

HOPE Past - How many prophecies about the Messiah do you think are in the Old Testament? _____*

God spoke through the prophets about the coming Messiah! When you read the Old Testament you find many times of high taxes, war and idol worship; they needed HOPE!

“But you, _____ Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for Me _____ who will be ruler over Israel “ Micah 5:2

¹² (David) When your days are over and you rest with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring to succeed you, your own flesh and blood, and I will establish His _____ . II Samuel 7:12

¹³ He is the _____ who will build a house for My Name, and I will establish the throne of His kingdom forever. ¹⁴ I will be his father, and He will be My _____. II Samuel 7:13 *300

Can you find more at home?

HOPE Fulfilled - God’s promise of a Messiah is fulfilled! Who are some of the eye witnesses? What did _____ say? John 1:15-18

What does Titus 2: 11-13 tell us? “we wait for the _____
 _____, the appearing of _____!”

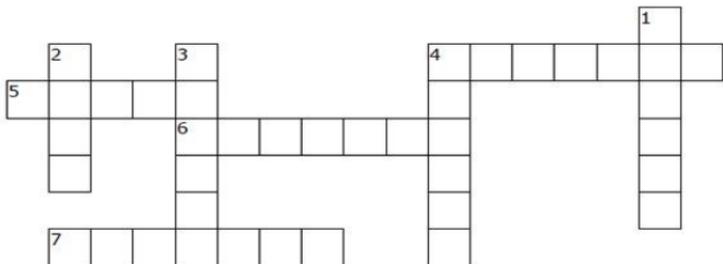
Ready for the Christ of Christmas

In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea and saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” Matthew 3:1 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 3:1-12



JOHN THE BAPTIST



ACROSS

- One who speaks for God, or tells what will happen in the future
- The sounds that are made when people speak or sing
- To get ready for something that is going to happen
- What John did to people in the Jordan River

DOWN

- An area where there is little rain and not many plants
- The man who preached that Jesus was coming
- To be sorry for something bad you have done and make a change
- To deliver a sermon

VOICE
 REPENT

PREPARE
 JOHN

DESERT
 PREACH

PROPHET
 BAPTIZE

²⁵ Now there was a man in Jerusalem called _____, who was righteous and devout..... the _____ was on him. ²⁶ It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's _____. ²⁸ Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying: ²⁹ "Sovereign Lord, as you have _____, you may now dismiss your servant in peace. ³⁰ For my eyes have seen your salvation," _____ ³⁶ "There was also a prophet, Anna,She was very old;... ³⁸ Coming up to them at that very moment, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the _____.! Luke 2:25-38

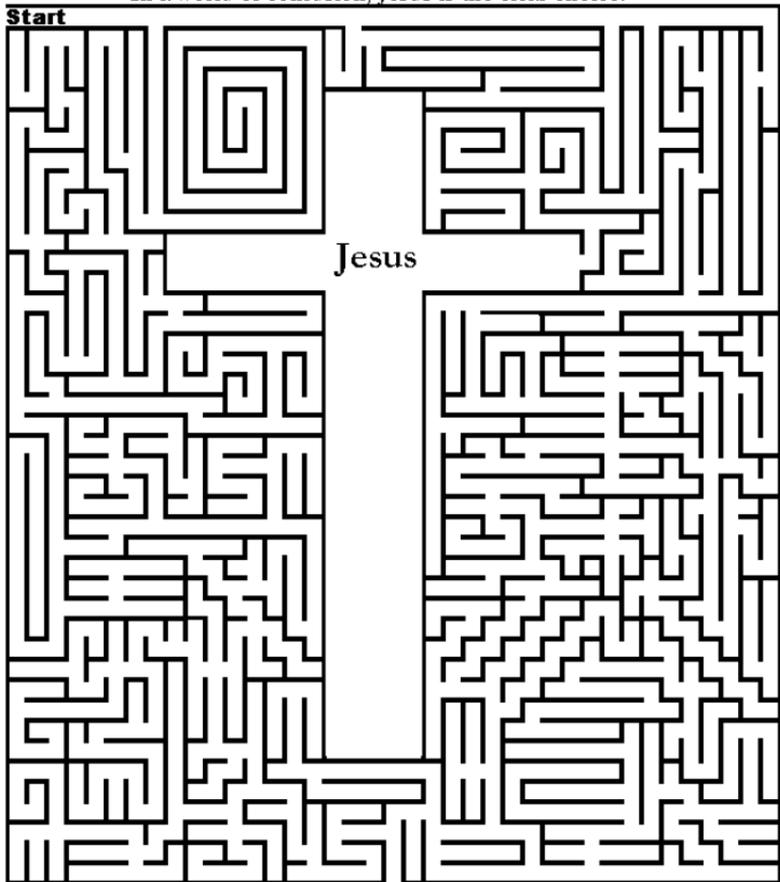
HOPE Future –*Jesus promised us???* This is our **HOPE!**

³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with Me that you also may be where I am. ²⁸ "You heard Me say, 'I am going away, and I am _____ to you.' If you loved me, you would be glad that I am going to the _____, for the Father is greater than I." John 14:3, 28

¹¹ "Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This _____ Jesus, Who has been taken from you into _____, will come back in the same way you have seen _____ go into heaven." Acts 1:11

In a world of confusion, Jesus is the clear choice.

Start



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*What will you do each day while you eagerly wait to celebrate our **blessed HOPE**?*

What verses will you find that tell about Jesus this week?