO WROTE POETRY AND MUSIC AND BOOKS ON THE BODY AND MEDICINE.

WHEN THE EMPEROR WAS SUPPORTING MEN WHO WERE NOT THE REAL POPE HILDEGARD CORRECTED HIM.



PEOPLE NEARBY AND FROM OTHER COUNTRIES SOUGHT HER ADVICE.

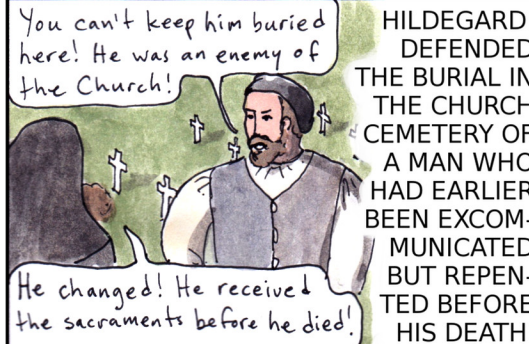


There are seven letters for you today, mother!

YOU CAN'T KEEP HIM BURIED HERE! HE WAS AN ENEMY OF THE CHURCH!

HILDEGARD DEFENDED THE BURIAL IN THE CHURCH CEMETERY OF A MAN WHO HAD EARLIER BEEN EXCOMMUNICATED BUT REPENTED BEFORE HIS DEATH.

He changed! He received the sacraments before he died!



SAINT HILDEGARD KNEW A LOT ABOUT GOD FROM HER VISIONS BUT SHE WASN'T PROUD. INSTEAD SHE USED HER KNOWLEDGE AND GIFTS TO BRING PEOPLE CLOSER TO GOD THROUGH MUSIC AND SCIENCE. DID YOU KNOW THAT LEARNING ABOUT GOD'S CREATION CAN HELP YOU TO KNOW HIM BETTER TOO?

The Messenger of Peace

Word-find

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

See if you can find the words in CAPITALS from today's first reading in the puzzle. Use the left-over letters to fill in the blanks in the reading.

The SPIRIT of the Lord God is upon me, because the LORD has ANOINTED me; he has SENT me to bring GLAD TIDINGS to the POOR, to heal the _____, to PROCLAIM LIBERTY to CAPTIVES

and RELEASE to the PRISONERS, to ANNOUNCE a YEAR of FAVOUR from the Lord and a day of VINDICATION by our GOD.

