

FAMILY ACTIVITIES after the BLESSINGS of the CRIBS CEREMONY Year A
using the Lectionary for Masses with Children

ADVENT WEEK 2

Readings: Isaiah 11:1-4; 5-6, 9
Romans 15:4-6
Matthew 3:1-9,11

Read the Scripture readings above.

In the gospel, John the Baptist calls us to make the 'road ready for the Lord'

As a family how can we do this to prepare for Jesus' birth?

Activity: Put a tree branch in a bucket of sand or make a branch out of cardboard. Place 'leaves' on it during the week showing how you can prepare by making an effort to being kind or helpful to others in the family at times when you can find this difficult to do.

ADVENT WEEK 3

Readings: Isaiah 35:1-2, 5-6,10
James 5:7-10
Matthew 11:2-11

Read the Scripture readings above.

In the Gospel, we see that Jesus has helped many people by making the blind see and the deaf hear.

As a family, how will we give to others in our community as a way to prepare for Jesus' birth?

Activity: Add cut-out flowers to the tree with the ways we will reach out to others this week such as donating time or money to those in need in our community

ADVENT WEEK 4

Readings: Romans 1:2-4
Matthew 1:18-24

Read the Scripture readings above.

In the Gospel, we see that Mary and Joseph were to call the baby, Jesus who is 'God with us'.

As a family, how do we prepare more closely in our hearts to receive Jesus at Christmas?

Activity: On cards or paper, write a prayer to Jesus about how you would like to receive him this Christmas. Share the prayers together as a family. Place them on or around our tree.

