

The Christ of Christmas 1 – Activities

- **Craft:** Christmas tree ornament – Old Testament scroll

As a reminder that Old Testament prophecy pointed to the coming of the Messiah, make a scroll ornament to hang on your Christmas tree.

Materials: copy paper, small craft sticks or bamboo skewers, glue sticks, narrow ribbon

Preparation: Cut out the Bible verse on the next page. If using bamboo skewers, cut the pointed tips off and cut them in half with pruning shears.

Instructions: Wrap the edges of the paper around the craft sticks and glue down. Roll up each side like a scroll. Tie with a piece of ribbon and glue a ribbon loop to the top.

- **Game:** Telephone

As a reminder of the importance of getting the message right, play a game of telephone. Pick out a Bible verse and read it in a whisper it to a child. The verse is the message the child passes on to the next child. After the verse makes it down the line of children, the last child to receive it repeats the verse. The message that ends up should be checked against the original verse, which can then be written on the board. Discuss how careful the people who made copies of the Bible were to ensure that it was accurately passed on without being changed.

- ✓ **Song:** The Prophecy Song

To the tune of: The More We Get Together

Ancient prophets they did tell us, did tell us, did tell us
Ancient prophets they did tell us a Savior would come

Isaiah said a virgin, a virgin, a virgin,
Isaiah said a virgin would have a baby boy

The Savior'd be of David, of David, of David
The Savior'd be of David a good, faithful king

The Savior'd be from Bethlehem, from Bethlehem, from Bethlehem
The Savior'd be from Bethlehem King David's hometown

God said he'd send a prophet, a prophet, a prophet
God said he'd send a prophet to prepare people's hearts

Jesus' birth fulfills the prophecy, the prophecy, the prophecy,
Jesus' birth fulfills the prophecy and shows he's God's Son

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Isaiah 52:7

How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, "Your God reigns!"