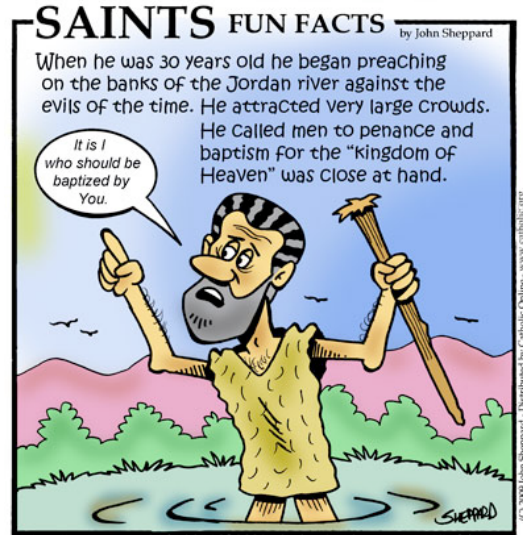


Season of Advent is almost here!

John the Baptist was a real "character" in the strangest sense of the word. It is said he left his parents' home at the age of 12 to go to the desert with a group of hermits (Nazirites) who dedicated themselves to prayer and were "set apart for God." As an adult, he dressed funny, ate bizarre food, and went about attracting weird attention. As odd as he was, many people followed him.

Read Mark 1: 1-8. If you do not have a Bible find the passage under Bible link www.usccb.org then answer these questions:



- Who was John the Baptist's mother and father?

- What was his family relationship to Jesus? _____
- How did he dress? _____ What did he eat? _____
- What was his message? _____
- How did he die? (Mark 6:14-29) _____
- He seems to be like a first century "celebrity." His message wasn't easy, so why do you think so many people followed him?
- If you were there at the time of John, check one or more reasons you would have followed him?

<input type="checkbox"/> curiosity; he was weird	<input type="checkbox"/> interested in his message	<input type="checkbox"/> he lived what he preached
<input type="checkbox"/> sure he was the messiah	<input type="checkbox"/> my friends are going	<input type="checkbox"/> my need for repentance
<input type="checkbox"/> he was not a fake	<input type="checkbox"/> admire his dedication	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: explain in margins!
- Use John the Baptist as a model for your preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Describe how John responded and how you respond on those topics. The first one is done for you.

<u>John's</u>	<u>Measure how</u>	<u>Yours</u>
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Christ must increase, I must decrease. _____ Attitude toward Christ _____

_____ Dedication to Spread Gospel _____

_____ Relationship with Jesus _____

_____ Spirit of Sacrifice _____

JOHN THE BAPTIST

A WORKSHEET SORT OF THING. WRITE OR DRAW IN THE GAPS

BIBLE VERSE
MARK CHAPTER 1
VERSES 1 TO 8

My favourite clothes



- 1 _____
- 2 _____
- 3 _____

Marks for style (out of 10)

- Camel hair jacket
- Leather belt
- sandals
- sandals with socks

WHY DID JOHN THE BAPTIST HAVE SUCH AN ODD TASTE IN FOOD & CLOTHES?



BAPTISM

PICTURE OR EXPLANATION

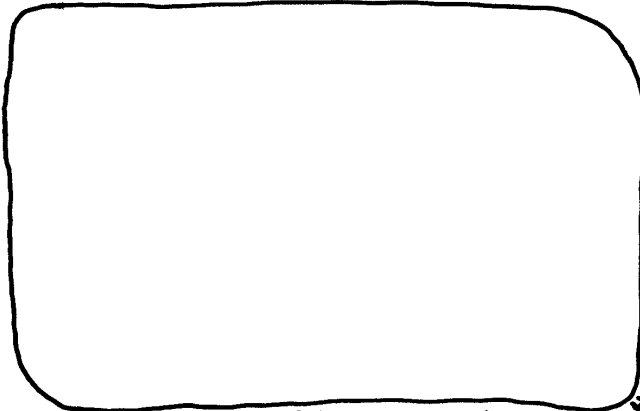
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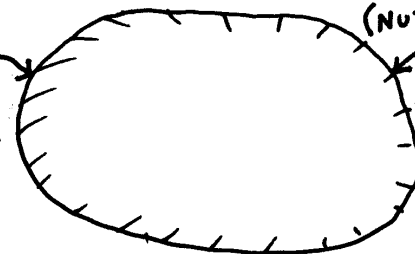
JOHN THE BAPTIST

OR



HOW DO YOU IMAGINE JOHN THE BAPTIST

WHAT WAS JOHN'S MESSAGE?



(NUTSHELL)

TOP 5 FOODS



- 5.
- 4.
- 3.
- 2.
- 1.

Locusts & honey
RECIPES:
Rank from 1 to 4

Raw locust & honey

locust & honey sandwich

Deep fried locust, chips & honey

locust curry with honey

THINGS TO TAKE TO THE DESERT



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THINGS TO PREPARE FOR:

- _____
- _____



HAVE YOU BEEN BAPTISED OR CONFIRMED?

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IF NOT WHY NOT ASK SOMEONE ABOUT IT.