



Activity #7 – Grade 7

Email a picture of your completed activity to your catechist before January 10 or January 13, 2021, your next Zoom class.

Name _____

Celebrate the Epiphany by Chalking the Door

The Epiphany is celebrated on the 6th of January, the last of the Twelve Days of Christmas. Epiphany means “appearance” or “manifestation,” and commemorates the visit of the Magi, sometimes called the Kings or Wise Men, to the child Jesus. The Magi, who were “from the east,” were clearly not Jews, so this manifestation represents God’s revelation of his Son to the gentiles.

Read the account in Matt: 2:1-12 at <https://bible.usccb.org/bible/matthew/2>.

In some places, it is traditional to celebrate the Epiphany by writing symbols in chalk above the door of the house. This is called chalking the door. View <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j9ocph4JFD0> to see what symbols are written and what they mean.

For this Faith in Action activity,

1. Instead of using chalk, make a banner for your house or room and put the symbols for chalking the door on your banner. You can see the symbols to use in the youtube video above. Make sure you use the year 2021 on your banner. You can take a piece of 8½” x 11” paper, cut it down the middle, and make a banner that is 4¼” x 22”. Or, you can make it any size that fits on your door. Be creative as you put the symbols on your banner.

2. Take a picture of yourself and some family members under the banner. Insert that picture into this Faith in Action activity paper. Who are the people in the picture with you? _____

3. The last line in the account in St. Matthew’s gospel says that the Magi went home by a different way. They were different after having met the Christ Child. From our celebration of Christmas and the love that we have given and received, we should be kinder, more generous and more thoughtful. Even though this was a very different Christmas for us, what is one way you are different because you celebrated Christmas this year?

4. “May Christ bless this house.” What is one blessing you want for your household this year? Ask someone in your family what blessing they want for their household this year. Who did you ask, and what blessing do they want for your household this year? _____

What blessing do you want this year? _____