

Sunday School Lesson for December 5, 2021

Bible Verse Luke 3:1-6

Getting Prepared

In the book of Luke, it reads, "A voice of one calling in the dessert, 'Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him. Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill made low. The crooked roads shall become straight, the rough ways smooth. And all mankind will see God's salvation.'"

Christmas is coming and it's an exciting time. We decorate our homes and get them nice and clean for the company that will be stopping by.

In our lesson today, we read about a man named John who preached and told people to prepare for the coming of the Lord. He didn't mean they should go home and clean up their homes, He meant they should prepare their hearts. How? By asking God to forgive their sins and turn to God, as we should now.

We also need to prepare for the coming of Jesus. Not by decorating or cleaning our homes, but by making our hearts clean and ready for the coming of the Lord. We do that by confessing our sins and asking God to forgive us. And the bible tells us he will. Now we can't do that just once and done, just like we can't clean our house once a year. We need to keep up with the cleaning or things would get pretty messy. The same goes for our hearts. We do this by prayer, reading the bible, and asking God's forgiveness on a regular basis.

Jesus is coming! How exciting! Let's prepare our hearts!

Prayer:

Father, forgive us of the things that we do each day that aren't pleasing to you. Make our hearts clean so we will be ready for the coming of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen

Bell Craft

This week our craft will be decorating a bell. A long time ago, before there was the internet, T.V. or even radio, church bells were used to make important announcements to the people of the towns. Now, nothing is more important than announcing the coming of Jesus. That's why you see so many bells at Christmas.



Materials: a plastic bell (dollar tree)

scissors

paint brush

Mod Podge (dollar tree)

scraps of wrapping paper

any decorative items for embellishment (optional)



Directions:

Brush Mod Podge on small sections of bell then add a scrap of wrapping paper to that section. Brush Mod Podge on top of wrapping paper. Continue this in sections until bell is covered. Let dry. Then add any decorative items you might like. Hang bell on tree or anywhere you would like in your home to remind you of the announcement 'Jesus is coming'!