



### **You know it's here**

V. was in his third year in the Level 2 atrium, and during the season of Advent, we contemplated the words of the prophet Isaiah. Early in the season, we read the prophecy of the valley and mountains (Is. 40:3-5) and wondered about the plain which would be

created with the raising of the valleys and lowering of the mountains. What would it be like when all could see the Light together? What moment could this be, in the history of God's plan for humanity? Has this moment come yet? V. looked up at this question- he seemed to be gazing at something far off. He replied, "Yes, sometimes, just for a minute or two-you can feel it." He smiled and nodded-"You know it's here."

A few weeks later we read Isaiah's prophecy of the peaceable kingdom (Is. 11:6-9). We wondered about this time when the earth would be filled with the knowledge of the Lord. What will that be like? When will this be? V. said, "You know, it's like I told you a few weeks ago. Sometimes, you feel it for a minute or two, and then it's gone. But you know it's here." We wondered together how the Parousia might come, fully. Would those moments stretch, longer and longer? We were full of wonder-ings...and what has stayed with me was the peace and happiness of V.

I am so very grateful to listen to God with children and to be led ever closer to our Good Shepherd by them-to have my eyes opened wider to God's kingdom all around me.

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