



A Voice in the Wilderness

December 26, 2021

Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions.



**Pray:** Light a candle and open your devotion time with a prayer.

God of proclamation, you sent John into the world to prepare the way for Jesus. Jesus prepared the mission for us. Give us courage to carry the mantle and proclaim your word to the world. Amen.



**Read:** Read the key verse from Sunday's reading.

<sup>23</sup>He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,'" as the prophet Isaiah said. (John 1:23)



**Reflect:** Reflect on the scripture summary.

John had an important role to play—to prepare the way for Jesus, the Messiah, to enter the scene.



**Connect:** Connect in conversation with others in your household.

What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?

There are so many competing voices in our world. In what ways do celebrities (entertainers, sports figures, politicians, etc.) compete to be heard? How does their contending affect the rest of us? How do you know whose voice to listen to?

What was it like to live as a prophet in Jesus' day? If you were a prophet today, what would you eat? What would you wear? How would you make your voice heard?

**For the littles:** Are you more loud or quiet?



**Bless:** Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God be the loudest voice in your head. Amen.



**Do:** By acting on what we learn, we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

**Tune out the voices of the world this week. Limit your exposure to social media, TV, and the internet. Immerse yourself in positivity, and in God's word.**



**Go Deeper:** Go to [clergystuff.com/daily-devotions](http://clergystuff.com/daily-devotions) for devotions on the daily readings.

Sunday, John 1:19-34, A Voice in the Wilderness

Monday, Psalm 32:1-2, The Joy of Forgiveness

Tuesday, Psalm 32:3-4, The Joy of Forgiveness

Wednesday, Psalm 32:5, The Joy of Forgiveness

Thursday, Psalm 32:6-7, The Joy of Forgiveness

Friday, Psalm 32:8-9, The Joy of Forgiveness

Saturday, Psalm 32:10-11, The Joy of Forgiveness