



"Every valley will be filled, and every mountain shall be made low." Lk.3:5

Youth News

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This Week's Edition:

Mountains and Valleys



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DID YOU KNOW?

When the gospel talks about filling valleys and shrinking mountains, it's not asking us to pick up a shovel or some dynamite.

The gospel uses valleys to represent people who are "lowly" (e.g. the poor/unpopular). When God comes, the 'valleys' will be raised, and everyone will realize that the "lowly" are just as important as everyone else.

The gospel uses mountains to represent people who think they are better than everyone. When God comes, the 'mountains' will be made small since they will realize that all people are created equal.

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There once was a man named John...

Lk. 3:1-6

...who was the son of Zechariah.

While John was living in the desert, God spoke to him and told him to preach to the people. So John went around the whole area of the Jordan River telling everyone to change their lives and to be baptized so that their sins would be forgiven.

The prophet Isaiah had already written about this a long time ago when he said:

In the desert there is a voice proclaiming: "Prepare the way for the coming of God! Make a straight path for the coming of God! Every valley will be filled in and every mountain and hill will be made small, and the rough land will be made smooth. And all the people on earth will see the saving power of our God."

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What do YOU Think About this Story?

1. I wonder how God spoke to John the Baptist in the desert...

2. I wonder how people felt when John told them to change their lives and be baptized

3. I wonder how I can help "fill in the valleys" and "make the mountains small" in order to make the path straight for Jesus...

Making the Path Straight

Instructions:

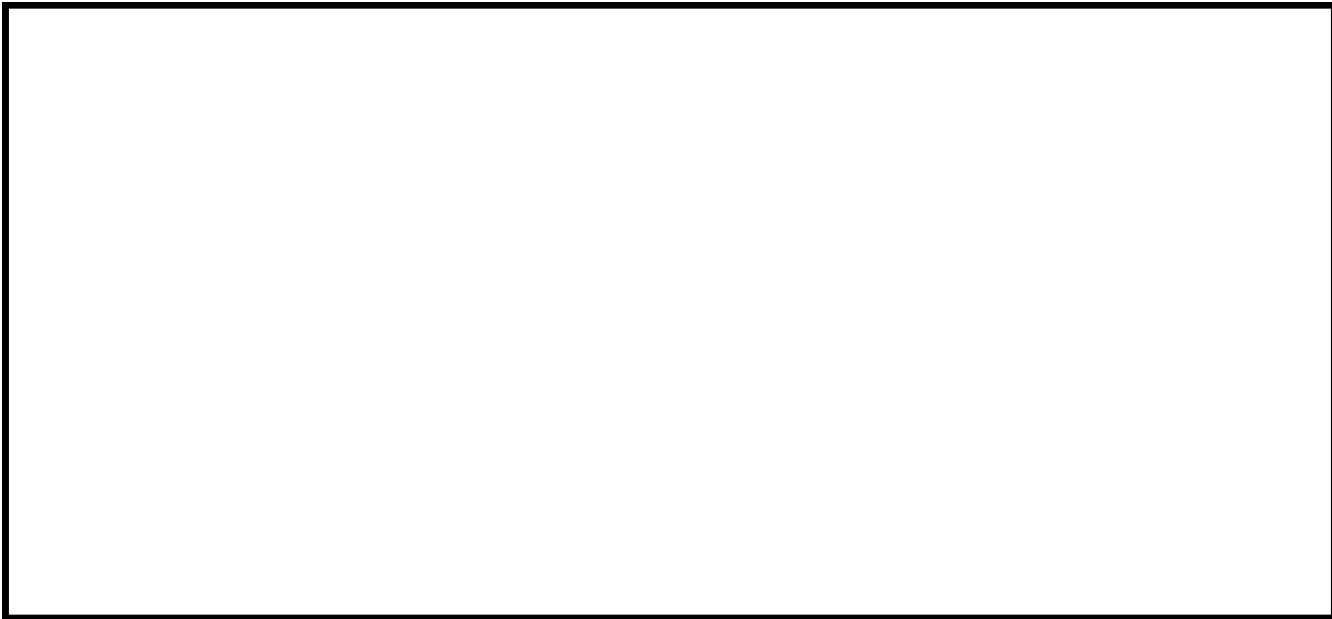
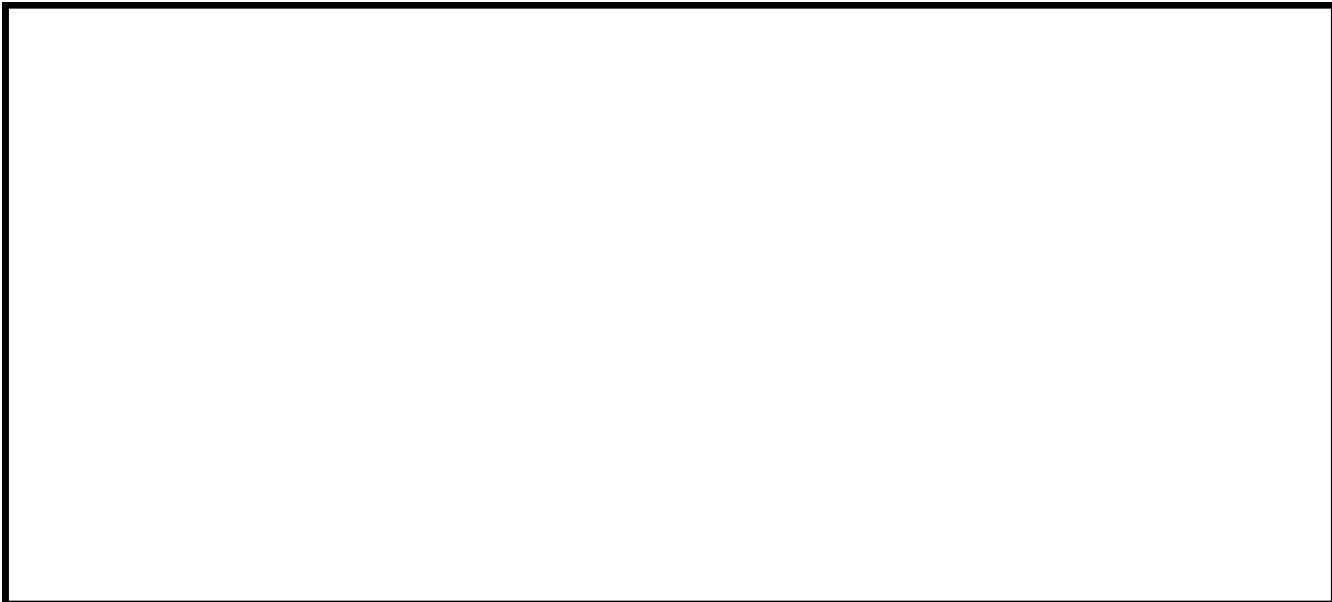
(See the "Did you Know" on front page)

In the top box, draw a "valley being filled in".

(e.g. a poor man being made the guest of honour, or an unpopular person being invited to play)

In the bottom box, draw a "mountain being made low".

(e.g. a king helping the servants sweep his palace, or Pope Francis washing the feet of prisoners)



Help Wanted: Kingdom Builders

Straw for the Manger:

First, create and design a tiny manger (out of a cardboard box/plastic container), and place this manger in a place of honour at home.

Each member of the family may place a piece of straw or yellow yarn in the crib each night for every kind act he/she did during the day.

During this season of Advent, try and fill the crib to welcome the Christ child with many kind words, good deeds, and loving prayers.

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COMING UP IN YOUTH MINISTRY...

CHRISTMAS CAROLING AT WINDERMERE ON THE MOUNT!

Parishioners of all ages are invited to join us for Christmas Caroling with residents of Windermere on the Mount on **Sunday December 13 from 11:30am-1pm**. We will meet in the parish hall at 11:30 to eat our lunch (please bring your own), write Christmas cards, practice a few carols and then make our way into the dining room of Windermere on the Mount to share some Christmas cheer with the residents. Please rsvp to Natalie if you are interested in attending.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS...FIRST COMMUNION PREP IN JANUARY 2016

All children in grade 2 and their parents are invited to a First Communion Info Meeting with Natalie in the parish hall on Sunday January 10 from 11:45am-12:45pm. Please bring a nut free lunch.

The dates for First Communion preparation are: Sunday January 24, Sunday January 31, Sunday February 7. All classes are held from 11:45am-1:15pm in the parish hall and children are asked to bring a nut free lunch.

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