

Second Sunday of Advent Family Prayer

John the Baptist proclaims the coming of the Messiah. How will we prepare?

Light the second candle and read aloud Mark 1:3-4.

Leader: John the Baptist, Jesus' cousin, spread the word that Jesus was on his way. Part of our preparations for Christmas can include letting other people know Christmas is all about-the birth of our Savior.

All: "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light" (Isaiah 9:1).

Leader: God of salvation, help us give voice to the voiceless as we cry out in the name of Your Son, Jesus

All: Amen

The second candle on an Advent wreath, usually purple, represents preparation. Just as we get our homes and churches ready for Christmas, we also get our hearts ready for baby Jesus.

Family Advent Activity: Adopt a family this Advent season through your parish or other local organization. Bring your kids along to help select the gifts.

Remember the basics are always needed: coats, hats, mittens, socks, undergarments and pajamas.

Reflect: The candles on the Advent wreath remind us that Jesus is the light of the world. How might we reflect the light of Christ to others this season and beyond?

