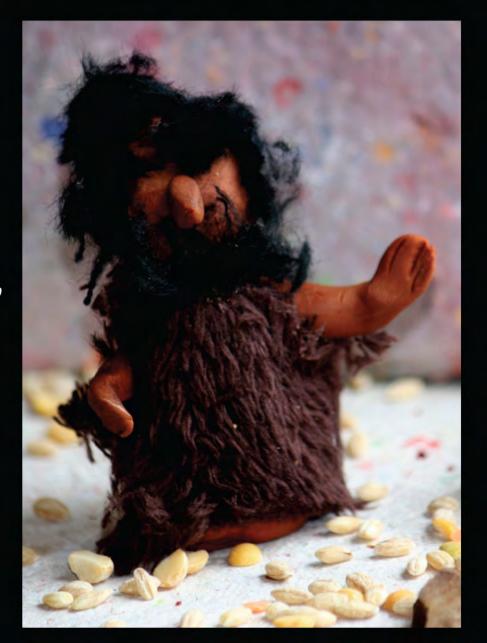
John 1:19-28

John the Baptiser

"Time to Get Ready"



Are you ready?

Are you ready for a story?

Are you ready for surprises?

Are you ready for something new?

Are you ready?





Mary and her fiancé Joseph get a strange message from God

"Time to get ready!
Ready for something new.
Ready for surprises!
You are going to have a
baby!"



When Elizabeth said "I'm having a baby!"

Her friends were shocked and surprised.

"You're too old!" they said.



When Mary said "I'm having a Baby!"

Her friends were shocked and surprised.

"You're too young! (and not yet married)" they said.

But Elizabeth said

"It's ok.
This is something from God.
It will be scary and wonderful and difficult and amazing for us all.
So let's get ready for God."



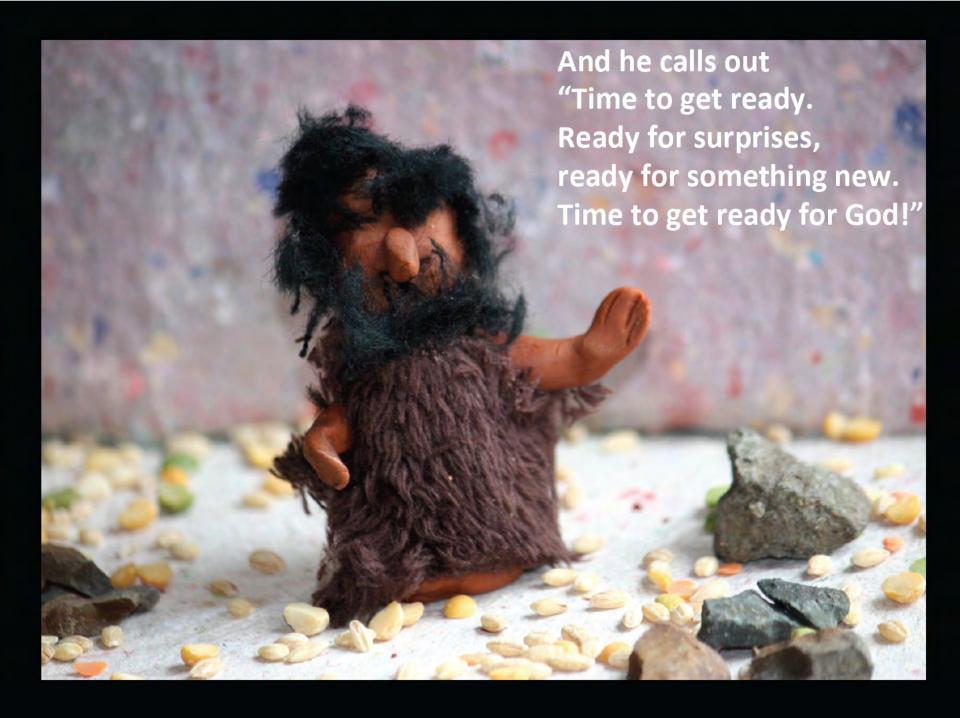


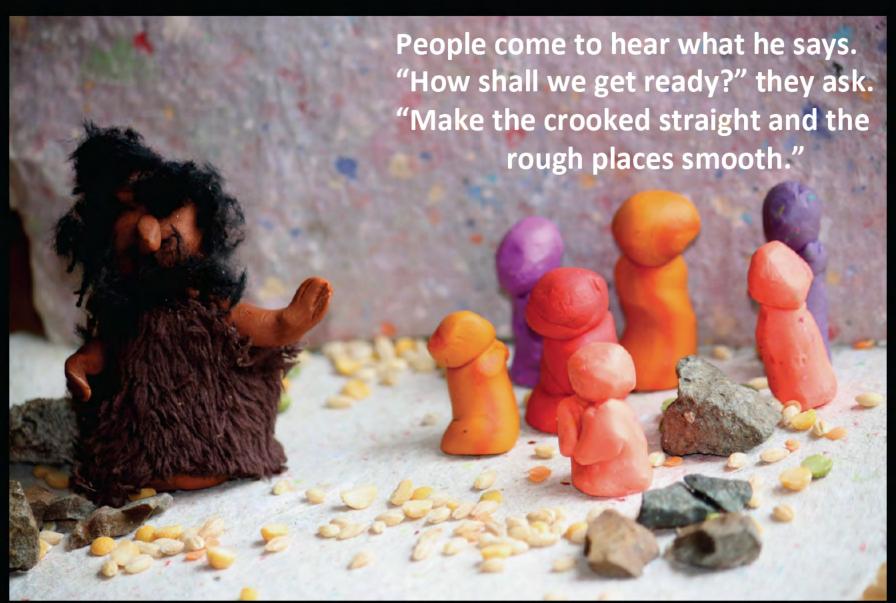
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Elizabeth has baby John and he is... unusual







(Get fair, don't be bullies, give others a shot, share stuff around.)



Mary has baby Jesus and he is... an ordinary kid.



He grows up and lives in the village, he wears regular clothes and eats the food that everyone likes.

But soon comes the time when Jesus gets ready. He hears John calling out "Time to get ready. Ready for surprises. Ready for something new. Time to get ready for God!"





Jesus says "I'm ready."
Are we ready?