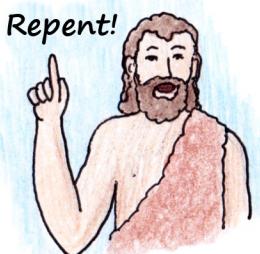


# John the Baptist: Was He the Messiah?



Everybody thought that John the Baptist was a great preacher and prophet. Some people thought that he might even be the Messiah who would save their people. But John knew that was not his job. When Jesus came to him at the river to be baptized, John pointed at Him and told the people, "Behold, the Lamb of God!" He told the people that he was not the great one; Jesus was.

Saint John the Baptist is an example to all of us. If we are really good then our lives will show other people the way to Jesus.



John the Baptist taught the people by telling them to repent of their sins and be baptized. God wants some people to teach about Him by teaching and preaching to the people. But for most of us, the best way to teach others about God is by living a good life and loving

God. If you really do your best to love God then your life will be like St. John the Baptist's and point the way to Jesus.

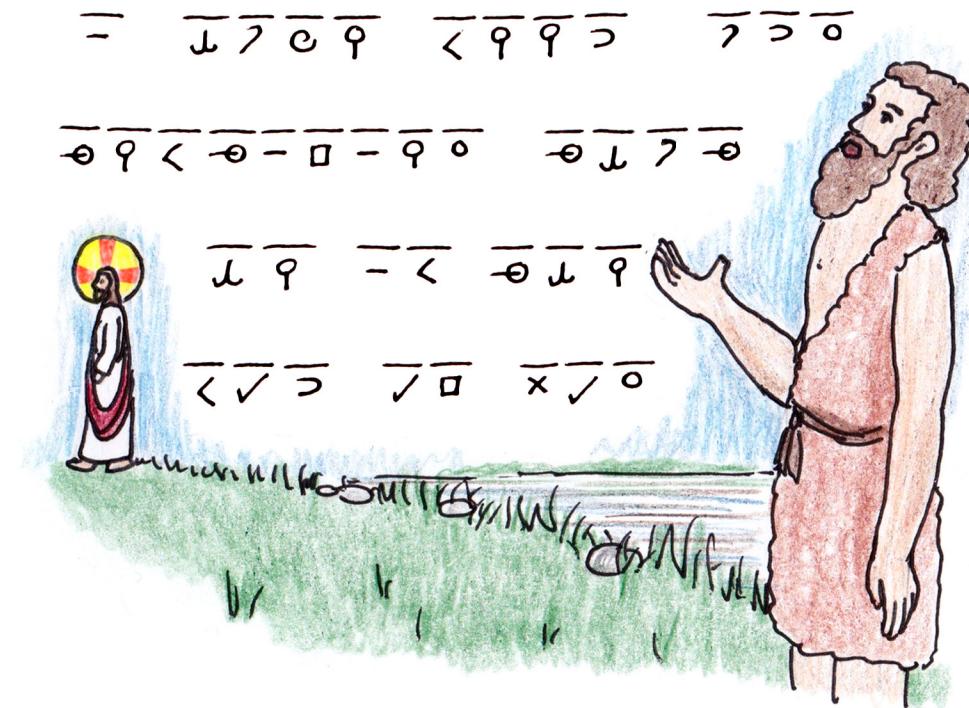


What is something that you can do today to lead someone to Jesus?

Answer to Psalm 40 Word-Find: O Lord I come to do Your will.  
Answer to puzzle on front: I have seen and testified that He is the Son of God.

# The Kids' Bulletin

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time  
January 18th, 2026



*What did Saint John the Baptist say about Jesus?  
Use the code to figure it out!*

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A D E F G H I N O S T V

# POPE SAINT FABIAN

JANUARY 20

SAINT FABIAN WAS A ROMAN FARMER. WHEN THE POPE DIED HE WENT TO ROME WHERE THEY WERE CHOOSING A NEW POPE. SUDDENLY A DOVE LANDED ON HIS HEAD.



THE PEOPLE SAW THIS AS A SIGN FROM GOD AND CHOSE FABIAN AS THE NEW POPE.

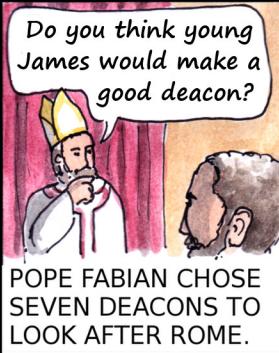
*But you don't even know me!*



WHILE HE WAS POPE THE PERSECUTION OF THE CHRISTIANS STOPPED.



*Your holiness, the new emperor is good to us!*



POPE FABIAN CHOSE SEVEN DEACONS TO LOOK AFTER ROME.

HE ALSO SPOKE OUT AGAINST HERESY.



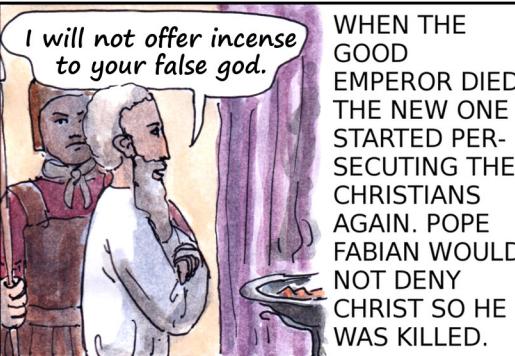
*Take this message to the bishop who is teaching heresy.*

THE POPE DID A LOT OF WORK REPAIRING THE CATACOMBS.



*We've just finished this section.*

*Excellent!*



*I will not offer incense to your false god.*

WHEN THE GOOD EMPEROR DIED THE NEW ONE STARTED PERSECUTING THE CHRISTIANS AGAIN. POPE FABIAN WOULD NOT DENY CHRIST SO HE WAS KILLED.

WE CAN LEARN FROM THE STORY OF SAINT FABIAN THAT GOD CAN DO GREAT WORK WITH ORDINARY PEOPLE. SAINT FABIAN DID NOT EXPECT TO BECOME POPE, BUT WHEN HE DID HE WORKED HARD FOR THE CHURCH. IF YOU EVER GET CHOSEN TO DO A BIG JOB REMEMBER THAT GOD WILL HELP YOU DO IT.

HOLOCAUST  
EWITHINOOF  
ALOWEARSPE  
RHEARTRAEE  
DELIGHTCNR  
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OBEDIENCEW  
ILWRITTENL

See if you can find all the words that are in CAPITALS. Use the left over letters to fill in the blanks at the end.

I have WAITED, waited for the LORD, and He stooped TOWARD me and HEARD my cry. And He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn to our God.

SACRIFICE or OFFERING You wished not, but EARS OPEN to OBEDIENCE You gave me. HOLOCAUST or sin-offerings You sought not; then I said, "Behold I COME."

"In the WRITTEN scroll it is prescribed for me, to do Your will, O my God, is my DELIGHT, and Your law is WITHIN my HEART!"

I announced Your JUSTICE in the vast assembly; I did not restrain my lips, as You, O Lord, know.

## Word-Find

# PSALM 40