

The people who waited

FOCUS

1. During Advent, we prepare for Christmas.

During these lessons your child :

- *understood that John the Baptist announced the coming of Jesus and called people to prepare;*
- *identified people who waited for the coming of Jesus.*

Isaiah 9:1, 5–6

Foretelling the coming of the Messiah.

The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light; on those who live in a land of deep shadow a light has shone. For there is a child born for us, a son given to us and dominion is laid on his shoulders; and this is the name they shall give him: Wonder-Counsellor, Mighty-God, Eternal-Father, Prince-of-Peace.

John 8:12

When Jesus spoke to the people again, he said: "I am the light of the world; anyone who follows me will not be walking in the dark but will have the light of life."

Luke 3:15–16

A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to wonder whether John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, "I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, who is more powerful than me, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire."

SUGGESTED HOME ACTIVITIES

These are some suggested activities to do at home with your child.

1. Tell your child that when Jesus was teaching the people, he talked about the light. Read **John 8:12** to your child. Ask them why we need the light of Jesus. "I am the light of ..."
2. Explain to your child that the time of waiting for the Saviour was very long and that many people were unfaithful because they had a hard time waiting. Ask them if they ever had to wait for something but couldn't wait any longer. How did they react?
3. Have your child imagine what it would be like if they lived in the time before Jesus was born. What would they do if they heard the Prophets say that to prepare for the coming of Jesus they had to listen to the Word of God and change their ways.
4. Complete the activity on p. 82.
5. More activities can be found at www.ccdsydney.catholic.edu.au Click on **Home Activities**.



To Remember:

The people waited for the coming of Jesus.

Look carefully at the images of people who waited.
Find their names in the word puzzle.

b	n	o	e	l	j	o	e
m	o	s	e	s	o	d	f
a	a	b	r	a	h	a	m
r	h	e	a	r	n	v	i
y	s	t	v	a	e	i	w
p	d	g	s	h	d	d	w



Dear God,
help me to always be ready for Jesus by praying
and doing the things that please you even when they are hard.
Amen.