

# THE JESSE TREE

*Like a branch that sprouts from a stump,  
someone from David's family will someday be king.*

*The Spirit of the LORD will be with him  
to give him understanding, wisdom, and insight.*

*He will be powerful, and he will know  
and honour the LORD.*

*His greatest joy will be to obey the LORD.*

*This king won't judge by appearances  
or listen to rumors.*

*The poor and the needy will be treated with fairness  
and with justice.*

*Honesty and fairness will be his royal robes.*

*Leopards will lie down with young goats,  
and wolves will rest with lambs.*

*Calves and lions will eat together  
and be cared for by little children.*

*Nothing harmful will take place  
on the LORD's holy mountain.*

*Just as water fills the sea,  
the land will be filled with people  
who know and honour the LORD.*

## *Isaiah 11*

The prophet Isaiah spoke of a Messiah who would be born,  
a descendent of King David, and of his ancestor Jesse,  
like a branch growing from a tree.

The Jesse Tree is a reminder that Jesus, born of David's line,  
fulfilled the promise of a coming Saviour.

Today, the Christmas tree can remind us of the Jesse Tree,  
and of the hope that the Prince of Peace can bring peace to our world.

Take one of the wooden sticks and write your own  
hopes for peace on the outside of the box.