

Children's Church at Home 6 December 2020

Isaiah 61:1-4 and 8-11 and Luke 4:16-21 The Prophets

Craft ingredients: paper, pens, a tea bag or some tea leaves, card, scissors, sellotape, and if you like, a needle and thread.

First: How big is the biggest book in your house? What is it about? Books in Jesus' time were actually scrolls, a roll of papyrus, parchment or even leather, often attached to wooden handles at each end.

In the 20th century, some amazing scrolls were discovered in caves in Qumran near the Dead Sea by some shepherds. The scroll of Isaiah is 734 cm long and contains 17 sheets of sheepskin which was joined together by threads of linen. It was written about 200 BC, a copy of the original, written about 700 BC.

Story: Isaiah 61:1-4 and 8-11 and Luke 4:16-21. You can read the story here.

[Isaiah 61:1-11 ERV - The Lord's Message of Freedom - The - Bible Gateway](#)

When we have a Church service, someone reads a bit of the Bible. If you're watching the Advent videos, you will have seen children reading from the Bible. Luke tells us about Jesus doing the same thing, standing up in the Temple to read. This time it was a bit special!

[Luke 4: 16-21 ERV - Jesus Goes to His Hometown - Jesus - Bible Gateway](#)

Video: <https://youtu.be/NbsSbnAIfy>

Think: Isaiah was one of the prophets, one of the people in the Old Testament who was chosen and inspired by God to teach about God. Some of them had an idea what was going to happen in the future. (think of Joseph telling the Pharaoh about famine to come). Sometimes people ignored them or were even beastly to them. Often, they just didn't listen and carried on behaving badly. Micah knew that the Messiah, the Christ, the anointed one, would be born in Bethlehem. Isaiah had lots of messages about what was going to happen. Keep watching the advent videos to find out!

Craft: Make a scroll

Activity: words are fascinating. How many words can you make from your name? (first name and surname) for instance, Bob Cratchit - cob, chat, tot, tart and many more! Now, how quickly can you say them all?

Also: my friend Chris Berry at St Mary's Church, Hitcham, sent me this link. Have a look: it's got some excellent activities and some really interesting stories about people around the world.

[2020-FF-Advent-Adventure.pdf \(opendoorsuk.org\)](#)

Prayer: Friend Jesus, way back in the Old Testament people knew that you were coming. You knew that you had been sent to save us. Send us the Holy Spirit. Show us how to listen to your message; help us to understand what we have been sent to do; and then help us to do it, full of love and generosity! Thank you for all the wonderful people who look after us and care for us. Amen.

The Grace: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all, evermore. Amen.