

## Using the *Lectionary* to Understand How God's Ancient Promises Are Fulfilled in Jesus

Circle the readings you have been assigned:

- Second Sunday of the Year, C (Isaiah 62:1–5 and John 2:1–12)
- Fourth Sunday of the Year, C (Jeremiah 1:4–5,17–19 and Luke 4:21–30)
- Solemnity of the Epiphany (Isaiah 60:1–6 and Matthew 2:1–12)
- Tenth Sunday of the Year, C (1 Kings 17:17–24 and Luke 7:11–17)
- Seventeenth Sunday of the Year, B (2 Kings 4:42–44 and John 6:1–15)
- Fourth Sunday of Advent, A (Isaiah 7:10–14 and Matthew 1:18–24)

Work with the members of your group to answer the following questions:

1. What images or symbols do these readings (Old Testament and Gospel) have in common?
2. What themes or ideas do these readings have in common?
3. Why do you think the Church chose this particular Old Testament text to be used with this particular Gospel reading? What is the Church trying to teach us by pairing these readings?
4. How does this Old Testament text help us to better understand God's promise of redemption?



5. How does this Old Testament text help us to better understand the person of Jesus and his role in the fulfillment of the covenant?

6. How does this Gospel text help us to better understand the person of Jesus and his role in the fulfillment of the covenant?

