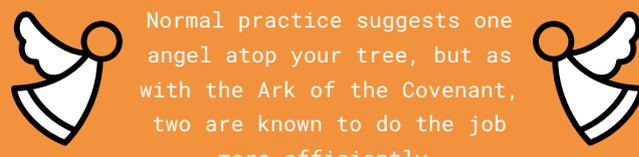
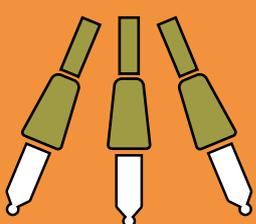


# How to biblically decorate a Christmas tree

Christmas trees are a must for the festive season, but how can you make sure you're decorating yours according to biblical teaching? Here are twelve tips to ensure that your tree is as holy as can be...

<p><b>USE A CEDAR TREE</b></p> <p>Fir trees are out this season. Nothing less than King David's favourite tree will work this year!</p> 	 <p><b>POINT THE STAR TO BETHLEHEM</b></p> <p>The pièce de résistance. The star on top of your tree needs to point toward Jesus' birthplace. How else will the wise men know where to go?</p>
<p><b>COUNT YOUR CUBITS</b></p> <p>Making sure your tree is the right size is vital to sailing smoothly through Christmas. We suggest 4 cubits tall by 2 cubits wide.</p> 	<p><b>TWO GOLDEN ANGELS</b></p> <p>Normal practice suggests one angel atop your tree, but as with the Ark of the Covenant, two are known to do the job more efficiently.</p> 
 <p><b>ANOINT WITH OIL</b></p> <p>If you're feeling brave, throw locusts and honey into the sticky mess.</p>	 <p><b>UNFORBIDDEN FRUIT</b></p> <p>One of the most important trees in the Bible was covered in forbidden fruit. If you don't want to fall into sin this Christmas, avoid anything that resembles apples.</p>
<p><b>LIVING WATER</b></p> <p>Keep your tree watered to last through the season. Naturally, any old water won't do; it must be infused with the Holy Spirit.</p> 	<p><b>COVER IT IN LIGHTS</b></p> <p>Make sure they're not under any sort of bowl, though. Place your tree on top of a hill for everyone to see.</p> 
 <p><b>COVER IT WITH A VEIL</b></p> <p>Hide baby Jesus somewhere. Once you find him, immediately and dramatically remove the veil. When you find God you are no longer veiled by ignorance.</p>	 <p><b>WRAPPED GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT</b></p> <p>It wouldn't be a proper Christmas tree without a pile of presents beneath it.</p>
<p><b>PLANT IT IN 'GOOD SOIL'</b></p> <p>Stand your tree on a firm foundation and avoid sand or thistles wherever possible.</p> 	<p><b>GOLD, FRANKINCENSE AND MYRRH</b></p> <p>If gifts of the Spirit aren't enough, take a leaf out of the wise men's book and lay down these traditional gifts. They'll be way more exciting (and expensive) than socks!</p> 