

## With My Family

### Scripture Together

When babies are born, parents look ahead to the future, contemplating what their baby might do. Zechariah, the father of John the Baptist, celebrated the birth of his son with a beautiful song. It tells about John's role as a prophet.

As a family, read **Luke 1:67–80**. When you have finished, discuss the Scripture. Consider the following questions to prompt discussion:

- What does Zechariah say John will do?
- How can you prepare a way for the Lord in your daily life?
- How can you help others grow and become strong in spirit?

### Faith on the Go

Ask one another: *What is your favorite family tradition for preparation during Advent? How does it help you grow closer to Jesus?*

### ACTIVITY: Advent Wreath

You can create an Advent wreath to serve as a reminder of the coming of Jesus. Make a circular frame for the wreath using sticks, green pipe cleaners, and wire or string. Attach pine needles or green leaves to the frame, or make your own using green construction paper. Then place three violet candles and one pink candle on the wreath using paper drip protectors.



*Virgin and Child with the Infant St. John the Baptist, Sandro Botticelli, 1500*



### Family Prayer

#### **Pray together:**

God, bless our family and prepare our home and hearts to welcome your Son into the world. Amen.

