

# DECEMBER 12: HOLY WATER FONT 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## INCLUDED:

Polymer Clay  
Toothpicks  
Black Cord

## USE YOUR OWN:

Foil Sheet, Rolling Pin  
or Heavy Can, Oven or  
Toaster Oven, Metal or  
Silicone Spatula



## LUKE 3:10-18

The crowds asked John the Baptist, “What should we do?” He said to them in reply, “Whoever has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. And whoever has food should do likewise.” Even tax collectors came to be baptized and they said to him, “Teacher, what should we do?” He answered them, “Stop collecting more than what is prescribed.” Soldiers also asked him, “And what is it that we should do?” He told them, “Do not practice extortion, do not falsely accuse anyone, and be satisfied with your wages.”

Now the people were filled with expectation, and all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Christ. John answered them all, saying, “I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fan is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.” Exhorting them in many other ways, he preached good news to the people.

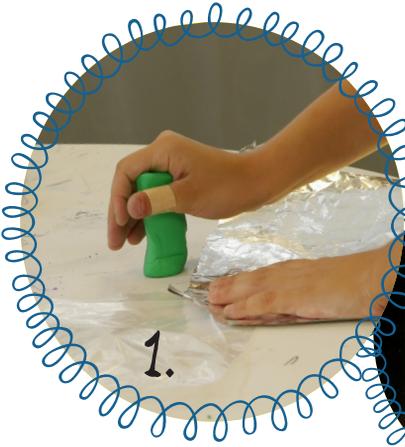
**Q** 1. Is John the Baptist the Christ for whom people were waiting?

**A** 1. No, John the Baptist explains that he is only preparing the way of the Lord.

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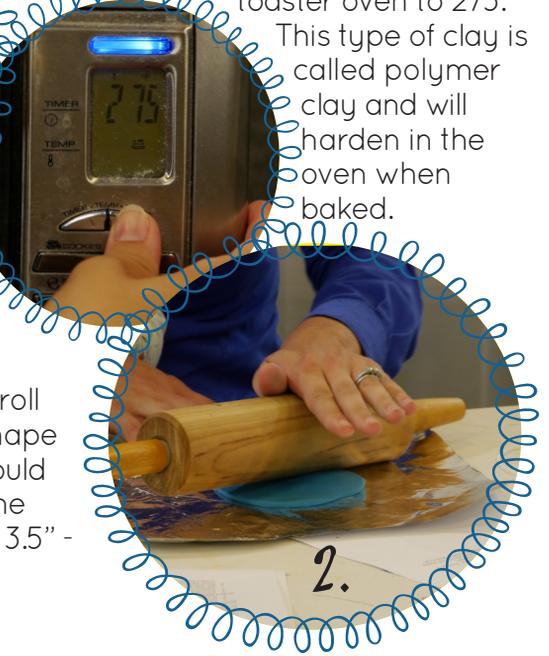
**THE MASS BOX**

1. Unwrap polymer clay and knead it into a log shape about 1.5" x 3."

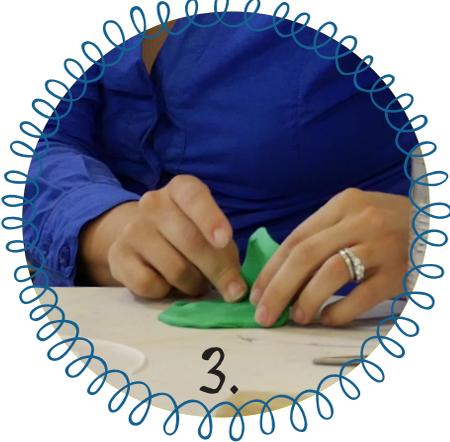


Ask an adult to preheat your oven or toaster oven to 275.

This type of clay is called polymer clay and will harden in the oven when baked.



2. On a piece of foil, evenly roll the clay to 1/4" thick, in the shape of an oval. The wider part should be about 5.5" - 6" long, and the narrow part should be about 3.5" - 4" wide.

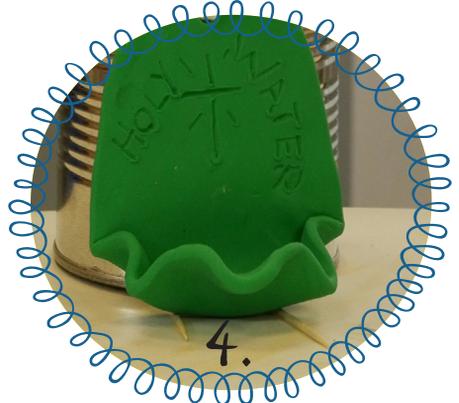


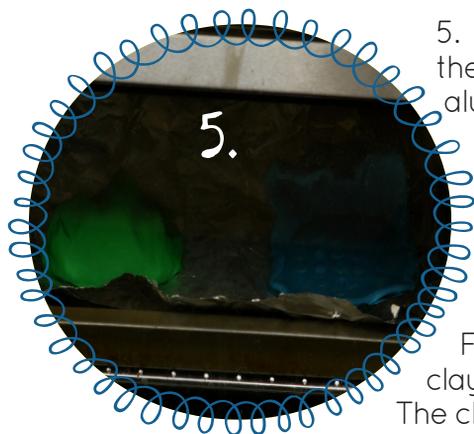
3. Carefully lift the bottom 1/3 of the clay, forming a bowl in the bottom and pinching the sides tightly. Make sure not to have any holes in the bowl part because this will hold the holy water.

Try making a fluted design on the side of the bowl like a shell.

4. Using the toothpick, make a hole near the top. This will be used to hang your holy water font.

You may want to use the toothpick to make a design in the clay. Be sure to not make holes in the bowl part.





5. Bake your holy water font in the oven. Carefully put the font on aluminum foil or parchment paper if you haven't done that already. You can lay it in a flat baking sheet or just lay the foil / parchment directly on the oven rack, in your preheated oven.

For every 1/4" of thickness, the clay needs to bake for 15 minutes. The clay may darken a bit. After it's baked, your clay will have a matte finish (not shiny) and will continue to harden for the next 24 hours.

*While you wait for your font to bake, read a biography about John the Baptist. Check out the source [truewaykids.com](http://truewaykids.com) for more, including some fun free activities you can print at home!*

Even before John was a baby, his parents knew God had a special plan for him. Zacharias and Elizabeth were too old to have a baby. His birth was a miracle. He was Jesus' cousin.

Zacharias and Elizabeth were good parents and taught John what it meant to obey God.

They thought when he was old enough John would also become a priest. But God had a special mission for John. Instead of working at a temple as a priest, he moved to the desert. He wore clothes made from camel's hair. He ate locusts and wild honey.

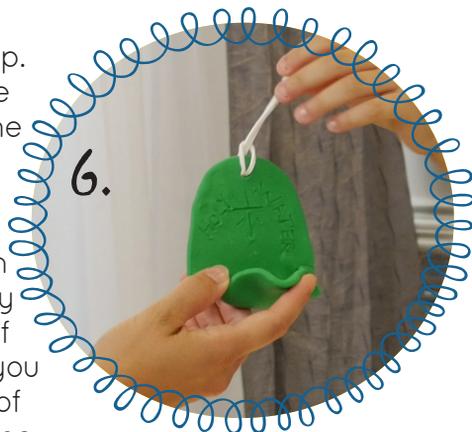
He began to preach an important message. John taught people they needed to repent. Many people came to listen to him. Some people thought he was crazy. Some religious people told him off. But others believed his message and repented of their sins. They said sorry for the bad things they have done and began to obey God.

John baptized them in the Jordan River. It was a way to show they really meant what they said. It was like washing the bad things away. Many people repented of their sins and were baptized by John. John was preparing the way for Jesus.

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6. Make a knot with the two ends of black cord, forming a loop. Thread the cord through the hole in the top of your clay, and pull the knot through the loop.



7. Hang your holy water font on the wall, and fill the bowl with holy water. Make sure to bless yourself with holy water often, like when you leave home, by making the sign of the cross and praying "In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen."

a. What does John the Baptist use to baptize Jesus' followers?



b. How can we be reminded of our baptism?

c. What else does holy water do?

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a. John the Baptist uses water to baptize.

b. We are reminded of our baptism every time we make the sign of the cross and bless ourselves with holy water.

c. Blessing ourselves with holy water helps to purify us and remove some lesser (venial) sins and helps to protect us from evil.