

## The Christ of Christmas 2 – Activities

- **Craft:** Christmas Tree Ornament

What do you think about when you see a Christmas tree? So much of what we use to decorate our homes at Christmas is from evergreen plants: pine or fir trees, holly, poinsettias.

How are evergreen trees different from deciduous trees, which lose their leaves in winter? In evergreen trees life giving sap continues to flow in them in winter. The weather conditions don't affect the needles on the tree. The life in the tree continues. The Christmas trees and other evergreens used in Christmas decorations can be reminders that Jesus is the Living Word and that we have life in his name.

As a reminder that Jesus is the Living Word of God, make a tree ornament for a Christmas tree.

### **Craft**

Materials: dark green card stock paper, yellow card stock paper, sequins, thin ribbon, hole punch, glue sticks, scissors.

Preparation: Run off the C2 pyramid tree on green card stock paper. Run off the stars on yellow.

Instructions: Cut out the pyramid tree along the outside edge. Cut out the star. Write name and year on the inside of the tree and punch a hole through the top of each triangle. Fold the tree along the lines. Glue together at the tab. String a loop of ribbon through the holes. Glue the star to the top of the tree and sequins to the tree itself.

- **Craft:** Nativity

Materials: Card stock paper, scissors, colored pencils or crayons, ribbon, paper hole punch

Preparation: Run off the nativity craft on card stock paper. Cut ornaments apart.

Instructions: Cut out the ornament. Color it in, punch a hole at the top and string a loop of ribbon through it.

- **Game:** Thinking of Trees

Instructions: Divide the class into teams. Have each team write down as many things as they can think of that were made from trees or plants and were associated with Jesus. The team with the most things listed that none of the other teams had on their list wins. (Examples: manger, cross, boats, nets, table, bench, coffin, crown of thorns, baskets, bread, etc.)

- ✓ **Song:** Away in a Manger

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Away in a manger,  
No crib for His bed  
The little Lord Jesus  
Laid down His sweet head

The stars in the sky  
Looked down where He lay  
The little Lord Jesus  
Asleep on the hay

The cattle are lowing  
The poor Baby wakes  
But little Lord Jesus  
No crying He makes

I love Thee, Lord Jesus  
Look down from on high  
And stay by my side,  
'Til morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus,  
I ask you to stay  
Close by me forever  
And love me I pray

Bless all the dear children  
In your tender care  
And take us to heaven  
To live with you there

- **Role Play/Share:** The story of the nativity



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Pyramid Tree  
Run off on green  
card stock

