



2ND SUNDAY ADVENT

Knox United Sunday School 2021

The Christmas Tree: A Christmas Symbol

I am like an evergreen tree, yielding my fruit to you throughout the year. My mercies never fail.

The Christmas tree because of its triangular shape was thought to represent the Holy Trinity of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. In various Bible translations, God has been compared to a “luxuriant evergreen tree” – splendid and extravagant. The Christmas tree originated in Germany, however the stories as to how it became a Christian symbol are numerous. When the evergreen tree was hung with apples it was thought to represent the Garden of Eden, another believes Martin Luther (a 16th century monk) saw its beauty, brought it inside and decorated it with candles. Hessian soldiers from Germany brought the tradition of the Christmas tree to North America.

Whatever the origins are of the evergreen tree, the way it points to Heaven is a reminder to all of us that we are part of God’s family tree.

Activity:

- A copy of a Christmas tree is included in this package.
- If you are using the package, it is made from felt material, if you have gone online to get the second Advent package, you can run it off and color it or use colored paper.
- Now get ready to decorate it. Some suggestions for decorations are buttons, colorful pieces of material, glitter, sequins, or any other things you can think of.
- The star can be added to the top.



