## Joyful Preparation



Unit Focus: Students study the readings for the 2nd Sunday of Advent, Year B, and in particular the role of John the Baptist in preparing for the coming of Jesus. Students reflect on how they can serve others to be joyful messengers during Advent.

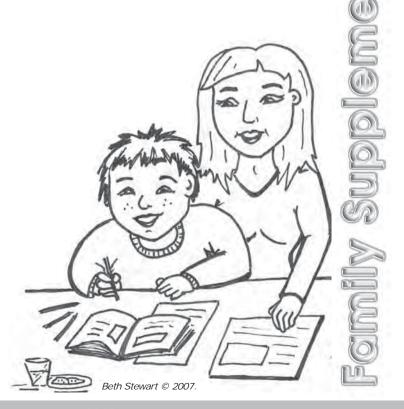
### Students are challenged to:

- Respond as Christians to the presence of God in the world.
- Recognise Jesus in others and treat them accordingly.
- Participate in liturgical celebrations.

In Class: Students share their experiences of receiving a joyful message or good news. They then make either an Advent wreath or Advent star and place it in a sacred space and pray that the Lord is with them during Advent.

### Family supplement activity:

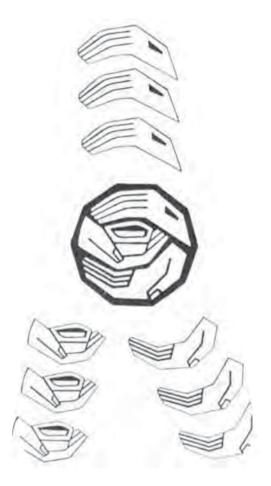
Students are encouraged to explore a variety of options which allow them to be actively involved in the season of Advent.



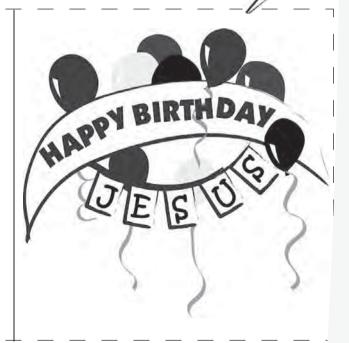
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#### You are encouraged, together with your family members, to:



- 1. Put up the Nativity scence and decorate the Christmas Tree at home.
- 2. Use a basket to collect: Gift-a-day, taking turns for family members to provide a small gift each day/week (if possible, wrap them) and give them to the local St Vincent de Paul Society. This is a wonderful way of displaying their discipleship as a Catholic to reach out to others in need as Jesus did.
- 3. Design and make an appropriate birthday card for Jesus. This helps the younger children of your family to see Christmas as the celebration of Jesus' birthday in the midst of all the preparation and decorations.
- 4. Take the local parish bulletin home to give to your parents to encourage your family to attend and participate in the various Advent and Christmas services and Masses.



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