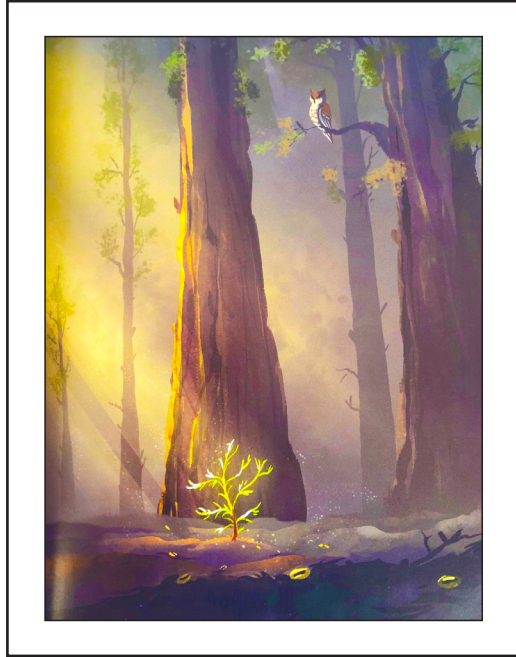


Family Activities

SHARING THE MISSION AT HOME
AND IN THE WORLD



QUESTION OF THE WEEK: Both John the Baptist and Jesus experienced suffering. How did their suffering break forth new understandings of life? How does this prepare us for the meaning of Christmas?

CHARACTER QUALITIES: SURRENDER OF OUR SHELLS
RECEIVING GOD'S GRACE

ADDITIONAL FAMILY ACTIVITIES: Explore different kinds of seeds. How do different seeds need different conditions to grow? Name all the conditions that bring about a seed's growth. Talk about how you see God in each family member alive in their unique essence. Find pictures of the Annunciation as Mary said, "Yes" to growing God's life in her. How was she the shell for the seed of Jesus? What did Jesus' life bring forth? How can we pray for each other as family members this Advent season for God's life to come alive and bear fruit in each member of our family? What does this tell us about them and about God?

Gospel Illustration

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT, CYCLE A
GOSPEL OF MATTHEW 3:1-12



BAPTISM OF SPIRIT & FIRE

~ Vicki Shuck, Esperanza Arts

I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

~ Matthew 3:11