

DECEMBER 13: HOLY WATER THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

INCLUDED:

Shell necklace
Pony beads
Sticker Decal



USE YOUR OWN:

Scissors



JOHN 1:6-8, 19-28



A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to testify to the light.

And this is the testimony of John. When the Jews from Jerusalem sent priests and Levites to him to ask him, "Who are you?" He admitted and did not deny it, but admitted, "I am not the Christ." So they asked him, "What are you then? Are you Elijah?" And he said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" He answered, "No." So they said to him, "Who are you, so we can give an answer to those who sent us? What do you have to say for yourself?" He said: "I am the voice of one crying out in the desert, 'make straight the way of the Lord,'" as Isaiah the prophet said." Some Pharisees were also sent. They asked him, "Why then do you baptize if you are not the Christ or Elijah or the Prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water; but there is one among you whom you do not recognize, the one who is coming after me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie." This happened in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

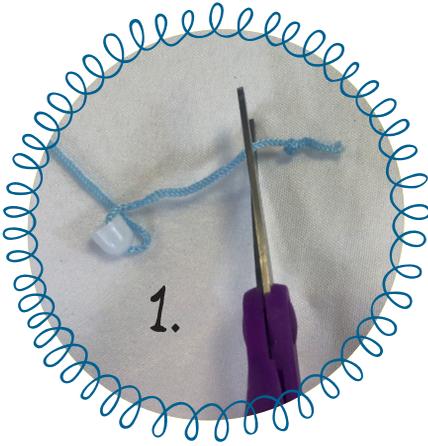


1. This is another Gospel about the John the Baptist, but this one is written by John the Disciple of Jesus. For what does this Gospel say John the Baptist has come?
2. Many Jews recognize John the Baptist's holiness, but who do they think he is?

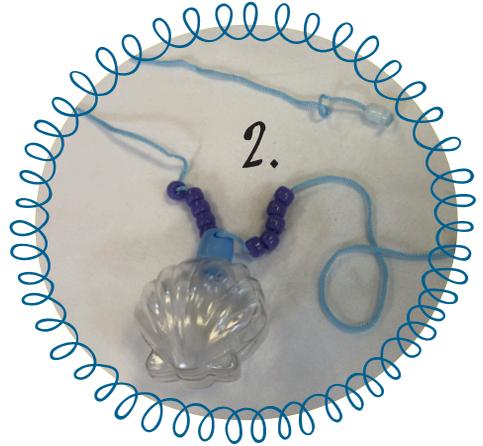
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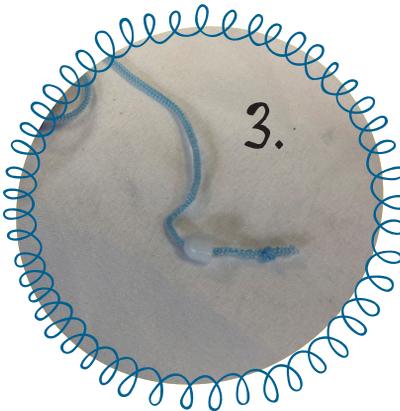
1. We're going to make a Holy Water necklace. You can pretend to be John the Baptist baptizing in the desert! First, untie one end of your necklace. It might be easier to cut the knot off.



2. Take off the closure and the shell vial. String on 5 pony beads, then the vial, then 5 more pony beads.



3. Put the closure back on. Make sure that the open end faces the end of the string. Re-knot the end. If the tail knot is too long, cut it so that the necklace will be able to close.



4. Put your Holy Water sticker on one side of the shell vial. Smooth out the edges. You can fill the vial with Holy Water from a church if you wish. But if you get actual Holy Water, you need to treat the water with respect as a sacramental and not a toy.



With great humility, John the Baptist reminds them that he is only baptizing with water but that the one who is coming will baptize with the Holy Spirit. John the Baptist also tells them of Jesus' holiness by saying that he would not even be worthy to take of Jesus' shoes, which is a servant's job.