

# Jesse Tree

ideas to use with children, young people and families



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# The Jesse Tree

This resource is designed to help children, young people and families to prepare for Christmas and the celebration of Jesus' birth. It traces Jesus' family tree from creation through to the visit of the wise men, in the tradition of the Jesse Tree, retelling many of the Bible stories that led up to Jesus' birth. The symbol of the Jesse Tree comes from Isaiah 11: "There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots."

## Instructions

To make a Jesse Tree, use a small artificial tree, a shapely tree branch in a pot, or you may choose to hang the symbols from a string or tinsel, like bunting.

Each day during Advent, read together the Bible passage, the devotional thought, and the prayer for the day. Also, cut out the symbol at the bottom of the page, which represents the person or event for that day, and place it on the tree. On Christmas Day, place the symbol for Jesus on the top of the tree.

To make the experience meaningful for children, involve them as much as possible. Young children, as well as older children, will enjoy cutting out the symbols and placing them on the tree. This activity may take place either before or after the devotional reading – whatever works best for you. Young children might understand them better if they are completed after the explanations given in the readings. Children can find the daily readings for themselves.

You can share your Jesse Tree story with us on social media, tagging @GoTeamAdvisers @BathWells on Twitter and/or Instagram.

You will need:

- A Bible
- Scissors
- Yarn to hang the symbols or tape to stick them to the tree

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The symbols were illustrated by Jon Birch <http://www.birchmultimedia.com/>

# Overview of the Jesse Tree

Date	Bible story	Bible reference	Symbol
1 Dec	The Jesse Tree	Isaiah 11: 1-2	Tree stump, with a single branch
2 Dec	Creation	Genesis 1: 26-31	The Earth
3 Dec	Adam and Eve (The Fall)	Genesis 3: 1-19	Tree with fruit / an apple
4 Dec	Noah	Genesis 6: 11-22, 9: 8-13	Rainbow
5 Dec	Abraham and Sarah	Genesis 12:1-7 & Hebrews 11:8	Tent
6 Dec	Isaac	Genesis 22:1-14	Ram
7 Dec	Jacob	Genesis 28:10-22	Ladder
8 Dec	Joseph	Genesis 37: 1-36	Multi-coloured coat
9 Dec	Moses	Exodus 20: 1-17	Ten Commandments
10 Dec	Ruth	Ruth 1: 1-22, 2: 1-3	Sheaf of corn
11 Dec	Samuel	1 Samuel 16: 1-13	Horn of Oil
12 Dec	David	2 Samuel 5: 1-5	Crown
13 Dec	Elijah	1 Kings 18: 17-24; 36-39	Bonfire
14 Dec	Nehemiah	Nehemiah 4: 15-23	Trowel and Spear
15 Dec	Daniel	Daniel 6: 10-23	Lion
16 Dec	Isaiah	Isaiah 9: 2-7	Hammer and Sword
17 Dec	Zechariah and Elizabeth	Luke 1: 5-25	Praying hands
18 Dec	John the Baptist	Matthew 3: 1-11	Shell
19 Dec	Mary	Luke 1: 26-38	White lily
20 Dec	Joseph of Nazareth	Matthew 1: 18-25	Tools
21 Dec	Angel	Luke 2: 9-14	Angel
22 Dec	Shepherds	Luke 2: 8-12, 2: 15-19	Shepherds staff & sandals
23 Dec	Bethlehem	Luke 2: 1-5	Star of Bethlehem
24 Dec	The Manger	Luke 2: 4-7	Manger
25 Dec	Jesus Christ	John 1: 1-18	The Chi Rho

# 1 December

## The Jesse Tree

**Read:** Isaiah 11: 1-2

**Think:** God has a plan for everyone. Long before Jesus was born lived a man named Jesse. Jesse had seven sons; the youngest was named David. When David grew up, he became a great king of Israel. God had a plan for Jesse and for his son David, even before they were born.

Jesus was also part of Jesse and David's family tree, born many, many years after David. People waited a long time for the birth of the saviour, Jesus. The season of Advent is a season of waiting for us, too. We wait for Christmas, the day we celebrate the birth of Jesus.

It is hard to be patient, especially when we are waiting for something wonderful like Christmas! But it is important to learn to be patient, and to trust that God has a plan for us, too.

**Discuss:** Why is waiting so hard?

**Pray:** Dear God, we thank you that you have a plan for each of us. Help us to be patient as we wait for Jesus' birthday. Amen.

**Do:** Cut out the symbol of the tree stump with the single branch and hang it on the Jesse Tree.



## 2 December

### Creation

**Read:** Genesis 1:26-31

**Think:** The Bible tells us that God made the world and everything in it: the air and the water, the plants and the fish, the animals and the people. When God finished creating the world, it was **Good**. When God first created people, they too were **Good**. They did not sin or do anything to make God unhappy.

Even though there is now sin and sadness in the world, God still cares for us. We have been given a beautiful world in which to live, and God has asked us to take care of it. We can care for the world by showing kindness to all living things.

The world is God's gift to us. God wants us to enjoy this gift, but God also wants us to treat it with care.

**Discuss:** What are some ways that we can take good care of plants, animals, birds, rivers, people, and everything else in the world that God made?

**Pray:** Thank you, Creator God, for making our wonderful world. Amen

**Do:** Cut out the symbol of Creation and hang it on the Jesse Tree.



## 3 December

# Adam and Eve

**Read:** Genesis 3:1-19

**Think:** Yesterday we read about the **Good** world that God created, including people who were **Good**. Today we read in the Bible about Adam and Eve, and how they disobeyed God. God had given them everything, and only asked that they did not eat the fruit of one special tree. But Eve and Adam did eat the fruit. The fruit made them understand certain things and eating it brought sin into the world.

God still loved Adam and Eve, but he had to punish them for disobeying him. God sent them out of the beautiful garden, and they had to work for their food. God also made a promise to Adam and Eve: that God would always love them.

**Discuss:** What things might we do, that could make God unhappy?

**Pray:** Mighty God, keep us from doing things that make you unhappy. Amen

**Do:** Cut out the symbol of the Apple and Serpent and hang it on the Jesse Tree.



# 4 December

## Noah

**Read:** Genesis 6:11-22; 9:8-13

**Think:** When people sin, or do wrong things, God is sad. There came a time when there was so much sin in the world that God had to find a way to remove sin from the world. So he asked Noah to build the ark and to save his own family, as well as the animals, because Noah and his family remembered God. Then God sent rain and the world flooded, and God destroyed all the people and animals that were not on the ark.

When the flood was over and Noah and his family were safely on dry ground, God made a covenant, or a promise, with Noah. God promised not to send another flood that would destroy the world. As a sign of this promise, God put a rainbow in the sky. Even in a sinful world, God still loves us and keeps his promises.

**Discuss:** Have you ever seen a rainbow, if so, what were some of the colours?

**Pray:** Thank you, Almighty God, for keeping your promises to us. Amen

**Do:** Cut out the symbol of the Ark and Rainbow and hang it on the Jesse Tree.



## 5 December

### Abraham and Sarah

**Read:** Genesis 12: 1-7 and Hebrews 11:8

**Think:** Sometimes God asks us to do things that are hard to do. God asks us to be good when it would be so much easier, and sometimes more fun, to be naughty. God asks us to go to places and do things we'd rather not do.

God asked Abram to take a long trip, and to leave behind the place that Abram called home. But in return, God made promises to Abram. God promised that Abram would be blessed by God. Abram still had problems and struggles, especially when he forgot to listen to God's directions, but God kept all of the promises made to Abram. Most importantly, God was Abram's friend forever.

**Discuss:** What are some of the ways we can listen to God?

**Pray:** Holy God, help us to obey you and do the things that you want us to do. Amen

**Do:** Cut out the symbol of the Tent and Camel and hang it on the Jesse Tree.



# 6 December

## Isaac

**Read:** Genesis 22:1-14

**Think:** Abraham and Sarah wanted a baby more than anything but they were very old. But then God gave Sarah a son, and she named him Isaac.

Isaac was a special boy, and his father, Abraham, loved him very much. But Abraham loved God even more than he loved Isaac. One day God asked Abraham to take Isaac on a journey. Abraham obeyed. God also asked Abraham to kill Isaac as a sacrifice, as a way of showing how much Abraham loved God.

Abraham was sad, but he knew that he had to obey God. He trusted that even though he was being asked to do something terrible, God would make everything right. As he was getting ready to sacrifice Isaac, God sent an angel to stop Abraham and save Isaac's life. Then Abraham sacrificed a ram as a way of honouring God, and to thank him for saving Isaac's life.

**Discuss:** When did you feel protected by God?

**Pray:** Protect us, dear God, when we have to do things that make us sad. Amen

**Do:** Cut out the symbol of the Ram and hang it on the Jesse Tree.



# 7 December

## Jacob

**Read:** Genesis 28: 10-22

**Think:** Jacob had not always been a good person. He had done some unkind things, but instead of saying he was sorry, Jacob ran away. He lived away from his family for many years, but now it was time to meet with his brother. He had to face up to the things he had done wrong many years before.

When Jacob ran away from his family, he may have thought that he was running away from God, too. The night before he was going to see his brother, God spoke to Jacob in a dream. God reminded Jacob of the promises God had made to Jacob's father and grandfather, and that those promises were meant for Jacob, too.

**Discuss:** Jacob thought that he had run away from God, but God was always with him. How do we know that God is always with us?

**Pray:** Loving God, remind us each day that you are with us. Amen

**Do:** Cut out the symbol of the Ladder and hang it on the Jesse Tree.



# 8 December

## Joseph

**Read:** Genesis 37: 1- 36

**Think:** Joseph was the favourite son of Jacob. Jacob gave him a coat of many colours that made Joseph's eleven brothers jealous. This coat and Joseph's dreams made his brothers angry towards him, so they decided to get rid of Joseph by throwing him into a pit. Joseph might have been annoying but he didn't deserve to be thrown into a pit or sold into slavery. His brothers let their jealousy get the better of them. Even Reuben, who didn't want to kill Joseph, wasn't brave enough to stand up and defend him right there and then. Reuben decided he would go back to the pit later to rescue Joseph, but by then it was too late. Joseph had already been taken as a slave.

The good thing is that Jesus knows all about being at the bottom of a dark pit when you don't deserve it. He knows about being betrayed by the people closest to him. But he still loves people like Joseph's brothers. He still loves people like us who make mistakes and do things we shouldn't. He forgives us and welcomes us back.

**Discuss:** Have you ever felt jealous like Joseph's brothers, how did you act?

**Pray:** God, show your love to people who feel all alone. Amen

**Do:** Cut out the symbol of the Coat of Many Colours and hang it on the Jesse Tree.



# 9 December

## Moses

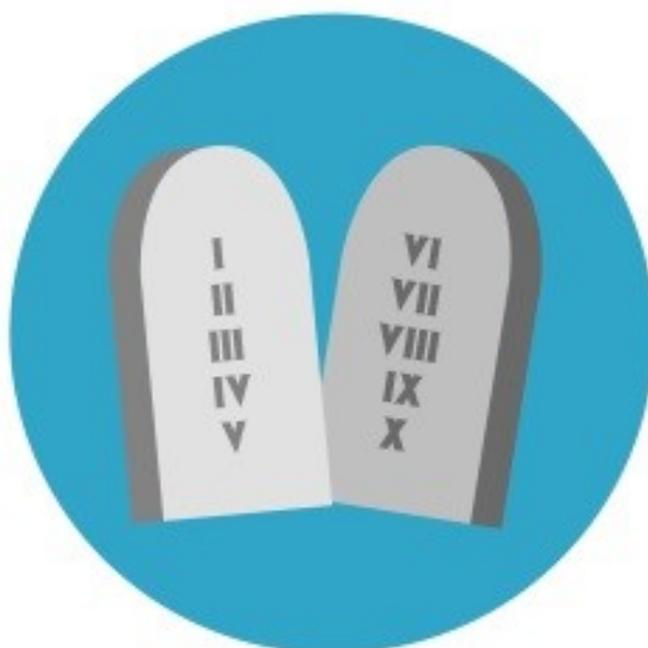
**Read:** Exodus 20: 1-17

**Think:** After Joseph died, the people of Israel became slaves in Egypt. God called Moses to lead his people out of Egypt and slavery back to the Promised Land. God wants us to treat others the way that we want to be treated. To help us to understand how to care for each other, many years ago, God gave Moses the ten best rules for living. These rules are called the Ten Commandments, and they are still good rules for us today. Not everybody likes to follow the rules. They think rules stop them from having fun. But God gave us the rules as a way of helping us to live together happily. God will always be there to help us to do the right thing.

**Discuss:** What are some good rules that help people to live together and be happy?

**Pray:** Helpful God, thank you for giving us these ten special rules to guide us. Amen

**Do:** Cut out the symbol of the Ten Commandments and hang it on the Jesse Tree.



# 10 December

## Ruth

**Read:** Ruth 1: 1-22, 2: 1-3

**Think:** Ruth and Naomi had lost all the people they loved. Naomi's two sons--one of them was Ruth's husband--had died, and Naomi's husband had died too. Naomi had been living in Ruth's country, far from her family, and so Naomi decided to return to Bethlehem. Ruth could have stayed in her own country with her own family, but she chose to go to Bethlehem with Naomi.

Naomi was so sad that she thought that God had forgotten her. In the days of the Bible, most women couldn't get jobs, so women would go to the fields and take the grain that the farmers left behind. Ruth went to the field to gather grain, and there she met Boaz, a relative of Naomi's, who took care of them. She knew that God had not forgotten them, even when she had been sad. Ruth and Boaz later married and they became parents to Obed, who was the father of Jesse and the grandfather of David. David was an ancestor of Jesus.

**Discuss:** What can make us feel sad? What can make us feel happy again?

**Pray:** Holy God, thank you for being with us always. Amen.

**Do:** Cut out the symbol of the Sheaf of Grain and hang it on the Jesse Tree.



# 11 December

## Samuel

**Read:** 1 Samuel: 16: 1-13

**Think:** God has a plan for you. Even when we are young, God sees into our hearts and knows what kind of people we are and what kind of people we will be.

Most of the grown-ups who saw David thought he was just a child who looked after the sheep, but while David was still very young. God chose him to be a king. God's servant Samuel poured oil on David's head and anointed him as the future king of Israel.

God has a plan for each of us. Not many of us will be rulers, but each of us can serve God in important ways. It's important to listen for God's call and to find ways to please God in our lives.

**Discuss:** How can you please and recognise God in your life?

**Pray:** Father God, help us to make choices that please you. Amen.

**Do:** Cut out the symbol of the Horn of Oil and hang it on the Jesse Tree.



# 12 December

## David

**Read:** 2 Samuel 5:1-5

**Think:** Kings sit on thrones. They wear fancy clothes and talk to important people. They make big decisions that affect the whole country.

Shepherds stand or sit on the ground. They wear clothes that can get dirty, and they mostly talk to sheep. They make decisions to keep their flock alive and healthy.

David was a shepherd, and then God chose him to be a king. Shepherds make the best kind of king. They are humble and care more about people than about power. David wasn't perfect, but he had the spirit of a shepherd even when he was king. Just like a shepherd cares for sheep and keeps them safe from harm, he cared for the people of Israel and protected them.

Later, when the people of Israel looked for the Messiah, someone to save them, they looked for another king like David. Instead God sent Jesus Christ, who came from David's family line, the Jesse tree. Jesus is greater than any earthly king. He is the Saviour of the whole world.

**Discuss:** Would you rather be a king or a shepherd?

**Pray:** Good Shepherd, help us to care for people like you do. Amen

**Do:** Cut out the symbol of the Crown and hang it on the Jesse Tree.



# 13 December

## Elijah

**Read:** 1 Kings 18: 17-24; 36-39

**Think:** The people of Israel had forgotten to worship God. Instead, they were worshiping a false god named Baal. God sent his prophet Elijah to remind the people about the true God. But the people didn't want to listen to Elijah. So Elijah offered to show the people God's power. He prepared a sacrifice, and the prophets of Baal prepared a sacrifice. The prophets of Baal prayed that their god would send fire to burn the sacrifice, but of course the false god did nothing. But when Elijah prayed, God sent fire.

The Israelites had forgotten God, until God showed them a miracle. God still does miracles today, but we need to remember God even if we don't see miracles. Our God is a great God; we need to praise God at all times

**Discuss:** What does it mean to praise God?

**Pray:** We praise you God, for all that you have done for us. Amen.

**Do:** Cut out the symbol of the Burning Altar and hang it on the Jesse Tree.



# 14 December

## Nehemiah

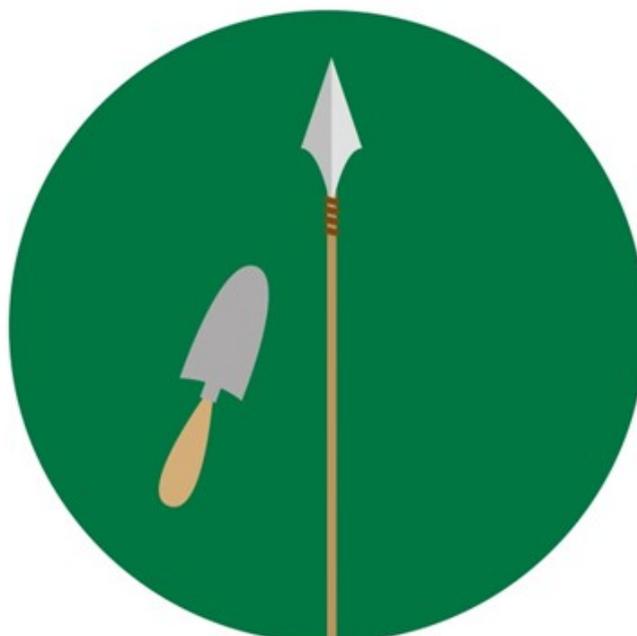
**Read:** Nehemiah 4: 15-23

**Think:** God's people of Israel were being held like prisoners in a place called Babylon, they missed their homeland and longed to return to it. Eventually God freed his people and they returned to Jerusalem. Nehemiah helped the people of Israel to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem that had been destroyed. It seemed like an impossible task and there was a lot of opposition to the walls being rebuilt. Nehemiah suggested they worked holding their weapons in one hand in order to defend themselves. God was with them as he had promised, the walls were rebuilt and the people of Israel lived in their homeland again.

**Discuss:** Have you ever done something that you thought was too hard, but with some help you managed to do it?

**Pray:** Lord God, we thank you for the people you send to help us. Amen.

**Do:** Cut out the symbol of the Trowel and Spear and hang it on the Jesse Tree.



# 15 December

## Daniel

**Read:** Daniel 6: 10-23

**Think:** God wants to be the most important thing in our lives: more important than our family, more important than our things, more important than even our own lives. Daniel understood that; he worshiped God even though he knew it may cost him everything, even his own life.

It was against the law for Daniel to worship God, but Daniel knew that God is the only true God, and he did not stop worshiping Him. Daniel was punished for breaking the law, and he was put in a pit with lions. But God protected Daniel from becoming the lions' dinner. People learned of God's power through Daniel, and many others worshiped God because Daniel had trusted and honoured God.

**Discuss:** Who or what do you love more than anything else?

**Pray:** Loving God, it is not always easy to love you more than anything else. Help us to trust and love you each day. Amen.

**Do:** Cut out the symbol of the Lion and hang it on the Jesse Tree.



# 16 December

## Isaiah

**Read:** Isaiah 9:2-7

**Think:** Many, many years before Jesus was born, people called prophets brought God's message to the people of Israel. The prophets reminded the people of what God wanted them to do. God wanted them to be good and kind to others. The prophets told the people to worship only the one true God. Isaiah was one of the greatest prophets who lived about 700 years before Jesus was born. His prophecies brought hope to the people of Israel because he told people about God's plan to save their nation. He said that people would one day make blades for their ploughs out of their swords, for there would be peace.

Isaiah also foretold the birth of a child who would be called Immanuel. Immanuel means "God with us." That child was Jesus Christ, whose birthday we are preparing to celebrate at Christmas

**Discuss:** Does God have a plan for our lives?

**Pray:** Thank you God, that Jesus offers everyone hope. Amen.

**Do:** Cut out the symbol of the Hammer and Sword and hang it on the Jesse Tree.



# 17 December

## Zechariah and Elizabeth

**Read:** Luke 1:5-25

**Think:** It can sometimes feel like our prayers are not being answered, but God promises to hear our prayers. An answer to prayer might be yes, no, or later. This is how it must have felt for Zechariah and Elizabeth but they honoured God, and God loved them, but despite their prayers, they still did not have a child. One day while Zechariah was working in the temple, an angel brought him a message from God, saying that he and Elizabeth were going to have a very special son and his name was going to be John.

Zechariah wasn't sure he believed the angel, and so God took away Zechariah's voice as a sign of God's power. Imagine if you had seen an angel who had told you wonderful, happy news, and you weren't able to tell anyone what had happened! Zechariah was sad to have lost his voice, but he was happy to know that he would have a son chosen by God to do important work.

**Discuss:** Think of a prayer that you feel has been answered. Also think of a prayer that feels like it hasn't been answered yet.

**Pray:** Almighty God, thank you for hearing all our prayers. Amen.

**Do:** Cut out the symbol of Praying Hands and hang it on the Jesse Tree.



# 18 December

## John the Baptist

**Read:** Matthew 3: 1-11

**Think:** Elizabeth and Zechariah's son grew up to be John the Baptist. He was Jesus' cousin. God chose John to prepare the way for Jesus.

John wanted people to know that Jesus is the Son of God, the saviour that God had promised the people so many years ago. He wanted them to be ready to believe in Jesus. John wanted the people to remember God, and he baptised them in the river if they promised to try not to do wrong things anymore and say sorry to God. The baptism reminded them that God forgave them for their sins.

John did not look like other people, and some people probably thought he was a little strange. But many other people listened to John, and they were ready to believe in Jesus.

**Discuss:** Is there anything you need to say sorry for today?

**Pray:** Holy God, we are sorry when we do things that are wrong. Make our hearts ready for Jesus. Amen.

**Do:** Cut out the symbol of the Shell and hang it on the Jesse Tree.



# 19 December

## Mary

**Read:** Luke 1:26-38

**Think:** God had a special job for someone. God was looking for an earthly home for baby Jesus. Jesus was going to need a mother who loved and trusted God. He would need a mother who was smart and strong and loving. God chose Mary to be Jesus' mother.

God sent an angel to talk to Mary. Mary wasn't sure that she could be a good mother to Jesus, but the angel reminded Mary that God would be with her. Mary knew that being a mother would be a difficult and important job, but she knew that God would guide her. She also knew that she loved God and wanted to do whatever she could to serve him. Mary said yes with a joyful heart.

**Discuss:** Talk about a time when you had to trust God or someone else.

**Pray:** Thank you, God, that nothing is impossible with you. Amen.

**Do:** Cut out the symbol of the white Lily and hang it on the Jesse Tree.



## 20 December

### Joseph of Nazareth

**Read:** Matthew 1:18-25

**Think:** Yesterday we talked about Jesus' mother, Mary. Jesus also had an earthly father named Joseph, who was a carpenter.

God sent an angel to talk to Joseph in a dream. The angel explained that God had chosen Mary, and that Mary's baby would be very special. When Joseph woke up, he knew that he and Mary were a part of God's plan. Joseph knew that he would be a good father to Jesus.

**Discuss:** God used an angel to speak to Joseph. How might God speak to us?

**Pray:** God, help us to hear your voice. Amen.

**Do:** Cut out the symbol of the Carpenter's Tools and hang it on the Jesse Tree.



# 21 December

## Angel

**Read:** Luke 2: 9-14

**Think:** Angels are mentioned lots of times in the Bible, they are often used as messengers of God to bring good news. It was an angel who appeared to Mary, Joseph and Zechariah bringing good news. It was also a lot of angels that appeared to the shepherds telling them good news. The angels played a significant role in the Christmas story, bringing good news about the birth of Jesus.

At Christmas you can be like one of God's "angels." You can watch over someone and you can share the good news that Jesus Christ is born.

**Discuss:** Have you ever heard such good news, that you had to tell other people?

**Pray:** Lord, help us to be like your angels telling the good news about the birth of Jesus. Amen.

**Do:** Cut out the symbol of the Angel and hang it on the Jesse Tree.



## 22 December

### Shepherds

**Read:** Luke 2: 8-12, 2: 15-19

**Think:** Most of us have never seen a shepherd, apart from on the TV. However, the Bible is full of stories about shepherds. It was to shepherds watching their flocks on a hillside near Bethlehem that the angel appeared and announced the birth of Jesus. They went and found Jesus just as they were told. Later, Jesus spoke lots about shepherds and sheep, he even told a story about a lost sheep. Jesus also called himself the Good Shepherd, who was ready to die for his sheep.

**Discuss:** Have you ever been in the middle of something, when you had to stop because something or someone more important needed your time?

**Pray:** Dear God, help us to be more like the shepherds, ready to stop what we are doing to meet with Jesus. Amen.

**Do:** Cut out the symbol of the Shepherd's Staff and Sandals and hang it on the Jesse Tree.



# 23 December

## Bethlehem

**Read:** Luke 2: 1-5

**Think:** God often does things that surprise us. God chose the small town of Bethlehem for the birthplace of Jesus. In Bible times, most rulers in important families were born in bigger cities, but Jesus was born into an ordinary family in a small village.

God chose Bethlehem many years before Jesus was born. The prophet Micah wrote that Bethlehem would be the place where the Saviour would be born. But even so, the town of Bethlehem wasn't ready for the birth of Jesus.

The day when we celebrate Jesus' birth will soon be here. We need to make our hearts ready.

**Discuss:** How are you getting ready for Christmas and the birth of Jesus?

**Pray:** Eternal God, help us to be ready for Jesus, as we prepare for Christmas. Amen.

**Do:** Cut out the symbol of the Star of Bethlehem and hang it on the Jesse Tree.



# 24 December is Christmas Eve

## The Manger

**Read:** Luke 2: 4-7

**Think:** Is there any story more beautiful than the Christmas story? In that manger lay the Christ Child that had been talked about by the prophets. Jesus was from the root of Jesse, yet the greatest sign of God's great love for his people. Jesus was the Messiah, the Chosen One and the new King. But he wasn't born like a king, he was born in a place where animals were kept, because there was no room. He was laid on a bed of straw in an animals feeding box.

**Discuss:** Instead of discussing anything today. Take time to look at the words of this familiar Christmas carol, but with some slightly adapted wording:

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,  
The baby king Jesus laid down his sweet head.  
The stars he created looked down where he lay,  
The maker of all things asleep on the hay.

**Pray:** Dear Jesus, Thank you for being born on the first Christmas. Amen

**Do:** Cut out the symbol of the Manger and hang it on the Jesse Tree.



# 25 December is Christmas Day

## Jesus Christ

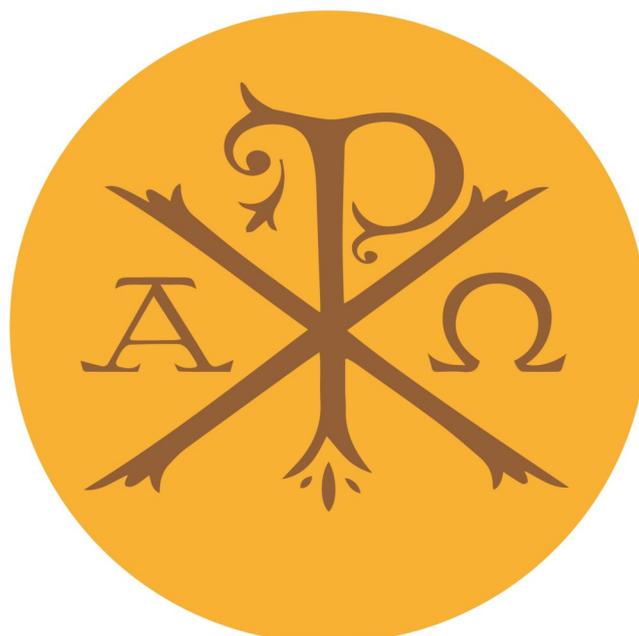
**Reading:** John 1:1-18

**Think:** Today is Christmas Day when we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, who was born into the family tree of Jesse. He was a descendant of David, the child of Mary but the Son of God. Two Greek letters, *chi* and *rho* form a symbol for Jesus Christ. They remind us that it was not just an ordinary baby who was born in that stable years ago in Bethlehem. That child was God's Son. God became a human being, just like us. Let us worship him and keep him forever in our hearts.

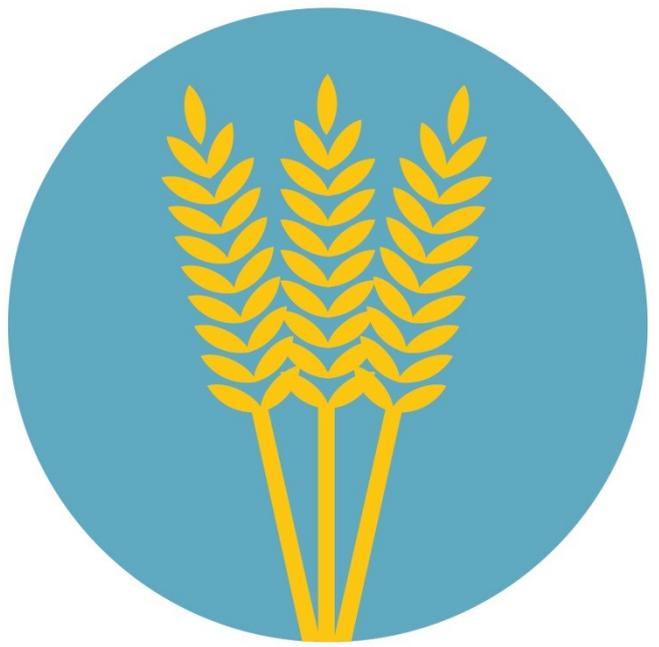
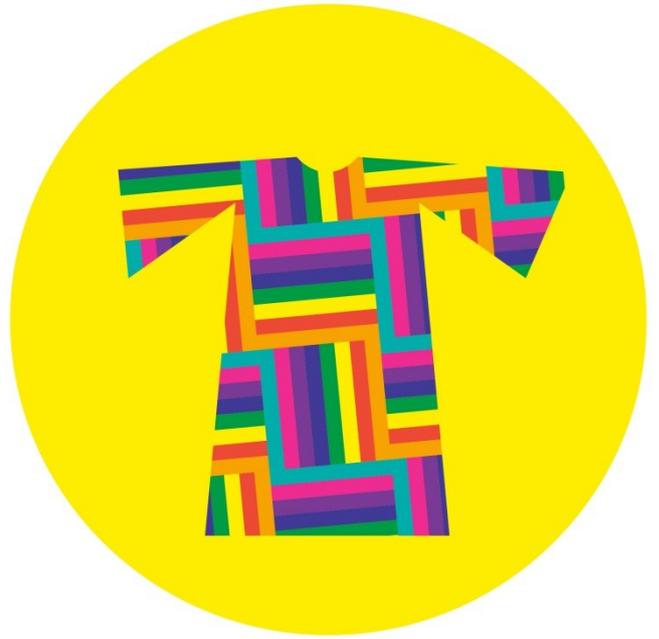
**Discuss:** Today is the birthday of Jesus, what do you think he would most like as a gift from you?

**Pray:** Lord God, thank you for sending the Promised One, Jesus, to be our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

**Do:** Cut out the symbol of the Chi Rho and hang it on the top of the Jesse Tree.













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