

In our passage today we're going to see
God's people were

looking for the God

of justice. They were hoping for a Messiah

King who would bring

justice. But they had

turned away from God because things were
not as they expected.

Our passage teaches them (and us) three
things to

remember

when we think there is no justice (or things
are unfair).

1. The Lord has come. In

Malachi we see God

promising

to send a messenger and then a King of
Justice (Messiah) in the future. We
know that messenger was

John the Baptist who God

sent 400 years later to prepare the

way for Jesus, God's

Messiah.

2. This Messiah wouldn't just bring justice, he would also come to

purify his people.

(That means make them more like God)

We know from the New Testament that he did this by dying in their/our

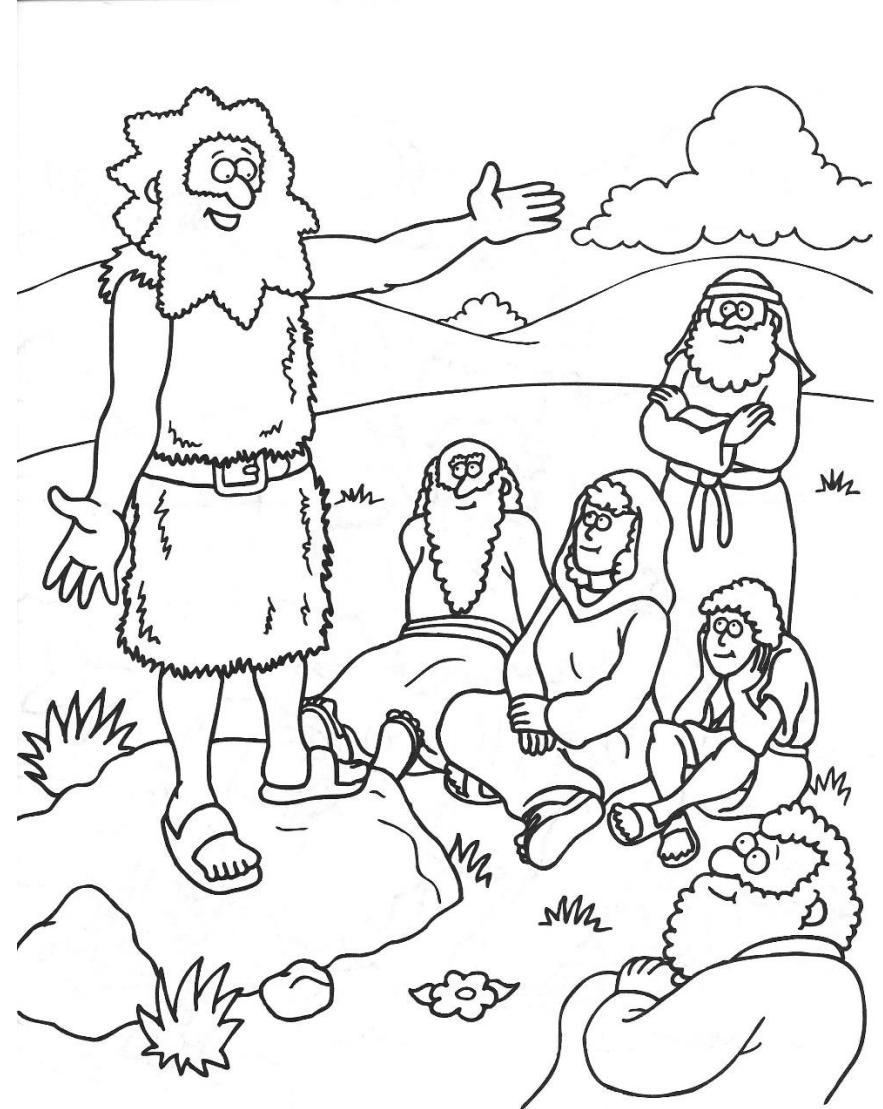
place.

3. But the Messiah will also come to

judge those people

who do not keep God's covenant and are not trusting in Him.

Pray with your grown-up that you would listen to Malachi's message and worship God rightly. Colour the picture of God's messenger, John the Baptist, that Malachi promised:



Good is

just

(He always does what is right)