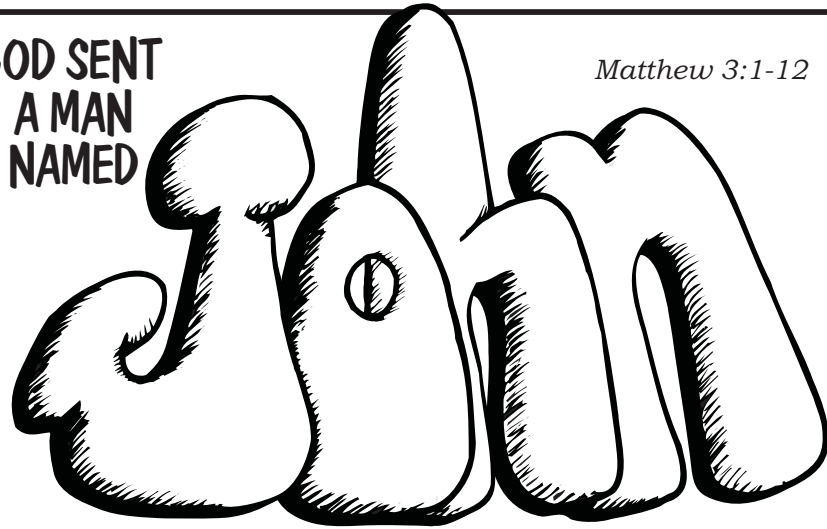


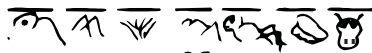
GOD SENT  
A MAN  
NAMED

Matthew 3:1-12

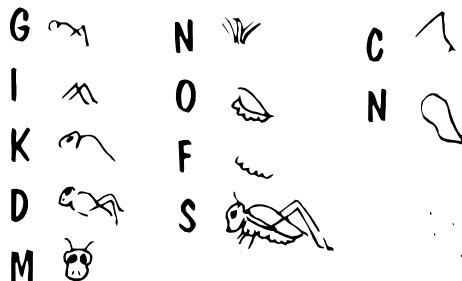
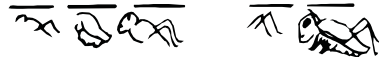


TO ANNOUNCE THE COMING OF JESUS. HE  
WAS A RUGGED GUY WHO LIVED IN THE  
DESERT, ATE LOCUST AND WORE A

GET READY FOR THE



OF



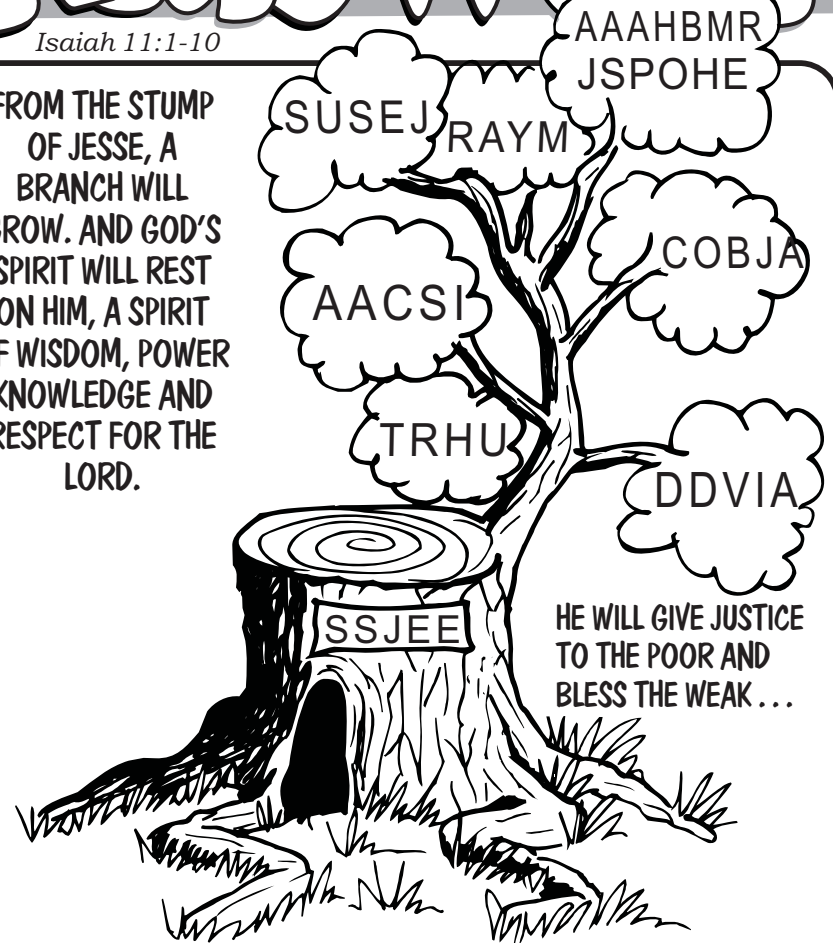
What was his message? Break the locust code.



# Kidsword

Isaiah 11:1-10

FROM THE STUMP  
OF JESSE, A  
BRANCH WILL  
GROW. AND GOD'S  
SPIRIT WILL REST  
ON HIM, A SPIRIT  
OF WISDOM, POWER  
KNOWLEDGE AND  
RESPECT FOR THE  
LORD.



HE WILL GIVE JUSTICE  
TO THE POOR AND  
BLESS THE WEAK...

The leaves of this branch have the names of people in Jesus' family history scrambled on them. Can you find Mary, Isaac, Jacob, Solomon, Jesse, Joseph, Ruth and Abraham? Any others?

The branch is a symbol of Advent (a symbol is something used to remind us of something else). Advent is the first season of the Christian year, a time when we think about Jesus' first coming in Bethlehem and his promise to come again.

Isaiah lived hundreds of years before Jesus, but he saw a time coming when God would bring his special servant into the world. Isaiah wrote about that time, saying . . .

*(The missing rymes are in this tree. Watch out! Some are decoys.)*

*Isaiah 11:6-10*

THE WOLF AND THE LAMB  
WILL LIVE IN PEACE,  
THE LEOPARD AND GOAT  
REST AS \_\_\_\_\_;  
THE CALF'S FEAR OF LIONS  
WILL VANISH, WILL CEASE;  
AND A CHILD WILL LEAD  
ALL OF \_\_\_\_\_!

THE BEAR WILL EAT  
WITH HIS FRIEND, THE COW;  
THE LION GIVE UP  
EATING \_\_\_\_\_!  
THE TODDLER WILL PLAY  
AND LAUGH OUT LOUD  
AS A SNAKE SLITHERS  
'ROUND HIS \_\_\_\_\_!

WE ALL SHALL BE SAFE,  
AS SAFE AS CAN BE;  
WE ALL WILL BE JOYFUL  
AND HAPPY AND \_\_\_\_\_;  
WHEN GOD'S LOVE  
FILLS THE WORLD  
AS THE WATERS THE \_\_\_\_\_.

LOOK MEAT  
LOOK SEA  
FREE FEET  
CHAIR  
THEM  
GUM TREE



*All the animals in this picture fit into this crossword. Try it!*