

## **The Surprise of Christmas Isaiah 11:1-10**

### **Two Pictures, both are striking**

A shoot coming from a stump, Isaiah 11:1-2

Predators and prey, together at peace, Isaiah 11:6-8

### **The Surprise of Christmas**

Hope that springs up from despair.

Peace and harmony and life where there has been danger, distrust, and death.

### **And who will bring this about?**

Isaiah 11:2-5

Matthew 3:16

Luke 4:18-21

**The message of Advent is a message of \_\_\_\_\_.**

**What in your life seems like an old dead stump?**

**The message of Advent is a message of \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Where have you been struck by a coiled venomous snake in your own lives?**

**The Message of Advent becomes our \_\_\_\_\_.**

As followers of Jesus, Isaiah's message becomes our mission. We are to bring in the Kingdom of God, the Reign of God...

**We point others to hope in Jesus.**

**We point others to peace in Jesus.**