

| Sola Publishing Children's Message<br>Advent 2 – Year A                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                 | SOLA  |
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| Readings                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 1) Isaiah 11:1-10<br>2) Romans 15:4-13<br>3) Matthew 3:1-12                                                                                                                     |                                                                                          |
| Scripture Focus                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Isaiah 11:1-2                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                          |
| Take Away                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                          |
| Aids<br>(pics, props, etc.)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Birthday candy or another treat that won't get the pews or carpet dirty or sticky.                                                                                              |                                                                                          |
| <b>Message</b><br><br>Do you have a family? I do. Lots of them are dead, though, so I don't know them. Everyone has family they don't know, even Jesus. Before Jesus was even born, God chose Abraham and Sarah to be Jesus' family. He told Abraham that one day, the Savior would come from his family. I don't remember all their names, but Abraham had Isaac, Isaac had Jacob, Jacob had 12 sons, one who was Judah, and then there were more all the way to Jesse, who was King David's son. From David, there were a bunch more, all the way to Mary and Joseph, who... were Jesus' mom and dad. Look at all that family!!<br><br>You and I have all that family and more! Even if they're dead, they're still your family. My dad is in heaven with Jesus. So are my grandparents, my great-grandparents, my great-great-grandparents, and more family that goes back all the way to Noah and then Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden. Since God made them, we're all connected. I don't know all their names, though. Before you were even born, God knew who your family would be. He chose them for you, the same way God chose Abraham's family for Jesus. Not only that, but when we were baptized, God made us part of Jesus' family too!<br><br>What holiday is coming up? We celebrate Jesus' birthday just like we celebrate ours every year. How do we celebrate birthdays? [Hopefully lots of good answers.] While we get ready to celebrate at Christmas, I have an early birthday treat for you today. Before you get it though, you have to thank Jesus and tell him Happy Birthday. Can you do that? As loud as you can? THANK YOU JESUS, HAPPY BIRTHDAY!<br><br>Let's pray. |                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                          |
| Repeat Prayer                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Dear Heavenly Father,<br>Thank you for giving us our family/ and your family!<br>Most of all / thank you for giving us Jesus.<br>Thank you for loving us,<br>We love you. Amen. |                                                                                          |