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### December 10, 2017 ~ 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent "Two Ideas To Get Ready For Christ's Birth!"

Boys and girls: Our Scripture lesson for the morning is about John the Baptist, a man who went around telling the people to get ready for the coming of Jesus. John the Baptist didn't carry a bell with him that we know of, but it wouldn't have been a bad idea. He could have rung the bell and shouted everywhere he went, "Get ready, Get ready. Jesus is coming."

I don't know where Christmas bells came from, but wouldn't it be great if during this Christmas season, every time we heard bells, we thought to ourselves, "Get ready, Jesus is coming!" That's kind of a neat idea. Let's try that this week.

One more thing. In the country of Romania poor people believe that during the Christmas Season, God comes down to earth and walks among the people to bless them. Wouldn't it be great if during this time leading up to Christmas, every time we met someone, we thought to ourselves, this might be God in disguise? If we think that way, we may start learning to treat others with the same kind of love that Jesus showed others people.

Just two ideas to brighten your Christmas - bells to remind us to get ready, and treat everyone you meet as if they could be God in disguise. Amen.

DEAR LORD: Let us "get, ready for Jesus is coming" and treat everyone with the love of Jesus. Amen.

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