

I'M AS HAPPY NOW AS I HAVE EVER BEEN (YAHOO)!
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 I'M NOW FREE TO CHITTER-CHATTER,
 AS WE HEAR THE PITTER-PATTER
 OF THE FEET BENEATH THE GIFT
 THAT GOD HAD SENT!

*Sing to "If You're Happy
 and You Know It."*



THAT'S RIGHT. MY DAD
 GOT HIS VOICE BACK.

Try to fill in the crossword without looking back at the story.

ACROSS

1. Where John was baptizing.
2. John's parents prayed for one.
3. John's father.

DOWN

1. John got people ready for him.
2. John's dad's hair color.
3. Said, "Your voice will go."
4. He's John the _____.
5. John's dad lost his.

Kidsword

Luke 3:1-6 John the Baptist

*The Baptist
 of the
 Opera!*

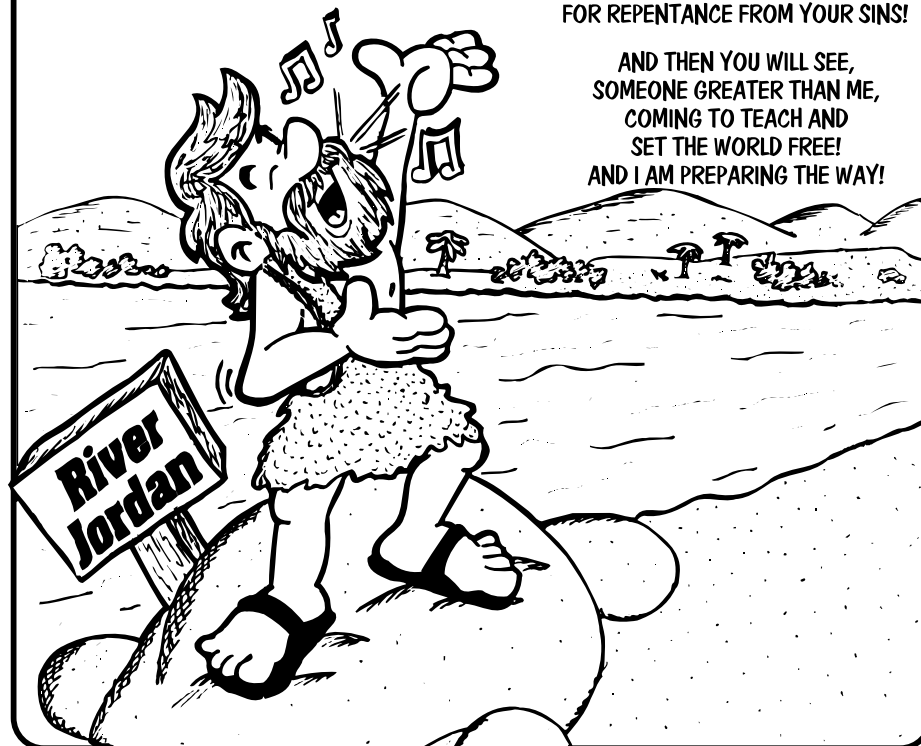
*Sing to the tune of
 "Santa Claus is
 Coming to Town."*

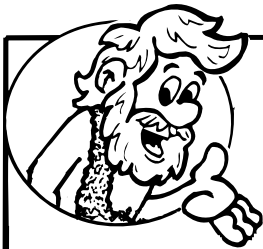
GOD SENT ME OUTSIDE,
 TO THE WILDERNESS WIDE
 TO PRAY AND PREPARE,
 FOR THE KINGDOM IS NIGH!
 AND I AM PREPARING THE WAY!

THE KINGDOM WILL COME,
 GOD'S WILL WILL BE DONE,
 THEN PEACE, LOVE, AND JOY,
 WILL FILL EVERYONE;
 AND I AM PREPARING THE WAY!

I'M STANDING BY THE JORDAN,
 COME JOIN ME FOR A SWIM,
 I WANT TO PLUNGE YOU UNDERNEATH,
 FOR REPENTANCE FROM YOUR SINS!

AND THEN YOU WILL SEE,
 SOMEONE GREATER THAN ME,
 COMING TO TEACH AND
 SET THE WORLD FREE!
 AND I AM PREPARING THE WAY!





HI! I'M JOHN THE BAPTIST--THE GUY SINGING ON THE FRONT OF THIS ISSUE. GOD ASKED ME TO PREPARE PEOPLE FOR JESUS. THIS IS THE STORY OF MY BIRTH. LONG BEFORE I WAS BORN IT WAS WRITTEN THAT I WOULD COME.

THE LORD OF ALL IS COMING INTO THIS _____ SOMEDAY;
BUT FIRST HE'LL SEND A MAN WHO WILL _____ THE WAY;
POTHoles WILL BE FILLED AND BUMPS ALL SMOOTHED _____;
I'M WRITING THIS ALL DOWN SO YOU'LL _____ WHAT I SAY!

The missing words are on the desk. After you fill them in, sing this song to the tune of "Itsy-bitsy Spider."



AN ANGEL TOLD MY DAD, ZECHARIAH, THAT I WOULD BE BORN. EVEN THOUGH HE HAD PRAYED FOR A SON, HE DIDN'T BELIEVE IT.

Sing to the tune of "Jesus Loves Me."

ZECHARIAH, I HAVE COME TO TELL YOU THAT YOU'LL HAVE A SON; HE WILL SEE GOD'S WILL IS DONE, AND YOU ARE TO NAME HIM JOHN!

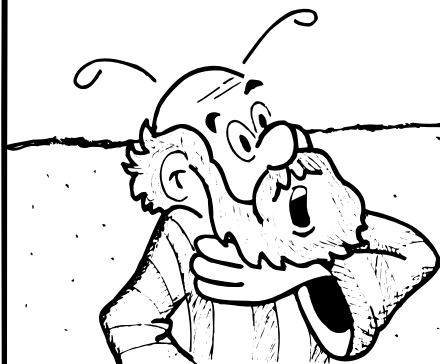
WHAT DID YOU SAY-AY? WE'RE OLD AND GRAY-AY TOO LATE FOR CHILDREN, BIOLOGY TELLS US SO!



MY DAD WAS SO HAPPY HE WAS, WELL, SPEECHLESS!

SINCE YOU DON'T BELIEVE THE WORDS I'VE SAID TO YOU, YOUR VOICE WILL GO UNTIL YOU KNOW THAT WHAT GOD SAYS IS TRUE!

Sing to the tune of "Row, Row, Row Your Boat."



THEN I WAS BORN!

WE THINK YOU SHOULD CALL HIM MAX, FRED OR DAN, BUTCH OR STAN, ZECHARIAH, LIKE HIS DAD, WHADDYA SAY, LADY?

Sing to the tune of "London Bridge."



M	A	K	C	I	N	E	A	L
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S	R	I	W	I	B	A	E	R
E	U	S	A	M	A	R	K	R
K	C	I	R	A	R	O	B	Y
A	E	D	D	X	T	L	E	D
J	O	E	F	R	E	D	O	N

Can you find 35+ boys' names (all directions)?

WE'RE TWO OLD FOLKS WITH JUST ONE SON, AND JOHN WILL BE HIS NAME-O:
J-O-H-N, OH!
J-O-H-N, OH!
J-O-H-N, OH!
JUST LIKE THE ANGEL SAID-O!

Sing to "Bingo Was His Name-O"

