A decorative scroll with a light beige background and brown borders. The scroll is unrolled in the center, with the text written in a cursive font. The scroll has small brown circles at the ends of its top and bottom borders.

There shall come
forth a shoot from
the stump of
Jesse, and a
branch from his
roots shall bear
fruit.

And the Spirit of
the Lord shall rest
upon him, the
Spirit of wisdom
and understanding,
the Spirit of
counsel and might,
the Spirit of
knowledge and the
fear of the Lord.

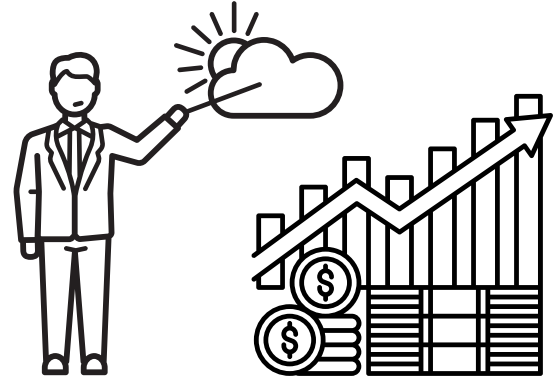
-Isaiah 11:1-2

A stylized tree with a thick, dark green trunk and branches. The branches are adorned with clusters of small, bright red berries and green leaves. The tree is positioned in the upper right corner of the page.

Jesse

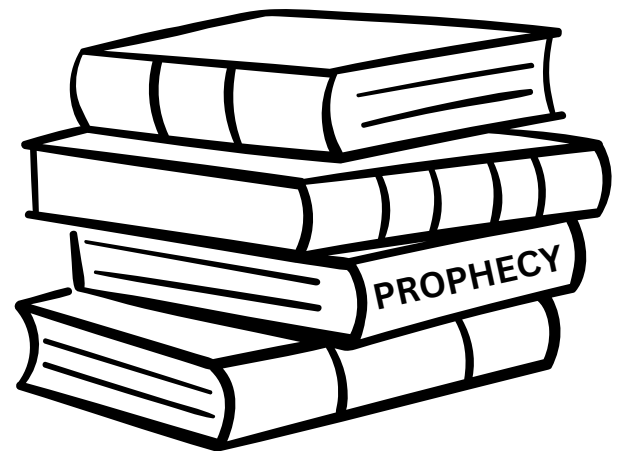
On this first day of advent, we see in Isaiah how the Lord prophesied about the family line that Jesus would be born into.

A prophesy is a Word from the Lord about something that has not happened yet. Are there any people who try to tell us about things that haven't happened yet today? (Weathermen, investors, sports forecasters, scientists etc.)



Prophecy is different from predictions, like those from weathermen and investors. Prophecies given by God *always* come true, every single time, exactly how He says they will!

If you were to take all the prophecies in the Bible and put them together, they would make up 1/4 of the whole Bible! That's a lot of promises God gave us as proof that His Word is true and trustworthy! How amazing is that?!



Let's unpack this prophecy in Isaiah together. As families grow, they are often represented by a tree with branches, called a family tree. So according to this prophecy, if you follow the family offspring from the stump of Jesse all the way to Jesus' birth, it will bring you to Joseph (the husband of Mary)!

On the next page is a family tree with blank spaces for you to fill in. How far back can you trace your family line on the tree? In the coming days, we'll trace the family tree from Jesse to Jesus and you'll see just how many generations there were who waited for Jesus to arrive before this prophecy was fulfilled!

