



## Word Notes - Sunday 18 Nov 2018

### Back to the Future – It (will be) a boy

Use the passages below to review the prophecies from the Old Testament about the birth of Jesus

(If you have enough people you might like to split into two groups, one group to find and summarise the Old Testament passages and the other to summarise the New Testament passages, then see if you can match the prophecy with the fulfilment)

- Discuss how the prophecies were fulfilled in the birth of Jesus

Born in Bethlehem (Micah 5:2, Matthew 2:1; Luke 2:4-7)

Born of a virgin (Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:21-23) as a descendant of Abraham (Genesis 12:1-3; 22:18; Matthew 1:1; Galatians 3:16), of the tribe of Judah (Genesis 49:10; Luke 3:23, 33; Hebrews 7:14), and of the house of David (2 Samuel 7:12-16; Matthew 1:1)

Herod killing the infants (Jeremiah 31:15; Matthew 2:16-18)

Taken to Egypt (Hosea 11:1; Matthew 2:14-15)

Heralded by the messenger of the Lord (John the Baptist) (Isaiah 40:3-5; Malachi 3:1; Matthew 3:1-3)

- How does the fact that God had a plan, right from the start, to save us through Jesus make us feel?
- How does it reassure us that God also has a plan for our lives?

Sometimes there is a wait before we see the fulfilment of prophecies

- Discuss whether there are words spoken over your lives which have yet to see fulfilment, take the opportunity to pray for anyone who has lost confidence that the fulfilment will come

Witness

- Think about ways that we can reclaim the 'Christmas story' and have confidence in its authenticity and significance to our faith.
- How can we share that with others over the weeks leading to Christmas?