**Reflecting on the Word as a Family**

**12.4.22**

***The Second Sunday of Advent***

Readings

**Isaiah 11:1-10** Prophesy of the coming of Jesus

**Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17** Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace forever.

**Romans 15:4-9** By endurance and by the encouragement of the Scriptures

 we might have hope.

**Matthew 3:1-12**

*John the Baptist appeared, preaching in the desert of Judea and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" It was of him that the prophet Isaiah had spoken when he said: A voice of one crying out in the desert, Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.*

*At that time Jerusalem, all Judea, and the whole region around the Jordan were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins. John said, “I am baptizing you with water, for repentance,*

*but the one who is coming after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.”*

**Reflect and Share Together**

John the Baptist prepared the way for Jesus. In Advent we prepare to celebrate Christmas and the coming of Jesus, but we also prepare for when he comes again at the end of time.

What can we do this week to show kindness to others?

What can we do to help us remember Jesus every day?

**Pray together:**

 Heavenly father, you sent John the Baptist

 To prepare the people for the coming of your Son, Jesus.

 As Christmas draws closer, help us to prepare, too,

 So that we may be ready for Christmas Day and when Jesus comes again.