



# O CHRISTMAS TREE

Did you know...

...that Christmas trees were illegal in colonial New England? So was Christmas!

...that the first Christmas trees were decorated with red apples, to remind Christians of the trees in the garden of Eden?

...that evergreens are used in wreaths and as Christmas trees because their branches stay green in winter? This reminds Christians that God's gift of life to us will last forever, too.

...that used Christmas trees can be recycled? Use them as mulch around shrubs or find out how they can be composted to help gardens grow.

Living the Good News  
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# EXPLORE GOD'S WORD

**"The Lord is with you and has greatly blessed you!"**

(Luke 1:28, Good News Translation)

- \* What good news have you heard in the last week?
- \* With a friend, read about Mary's good news in Luke 1:30-33. Talk this over together:
  - What is the best news you have ever heard?
  - What is the best news anyone could tell you today?



# ADVENT MESSAGE

Work together to fill in the spaces of this Advent message.  
Can you read the finished verse together?

She gave birth to her \_\_\_\_\_, wrapped him in \_\_\_\_\_  
and laid him \_\_\_\_\_ a \_\_\_\_\_ —there was no \_\_\_\_\_ for them  
to stay in \_\_\_\_\_.

Luke 2:7