



Welcome back to faith formation! We hope everyone had a safe and joy-filled Christmas and New Year's celebration.

This month we celebrate **Mary, the Mother of God and the Epiphany of the Lord** and we now return to "ordinary time" in the liturgical year.

We are not able to offer in-person classes at this time, but will Zoom with our students on the specified dates. Please watch for the Zoom link and specific time for your class.

## 4th Grade

**Week of January 6:** This week complete 2 of the choice board activities.

**Week of January 13:** Discuss with your adult what do you know about John the Baptist. Begin reading Ch. 4 on pg. 35—God's Promise. God's promise of a messiah is a promise of hope. Turn the page and read the Disciple Power: Hope and then learn how Dorothy Day brought hope and the message of Jesus to people. Complete the activity at the bottom of pg. 36. Read pg. 37 including the Faith Focus & Vocabulary. Then go back and highlight key words and phrases that describe God's promise. Complete 2 more choice board activities.

**Week of January 20:** Have you ever felt discouraged or unsure what to do? Who helped you? The Israelites felt that way sometimes too. Begin reading on pg. 38. As you read the passage from Isaiah, think of a word, phrase or image that comes to your mind and gives you hope. Read the definition of Messiah. Isaiah was a prophet who proclaimed the fall of Israel & Judah, but also consoled people with a message of hope & God's promise of a Messiah. Read on pg. 39 - Jesus Christ is the Messiah. Just as "Christ" means Anointed One, so we were anointed at baptism—chosen by God for a special purpose. Choose 2 new choice board activities this week.

## 4th Grade (continued)

Week of **January 27**: Zoom Class. Read about the Works of Mercy on pg. 39 & the list on pg. 261. Complete pg. 40 - Messengers of Hope & My Faith Choice. Choose 2 new choice board activities this week.