



DIOCESAN COLLECTIVE WORSHIP FRAMEWORK

TERM 2/YEAR 3 /ADVENT CELEBRATING ADVENT

The suggestion for Advent is to create a Jesse tree to help pupils to look forward to the coming of Jesus by thinking about his ‘family tree’.

The Jesse Tree takes its name from a passage in the book of the prophet Isaiah 11:1: "A shoot will spring forth from the stump of Jesse, and a branch out of his roots." The Jesse Tree illustrates the descent of the Messiah from Jesse of Bethlehem, through his son David. The Tree is often represented in art. Many pictorial representations of the Jesse Tree show a symbolic tree or vine with spreading branches to represent the genealogy. The most typical form which the Jesse Tree takes is to show the figure of Jesse, often larger than all the rest, reclining or sleeping. From his side or navel springs the trunk of a tree or vine, with branches on either side. On the branches are figures representing the ancestors of Jesus. The trunk ascends vertically to Mary and then Christ at the top. Symbols added to the tree day by day tell the story of Christian Salvation from the creation of the world to the coming of Jesus. Each symbol represents an important person or event in the life of God’s people.

SEAL link – Relationships

Values link – Reverence, Koinonia

GATHER	ENGAGE	RESPOND	SEND
<p>Find some images of the Jesse Tree with some questions and prompts for the pupils</p> <p>Jesus was the one who came to rule over the nations in Him we have hope</p>	<p>The prophet Isaiah had predicted that one day a rescuer would come for the world and that he would be part of the family tree of King David. David was the son of Jesse and so this Saviour would be from 'the stump of Jesse' (see Isaiah 11:1-3). In the opening verses of his gospel, Matthew traces Jesus' family back to David and beyond.</p> <p>To make this family tree and link it to the cross, you will need a straight branch from a tree that has several smaller branches and twigs from which items can be hung. Set this on a firm foundation so that it can stand upright. On the tallest point of the branch attach a small wooden cross to represent Jesus. Next, on the branches below, hang the names of the ancestors of Jesus up to David and Jesse (Matthew 1:1-17). Alternatively, you could hang symbols that represent some of the key characters in the Old Testament story. Here are some examples but you may find others (set this as a challenge to the pupil leaders in your school who could do the research and produce the symbols. Alternatively classes could make different symbols to add to the tree:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adam Male Figure Genesis 2:7 	<p>Design a prayer area to go alongside the Jesse Tree (worship leaders might like to do this). Encourage pupils to pray for others as Christmas approaches as it can be a time when pupils think about what they will get rather than what they can give.</p> <p>Dear God, thank you for lighting up our world. Thank you for the light that shines into</p>	<p>May the light and peace of Jesus Christ our Lord be with you. The Lord bless you.</p> <p>May the light of Christ our Lord shine in all our hearts. Amen.</p>



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<p>Christ the light of the world is here Lord Jesus shine on us</p> <p>Lord Jesus, Son of God, Saviour of the world All: Be the centre of all that we are, and the life that we lead</p> <p>Lord Jesus, Light in this dark World, illuminate our hearts and minds All: Be the</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eve Female Figure Genesis 2:21-23 • Noah Rainbow Genesis 9:11-17 • Abraham Tree Genesis 18:1 • Sarah Tent Genesis 18:9-14 • Isaac Ram Genesis 22:13-14 • Rebekah Camel Genesis 24:63-67 • Jacob Ladder Genesis 28:10-17 • Rachel Shepherd's Crook Genesis 29:9-12 • Joseph Colourful Coat Genesis 37:3 • Moses Burning Bush Exodus 3:1-6 • Miriam Music Notes Exodus 15:20-21 • Deborah Palm Tree Judges 4:4-5 • Samuel Lamp 1 Samuel 3:1-3 • Ruth Straw Ruth 2:1-9 • Jesse Branch Isaiah 11:1 • David Harp 1 Samuel 16:17-18 • Solomon Columns 1 Kings 5:2-5 • Hezekiah Tablets of the Law 2 Kings 18:1-6 • Josiah Book 2 Kings 23:1-3 • Isaiah Throne Isaiah 6:1 • Elizabeth Dove Luke 1:39-45 • John the Baptist River Matthew 3:1-6 • Mary Angel Luke 1:26-35 • Jesus Manger Luke 2:1-7 <p>Each day, tell the story of one of the characters on the Jesse Tree using an</p>	<p>the darkness. Take our prayers this Christmas and, like the sun's rays, use them to penetrate the dark and troubled places of our world. Where there is war... fear... and despair..... May your people be light in these places. May your bright glory be seen. May the Christmas light that lasts forever be made known and received in people's hearts across the globe. We ask this in the name of Jesus. AMEN</p> <p>God our Father, you spoke through the prophets to foretell the birth of the Prince of Peace and spread the news of the coming of his kingdom. Help us, as we prepare to celebrate his birth, to</p>	<p>Lord Jesus, Light of light, you have come among us. Help us who live by your light and to shine as lights in your world. Glory to God in the highest. Amen.</p> <p>Share an 'Advent' peace with one another</p>
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<p>centre of all that we are, and the life that we lead</p>	<p>appropriate version of the Bible and add that symbol to the tree, focusing on that symbol within the story itself.</p>	<p>share with all those we meet the good news of your love and power. We ask this through Jesus Christ, the light for the world. AMEN</p>	
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