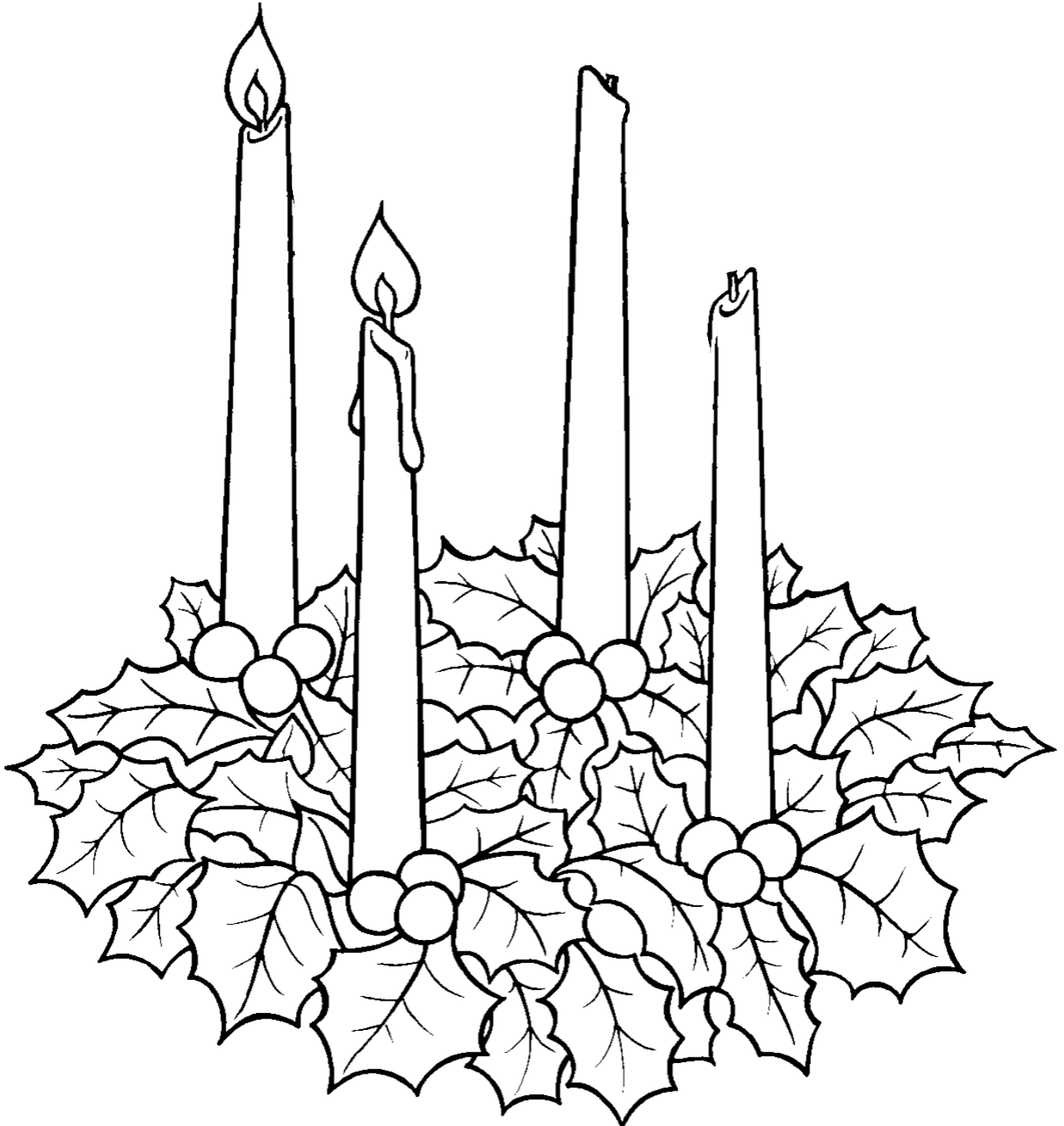


The Story of John the Baptist

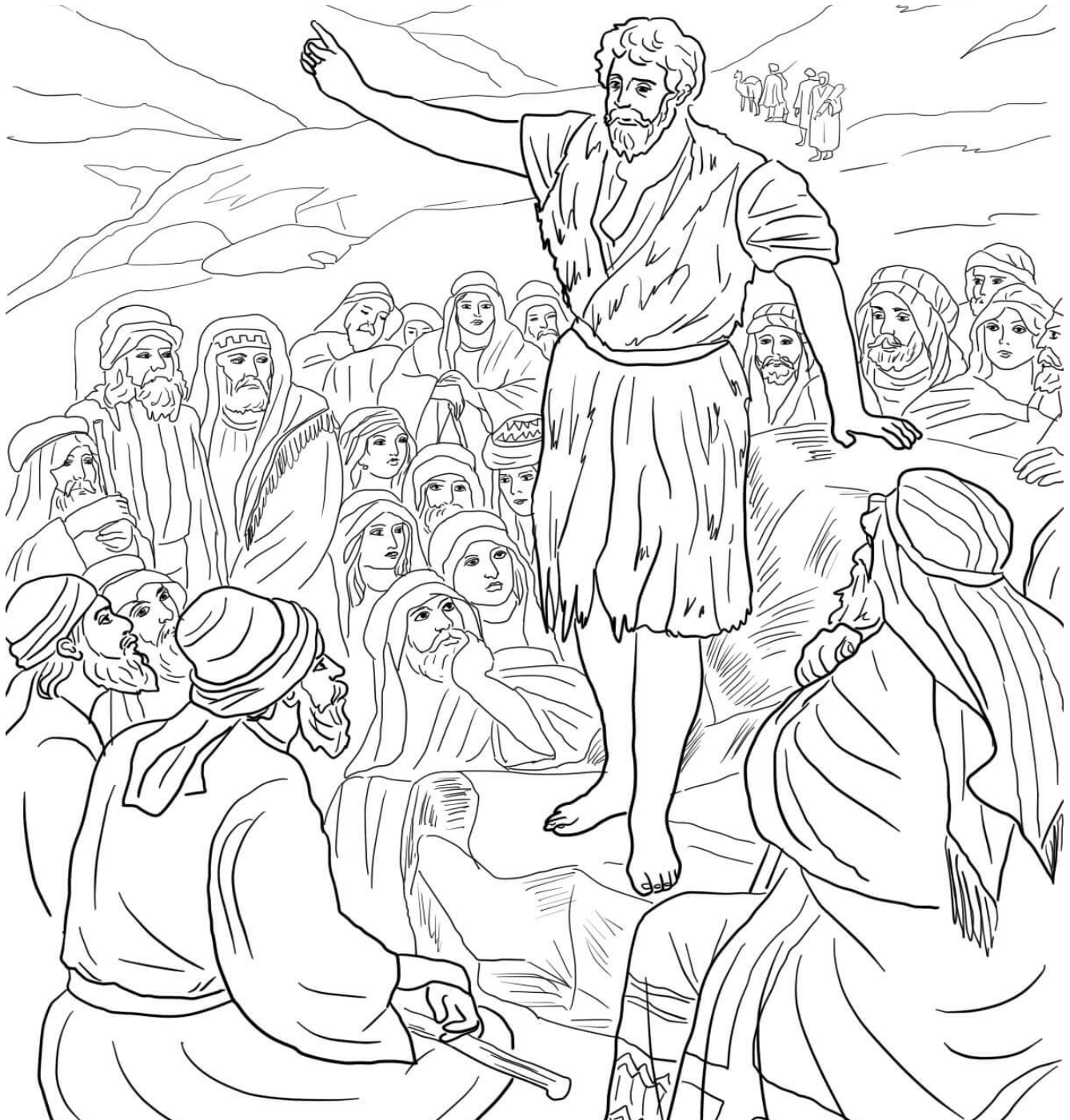
(Told in the style of The Complete Guide to Godly Play by Jerome Berryman)

Things are changing. Can you feel it? The air is getting colder, the days are getting shorter, and everyone is waiting for something. Today is the second Sunday of Advent! Advent means something is coming.



Advent means, we are waiting for Christmas!

On the second Sunday of Advent, we remember John the Baptist. John the Baptist lived in the wilderness. He dressed in clothes woven from camel's hair, and he ate grasshoppers and wild honey. People from all around the kingdom of Judah would go out into the desert, confess their sins, and get baptized by John in the Jordan river.



“Someone more powerful than I am is coming after me,” John told them. “I am not worthy to even stoop down and buckle his sandals. I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

I wonder who John the Baptist was telling them about?