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The Jews sent some priests to John the Baptist to ask him:

“Who are you?”

John replied,

“I am not the promised one.”

The priests then asked him:

“Are you Elijah or another Prophet?”

John answered,

“No, I am neither of these.”

“Well, who are you then and why are you baptising these people?”

John used the words of the prophet Isaiah when he answered,

“I am a voice carrying out in the desert,

prepare a way for the Lord!

I baptise you with water,

but there is one you do not know yet,

who stands among you, one who is coming after me.

I am not fit even to unto his sandals,” he said.



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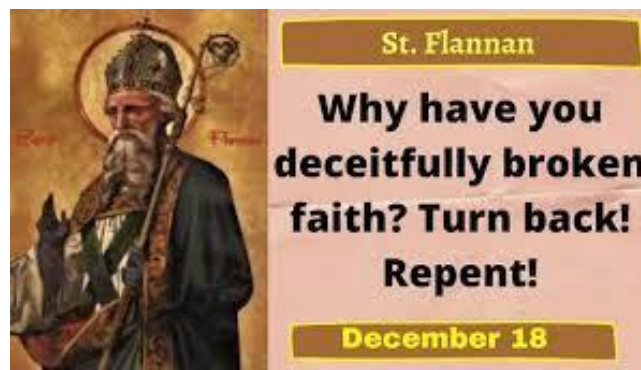
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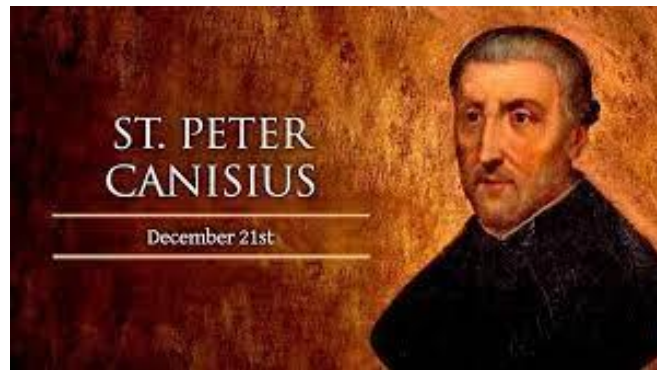
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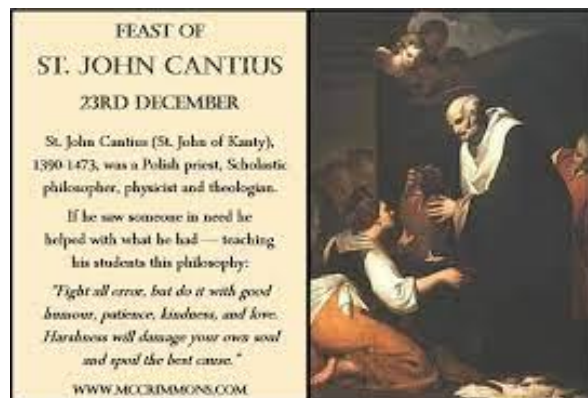
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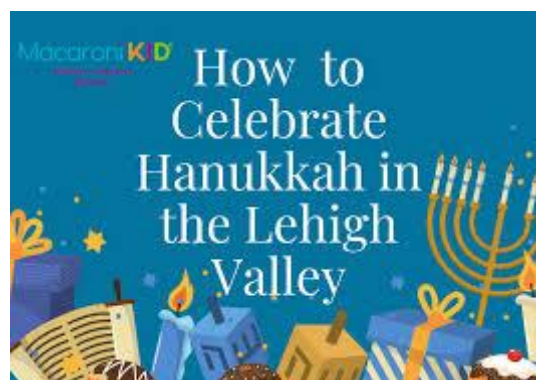
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Eggplant & Ricotta Rolls

Ingredients

Eggplants, sliced 1/2cm lengthways - 2

Olive oil - 1/4 cup

Ricotta - 500 g

Zest of 1 lemon

Thyme leaves - 1/4 cup

Salt, to season

Ground pepper, to season

Countdown chilled tomato pasta sauce - 325 g

Grated Parmesan - 1/2 cup

Basil leaves, to garnish



Method

- Preheat the oven to 180°C (160°C fan-forced).
- Place the eggplant onto a large baking tray in a single layer. Drizzle with the oil and place into the oven for 15 minutes. Turnover and bake for a further 15 minutes. Remove and cool to room temperature.
- While the eggplant is baking, place the ricotta into a large bowl with the lemon, thyme, salt and pepper.
- Once the eggplant is cool, place a spoonful of ricotta at the end of each slice of eggplant and roll up.
- Place the eggplant rolls into an ovenproof baking dish. Pour over the pasta sauce, sprinkle with Parmesan and bake for a further 15 minutes.
- Remove and serve hot, garnished with fresh basil leaves.

White Chocolate and Raspberry Croissant Pudding

Ingredients

Croissants, sliced thinly - 5

Raspberry jam - 1/3 cup

White chocolate, chopped coarsely - 100 g

Raspberries, fresh or frozen - 1 cup

Custard

Cream - 1 1/2 cup

Milk - 1 1/4 cup

Caster sugar - 1/3 cup

Vanilla extract - 1 tsp

Eggs - 4

Method

- Preheat oven to 160°C (140°C fan-forced).
- To make the custard, in a medium saucepan, combine cream, milk, sugar and extract; bring to the boil. Remove from heat.
- In a large bowl, whisk eggs constantly; gradually adding the hot milk mixture to egg mixture.
- Grease a shallow 2-litre (8-cup) ovenproof dish.
- Layer croissant slices, overlapping slightly, in dish; dollop spoonful's of jam over slices. Sprinkle with chocolate and berries.
- Pour custard over the top; stand for 5 minutes.
- Place dish in large ovenproof baking dish; add enough boiling water to come halfway up sides of dish.
- Bake for about 1 hour, or until pudding sets.
- Remove pudding from dish; stand for 5 minutes before serving.



Preparing the Way

"A voice calling in the wilderness, 'Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.'" Mark 1:3

The puzzle is based on Mark 1:1-8



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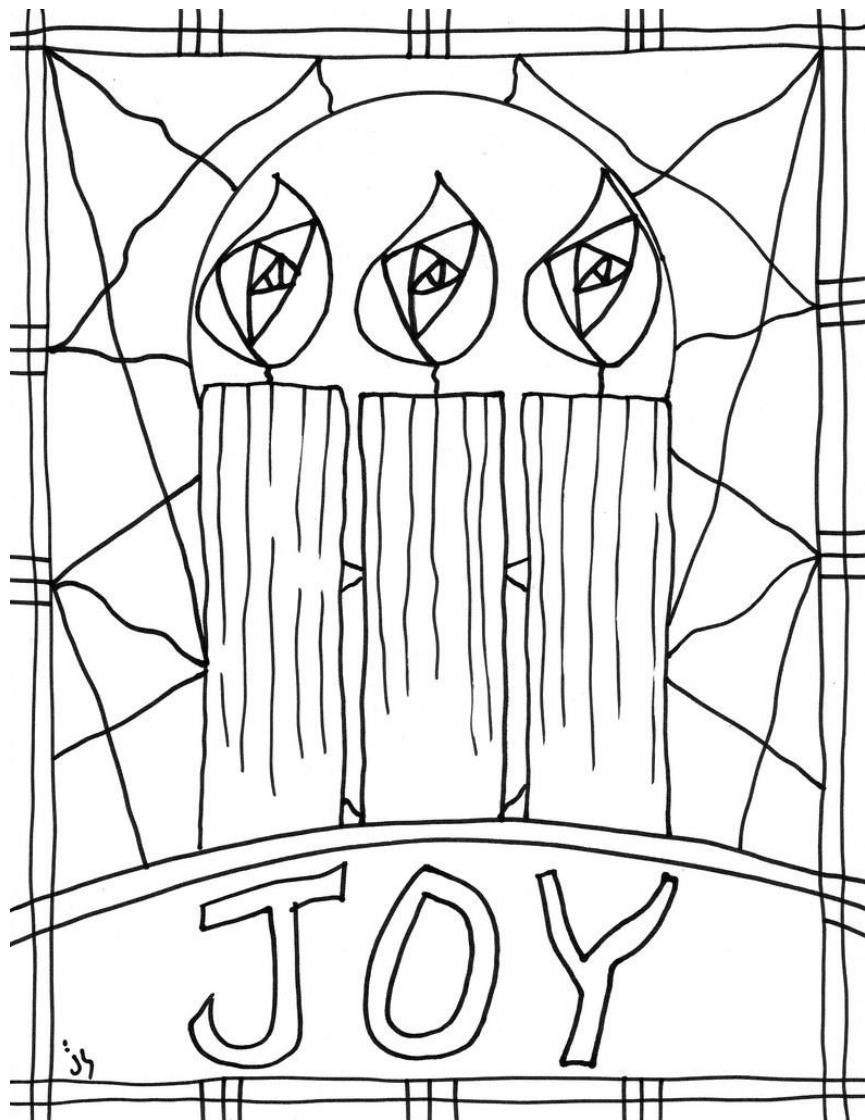
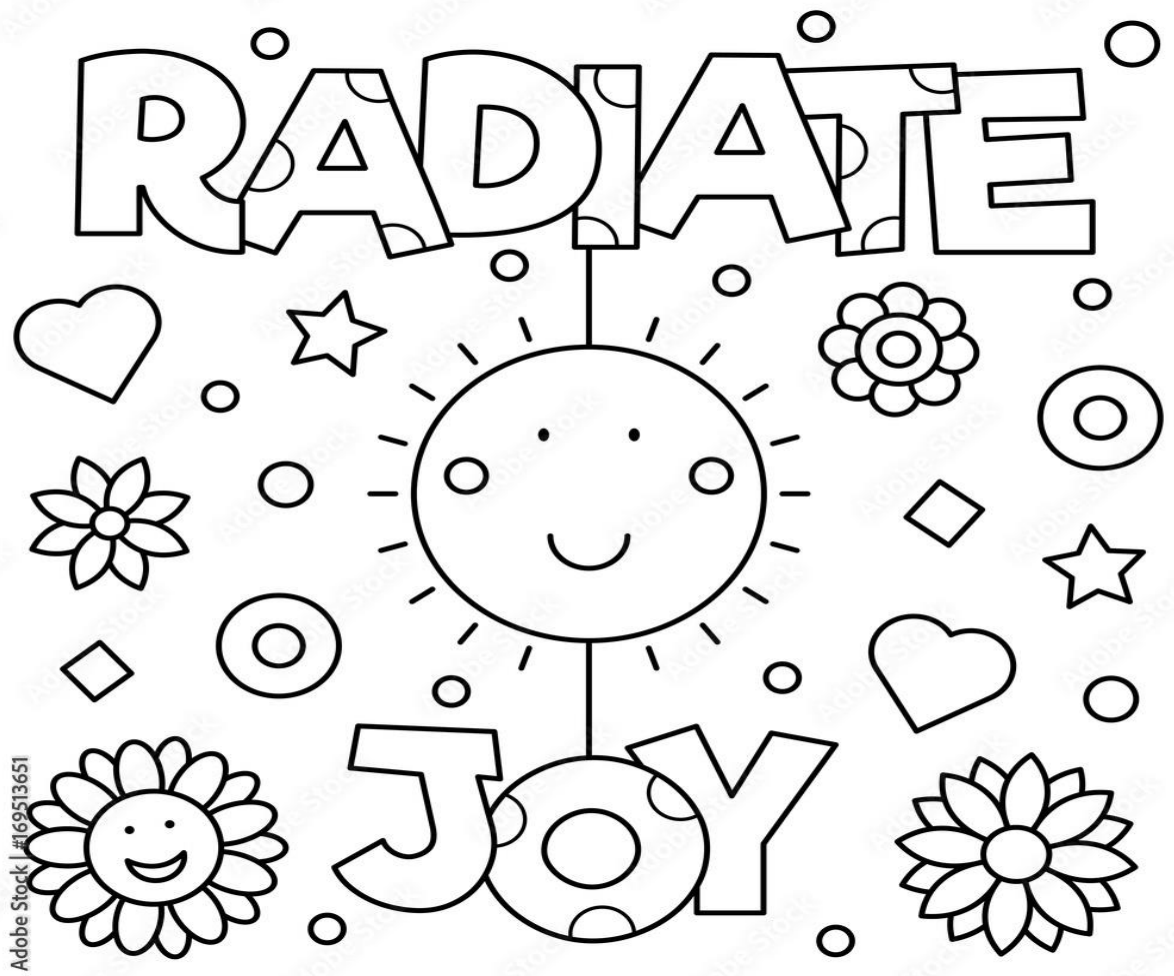
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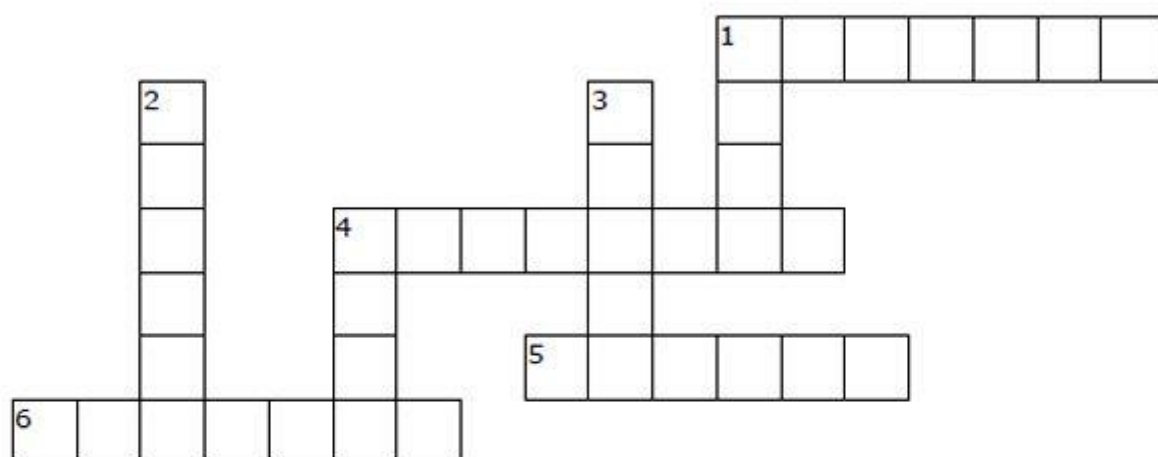
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ACROSS

1. To make ready ahead of time
4. Not having any curves or bends
5. A dry, barren region with only a few plants
6. To admit your sins to God

DOWN

1. A trail made for traveling on foot
2. The river where John baptized people
3. What people use for speaking
4. Actions that break God's law

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