

# WALKING by FAITH

## Grade 4 / Home Lesson

### CHAPTER 12

### WE CELEBRATE ADVENT: THE LORD IS COMING

#### Objectives

- Affirm that God keeps promises.
- Explain the meaning and purpose of Advent.
- Explore Jesus' second coming.

#### **Step 1: We Are Invited** (Life Experience), page 92

Begin the session by noting the chapter title (**The Lord Is Coming**) and praying together the opening **Prayer** on page 92.

Ask your child to describe a time when he or she felt as if everyone had turned against him or her, including God. Then explain that the Jewish people may have felt that way a long time ago, as they waited for God to save them.

Read together the text on page 92. Explain that exiles are people who have been forced from their native land. Point out that exiles are often oppressed (abused) and enslaved (made to work as slaves).

#### **Step 2: We Explore** (Doctrine), page 93

Read together **Our Time of Waiting** on page 93. Be sure your child understands the meanings of the words *redeemer* and *Advent*; see the **Language of Faith** at the end of the textbook for complete definitions. Ask: What are things we can do to be signs of the kingdom? (Accept all reasonable responses.) How do we wait patiently during Advent? (We listen to the prophets' words, pray for freedom from oppression and sin, and prepare for Christ's coming through charity and justice.)

Refer to the **Activity**, and help your child make a list of things our world is waiting for this Advent.

Read together **Catholics Believe**. Help your child realize that as we wait for God's kingdom to come in its fullness, we hasten God's kingdom through prayer, repentance, and works of justice.

**Step 3: We Reflect** (Integration of Faith into Everyday Life), page 94

Review the material taught in this lesson by completing the sections **Recall, Think and Share**, and **Continue the Journey**.

Read **We Live Our Faith: At Home and In the Parish**. Try to follow through with the suggestions found there.

Refer to the **Language of Faith** section in the back of the textbook for clarification and review of all highlighted words.

Complete the **Faith Journal**, pages 23–24.

**Step 4: Celebrate** (Prayer and Conclusion), page 95

Take note of the Advent wreath pictured on page 95; if you have an Advent wreath, set it up and use it as a prayer center during Advent. Note that the upper photo is of the Last Judgment and was painted in the fifteenth century by Fra Angelico.

Read **The Earth Rejoices**. Pray together the closing **Prayer**.