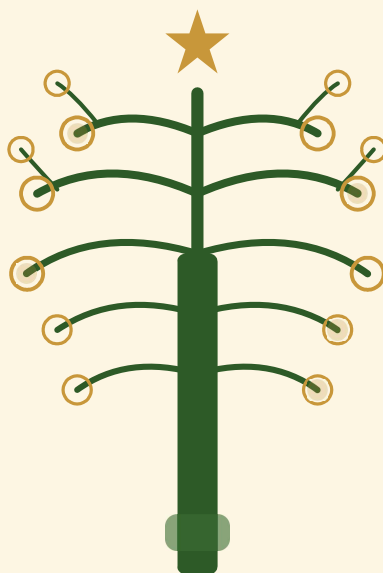




THE JESSE TREE

Preparing Our Hearts for Jesus

December 1–25 | A Family Advent Tradition

The Jesse Tree traces the story of salvation from Creation to the birth of Jesus. Each day of Advent, hang an ornament and read the Bible story together as a family. Let God's great love story unfold, one ornament at a time.



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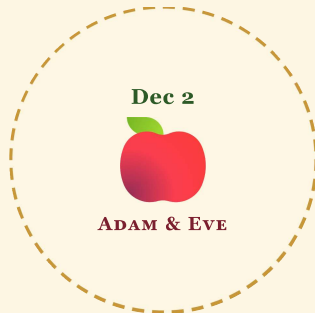
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Creation

Gen 1:1–2:3

In the beginning, God created everything out of nothing — the sky, the sea, animals, and people! God looked at all He made and said, "It is very good."



Adam & Eve

Gen 2:15–3:24

God placed Adam and Eve in a beautiful garden, but they chose to disobey Him. Even then, God promised to send someone to make things right.



Noah

Gen 6:9–9:17

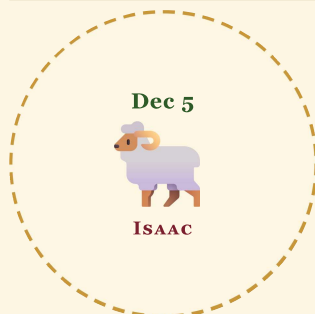
Noah trusted God and built an ark when everyone else laughed. After the flood, God put a rainbow in the sky as a promise of His love forever.



Abraham

Gen 12:1–4; 15:5–6

God told Abraham to leave his home and go to a new land, promising that his family would be as many as the stars! Abraham believed, and God kept His promise.



Isaac

Gen 22:1–18

God asked Abraham to give up his beloved son Isaac as a test of faith. At the last moment, God provided a lamb — a sign that He would one day send His own Son.



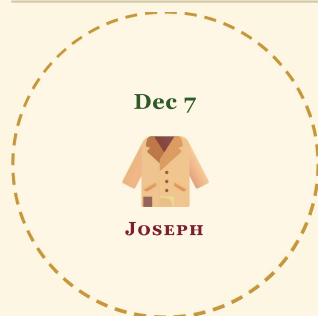
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Jacob

Gen 28:10–22

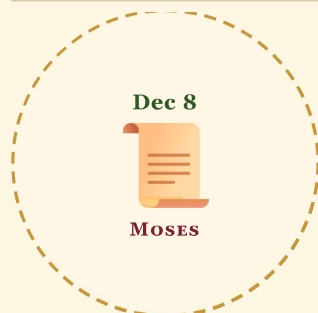
Jacob had a dream of a great ladder reaching from earth to heaven, with angels going up and down. God promised Jacob He would always be with him.



Joseph

Gen 37:3; 41:41

Joseph's father gave him a beautiful coat of many colors, but his brothers were jealous. Yet God used Joseph's suffering to save his family and all of Egypt from famine.



Moses

Ex 3:1–12; 20:1–17

God spoke to Moses from a burning bush and chose him to lead His people to freedom. On Mount Sinai, God gave Moses the Ten Commandments to guide His people.



Miriam

Ex 15:20–21

After God parted the Red Sea, Miriam grabbed her tambourine and led the women in a song of praise! She rejoiced because God had saved His people from slavery.



Ruth

Ruth 1:16; 2:2

Ruth left her homeland to stay with her mother-in-law Naomi, saying, "Where you go, I will go." Her faithfulness and kindness made her an ancestor of Jesus.



◆ Jesse Tree Ornaments — Days 11–15 ◆

Dec 11



JESSE

Jesse

1 Sam 16:1–13

Jesse was the father of King David and is the "root" of the Jesse Tree! The prophet Isaiah said a great king would grow from Jesse's family — and that King is Jesus.



Cut & Color

Dec 12



DAVID

David

1 Sam 16:11–13; Ps 23:1

David was a shepherd boy who played the harp and loved God with all his heart. God chose him to be king and promised that a great king from his family would rule forever.



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Dec 13



SOLOMON

Solomon

1 Kgs 3:5–14

Solomon asked God for wisdom instead of riches, and God was pleased. He built a magnificent Temple in Jerusalem as a home for God — the first of its kind in Israel.



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Dec 14



ELIJAH

Elijah

1 Kgs 18:36–39

When people forgot God, the prophet Elijah stood up for Him bravely. God answered Elijah's prayer with fire from heaven, showing everyone that He alone is the true God.



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Dec 15



ISAIAH

Isaiah

Is 9:6; 11:1

Isaiah the prophet told of a child who would be born — Emmanuel, "God with us." He promised that a "shoot from the stump of Jesse" would bring peace and justice to the world.



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◆ Jesse Tree Ornaments — Days 16–20 ◆

Dec 16



JEREMIAH

Jeremiah

Jer 31:31–34

Jeremiah wept for his people but also gave them hope. He promised that God would make a new covenant — a new agreement of love — written on their hearts, not just on stone.



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Dec 17



DANIEL

Daniel

Dan 6:16–23

Daniel prayed to God three times a day even when it was against the law. When he was thrown into the lions' den, God shut the lions' mouths and saved him!



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Dec 18



JONAH

Jonah

Jonah 1:17; 3:5

Jonah tried to run away from God, but ended up inside a great whale for three days! God gave him a second chance, and when Jonah finally obeyed, a whole city turned back to God.



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Dec 19



JOHN THE BAPTIST

John the Baptist

Lk 1:13–17

Before Jesus was born, an angel announced the birth of John, who would prepare the way for the Lord. John would grow up to baptize Jesus in the River Jordan.



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Dec 20



MARY

Mary

Lk 1:26–38

The angel Gabriel appeared to young Mary and asked her to be the mother of God's Son. Mary said yes with all her heart: "Let it be done to me according to your word."



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◆ Jesse Tree Ornaments — Days 21–25 ◆

Dec 21



JOSEPH

Joseph (Husband of Mary)

Mt 1:18–25

Joseph was a carpenter who loved God and loved Mary. When an angel told him in a dream not to be afraid, Joseph trusted God completely and welcomed Jesus into his family.



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Dec 22



BETHLEHEM

Bethlehem

Mic 5:2

The prophet Micah said that the greatest ruler would come from tiny Bethlehem. Hundreds of years later, Mary and Joseph traveled to that very town, just as God had promised.



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Dec 23



SHEPHERDS

Shepherds

Lk 2:8–12

On a hillside outside Bethlehem, angels appeared to humble shepherds watching their flocks by night. "Do not be afraid!" the angels said. "Go and find the baby wrapped in swaddling clothes!"



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Dec 24



ANGELS

Angels

Lk 2:13–14

A whole army of angels filled the sky with their singing: "Glory to God in the highest, and peace on earth to people of good will!" Heaven and earth sang together.



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Dec 25



JESUS

Jesus — Emmanuel, God With Us

Lk 2:1–7

The long wait is over! The Son of God came into the world as a tiny baby, born in a humble stable in Bethlehem. Jesus — Emmanuel, God with us — is the fulfillment of every promise!

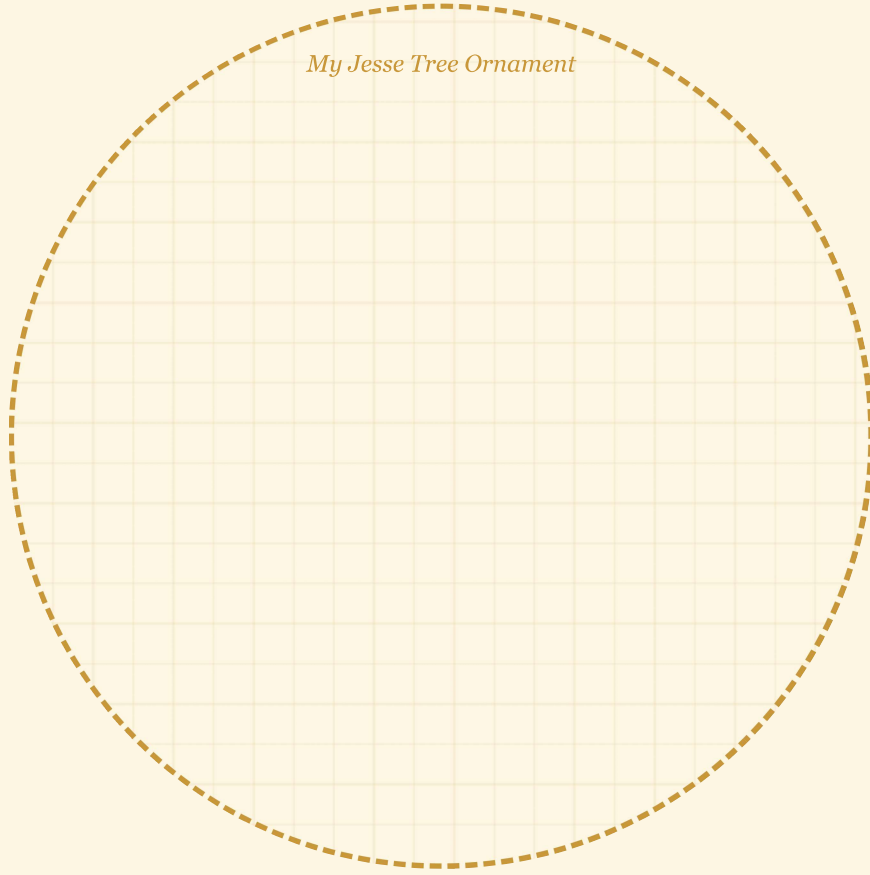


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Design Your Own Ornament

Draw your favorite part of the Jesse Tree story in the circle below!

My Jesse Tree Ornament



Day: _____

Symbol: _____

Bible Story: _____

What I learned: _____

Color it, cut it out, and hang it on your Jesse Tree! ✂️ 🎄

Jesse Tree Daily Prayer

Pray together each day as you add your ornament.

Before Hanging the Ornament

*Come, Lord Jesus, come! Open our hearts as we hear
Your story today. Help us to see how much You love us,
and how long You waited to come to us. Amen.*

After Reading the Bible Story

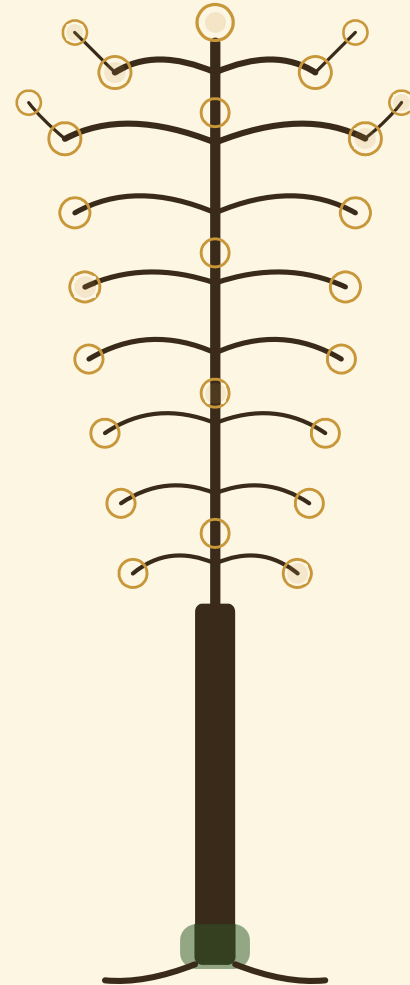
*Thank You, Lord, for the gift of [today's person/story].
Help us to have faith like theirs, and bring us closer to
You this Advent. We light our hearts like a candle,
waiting for You, the Light of the World. Amen.*

Closing Blessing

*May this Advent season fill our home with hope, love, joy,
and peace — and may we welcome Baby Jesus into our
hearts on Christmas Day. Amen.*

Feel free to add your own prayers and intentions as a family!

Our Family's Intentions:



The Jesse Tree — rooted in God's love