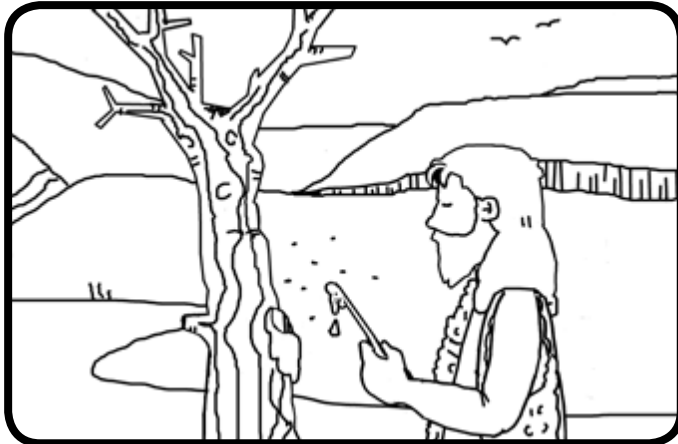


# Let's get ready for the coming of Jesus!

**“Prepare the way of the Lord,  
 make straight his paths.”  
 (Lk 3:4)**



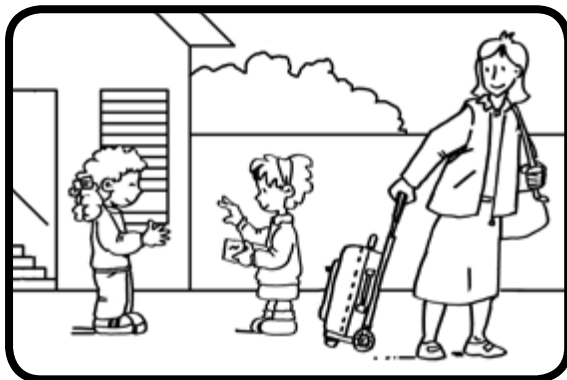
John the Baptist lived in the desert like a hermit. He prayed a lot and only had locusts and honey to eat. Crowds of people went to him to be baptized in the Jordan River and then they started a whole new life.



John told them that Jesus was coming. He wanted everyone to know that Jesus is our Savior and so he told them, “There is someone coming after me who’s greater than me!” Let’s get ready for Jesus, too! How? By loving others all the time! For example, we can organize a Christmas party for the little ones, so they can learn to become another little Jesus by loving everyone.



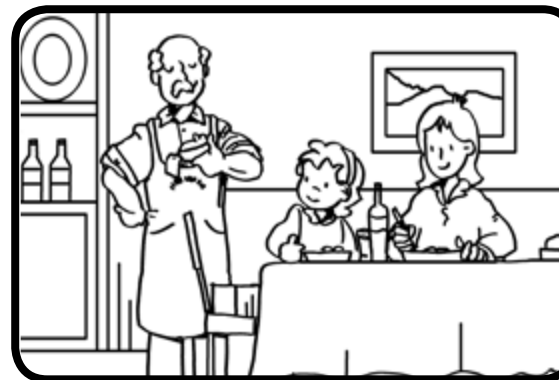
Just like Allianny. She lives in a little city in the forest of Venezuela. To get to a gen 4 meeting she has to travel 18 hours! Together with the other gen 4, she made some little plaster statues of Baby Jesus to sell as part of the project, “They have taken Jesus away.”



**A few days later Allianny called Nina on the phone:**



They worked hard, with lots of love, and when everything was ready, they made little packages and attached the message that Chiara wrote about Christmas. Allianny took 15 of them home with her!



“Guess what? During the trip home my mom and I stopped to eat at a restaurant and the owner bought one Baby Jesus!”



And when I got home, all my aunts and uncles, and my grandma, and the catechist and some of my friends all wanted one!” Allianny was super-happy because Baby Jesus with Chiara’s message had reached the people of her city for the first time!