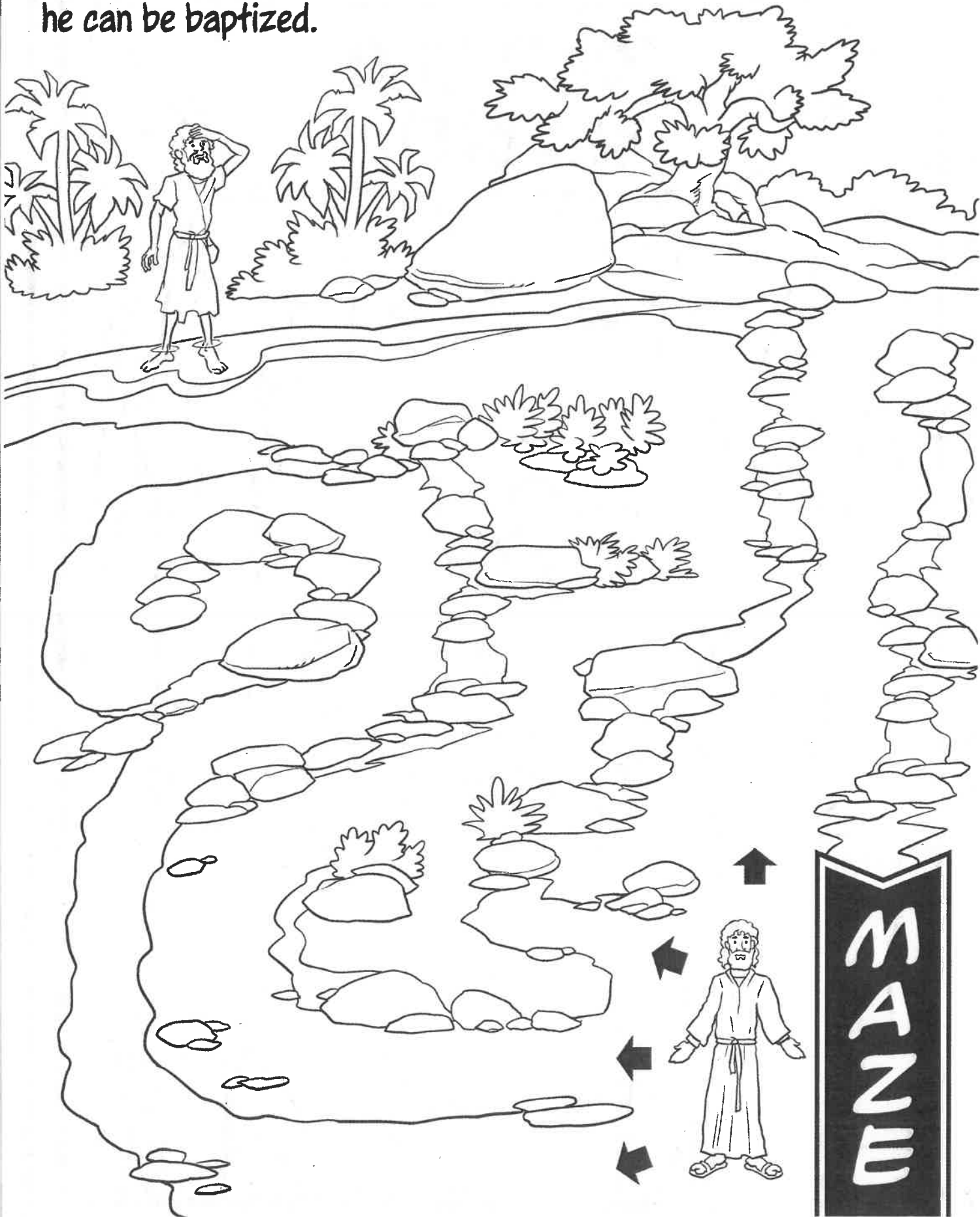


**John the
BAPTIST**



Help Jesus find John the Baptist on the Jordan River so he can be baptized.

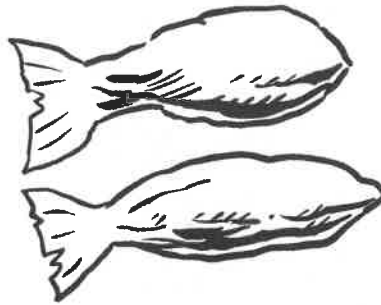


WHAT WOULD JESUS EAT?

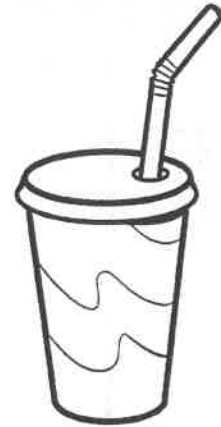
Circle 6 foods that people might eat or drink in the Holy Land during Bible times.



dates



fish



soda pop



bread



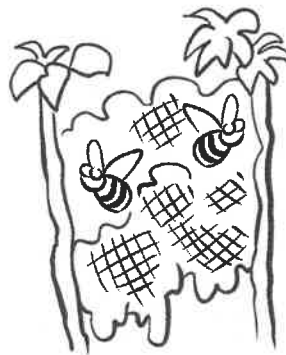
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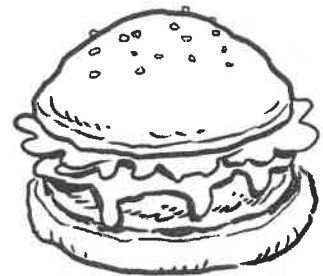
figs



wine



honey



hamburger

SPOT THE DIFFERENCES

Can you circle 6 differences between the two pictures of Jesus being baptized by John the Baptist?



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JOHN'S STORY

Fill in the blanks in this short story about John the Baptist. Use the words from the word bank.

When John grew up, he went to the _____ to pray and listen to God's voice. Then he traveled to the _____ to baptize and preach to his _____. "Jesus the _____ is coming soon! Get ready!" he said. When Jesus came, John _____ him. The _____ came down as a _____. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my _____. I am pleased with you."

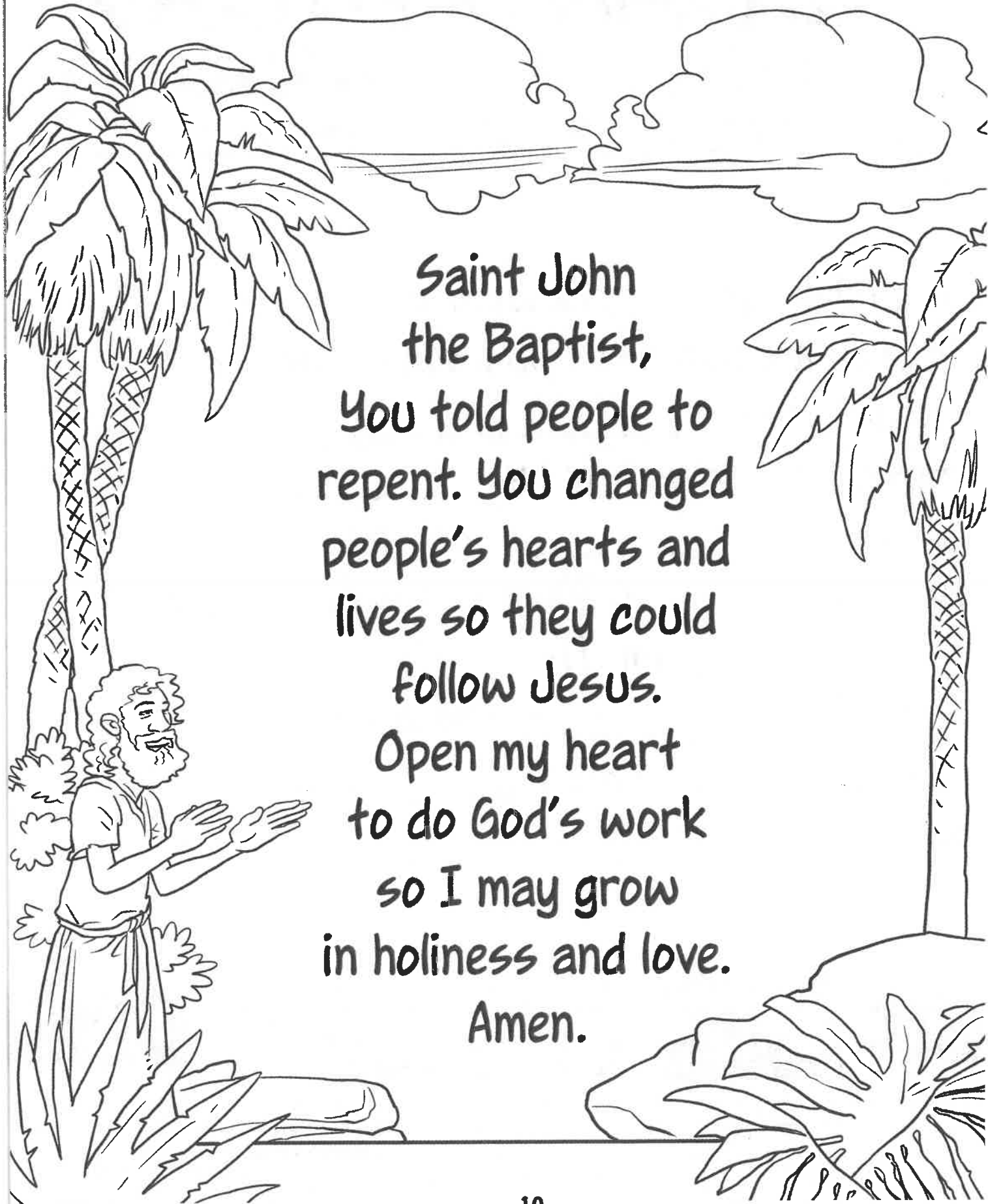
WORD BANK

BAPTIZED
DESERT
DISCIPLES
DOVE

HOLY SPIRIT
JORDAN RIVER
MESSIAH
SON

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PRAYER TO JOHN THE BAPTIST



Saint John
the Baptist,
You told people to
repent. You changed
people's hearts and
lives so they could
follow Jesus.

Open my heart
to do God's work
so I may grow
in holiness and love.

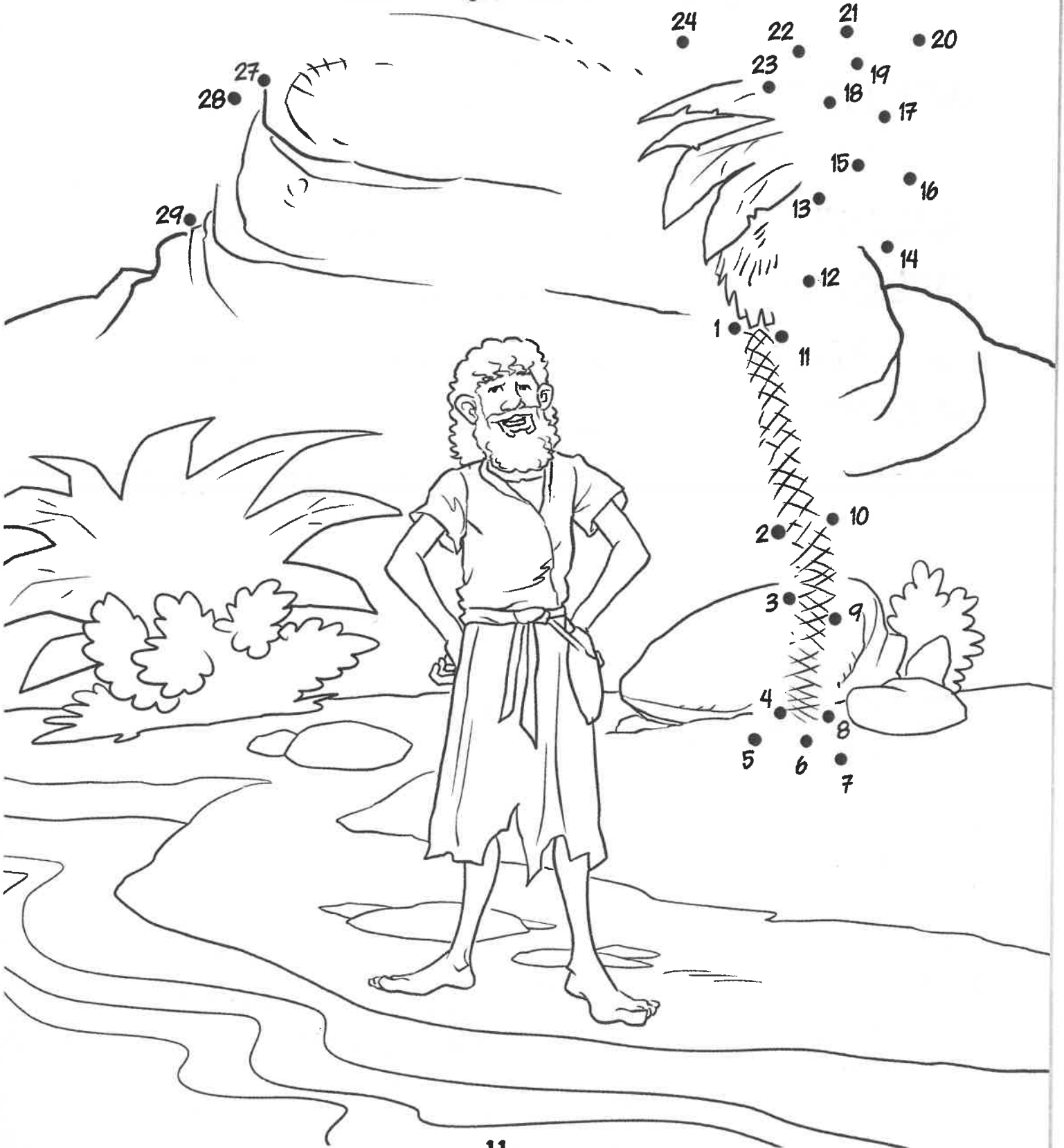
Amen.

Connect the dots to complete the scene on the Jordan River.

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WORD JUMBLE

These words from the John the Baptist book are all mixed up!
Can you unscramble them?

ACEHPR

TEACSNMRA

GALNE

MTLEPE

HPTREPO

RRAMYT

SLOTUC

WORD BANK

ANGEL
LOCUST
MARTYR
PREACH
PROPHET
SACRAMENT
TEMPLE



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At a

BAPTISM

You might find these people and things at a baptism today.



Priest — The priest leads the sacrament of baptism and welcomes us into the Christian community.



Sacred oils — The priest anoints us with sweet-smelling oil to remind us how much God loves us.



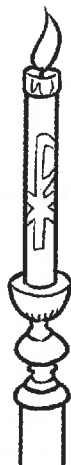
Baptismal font — This is filled with holy water. The water reminds us that baptism cleans away sin and gives us new life in Jesus.



Baptismal gown — At baptism we wear white clothing to symbolize our new life as a child of God.



Family—Your parents try to live like Jesus did, and wanted you baptized so you will, too.



Baptismal candle — The baptismal candle represents Jesus as the light of the world.



Godparents—These relatives or friends of your parents will support you in your faith.