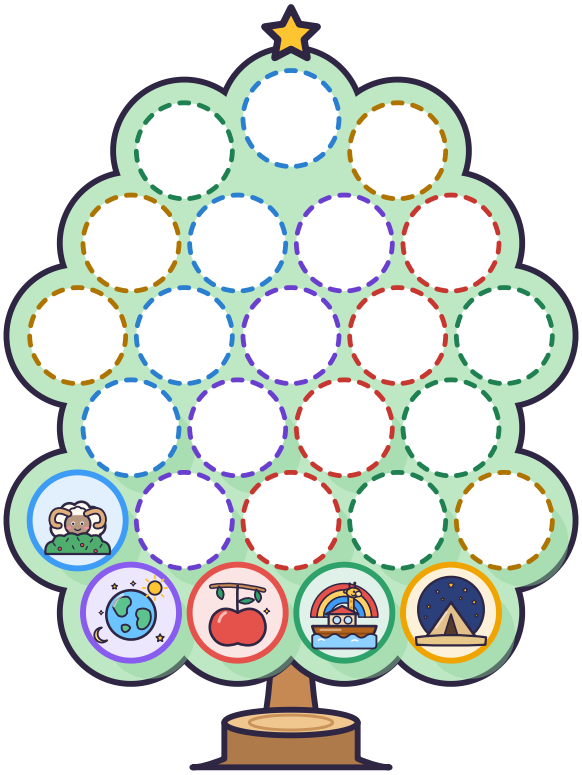
FREE · YOUR FIRST 5 DAYS

# The Jesse Tree

Start your family's Advent on December 1: one Bible story and one ornament a day



## In this free set

- **5 ornaments in color**
  Creation, Adam and Eve, Noah, Abraham, Isaac
- **The same 5 to color in**
  plus a blank one to design
- **5 days of readings**
  verse, short story, symbol, question
- **How a Jesse Tree works**
  10 minutes a day, easy steps

**The Bible verses are from the King James Version.**

Print at Actual size / 100%. This file is made for US Letter paper.

Card stock makes sturdier ornaments, but plain paper works fine.

Days 6 to 25 (Jacob to Christmas Day) are in the full set: see the last page.

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# How It Works



## What is a Jesse Tree?

Long ago, the prophet Isaiah wrote about a stump: the old family tree of a man named Jesse (King David's father). He promised that a new green shoot would grow out of it. Christians read this as a promise of Jesus, who was born into Jesse's family. A Jesse Tree tells that family's story, from the very beginning to Christmas, with one ornament each day of Advent.

> "And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots."
>
> Isaiah 11:1 (KJV)

## Each day, 10 minutes

1. **Read** the day's page together. Older kids can read the Bible passage too.
2. **Talk** about the question.
3. **Hang** that day's ornament on a branch, a paper tree or a string.
4. **Check** the two boxes under the day's story.

## The first five days

1. December 1: **Creation** Genesis 1:1-31
2. December 2: **Adam and Eve** Genesis 3:1-15
3. December 3: **Noah** Genesis 6:9-22; 7:17-24; 9:8-17
4. December 4: **Abraham** Genesis 12:1-4; 15:1-6
5. December 5: **Isaac** Genesis 22:1-14

## Good to know

- Starting late, or missed a day? Just read two stories and hang two ornaments. No one is keeping score.
- Little ones: read only the short story and the question. Older kids: look up the whole Bible passage.
- Punch the dot at the top of each ornament and add a loop of ribbon or yarn. A glue stick and a cereal box back make them sturdy.



# Jesse Tree Ornaments

Cut out on the dashed lines, punch the dot, add a ribbon loop.

1



Creation

Genesis 1

2



Adam and Eve

Genesis 3

3



Noah

Genesis 6-9

4



Abraham

Genesis 12, 15

5



Isaac

Genesis 22

draw your own

Day ___

**Coming next in the full set: days 6 to 25**

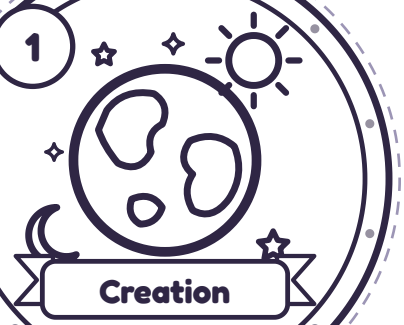


Jacob's ladder, Joseph's coat, the burning bush, Ruth's wheat, David's harp ... all the way to the manger.

# Ornaments to Color

Color them in, cut them out, punch the dot and add a ribbon loop.

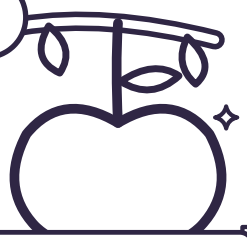
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## My coloring checklist



☐ Day 1



☐ Day 2



☐ Day 3



☐ Day 4



☐ Day 5

Little ones can color their ornament while a grown-up reads the day's page.

Read Together

1

December 1

## Creation

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



> "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth."
>
> Genesis 1:1 (KJV)

In the beginning God made everything: light, sky, land and sea, plants, the sun, moon and stars, fish, birds, animals and people. Then God looked at all he had made, and it was very good.

**Our ornament:** The whole wide world, because God made all of it.

**Let's talk:** What is your favorite thing that God made?

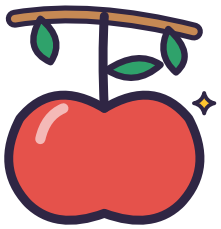
☐ We read it ☐ We hung the ornament

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December 2

## Adam and Eve

**Read: Genesis 3:1-15**



> "And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou?"
>
> Genesis 3:9 (KJV)

God gave Adam and Eve a beautiful garden and asked them not to eat from one tree. They ate its fruit anyway, and then they hid. But God came looking for them, calling, "Where art thou?"

**Our ornament:** A piece of fruit. The Bible doesn't say what kind; many people picture an apple.

**Let's talk:** Adam and Eve hid, but God still came looking for them. Why is it good to know God looks for us?

☐ We read it ☐ We hung the ornament

3

December 3

## Noah

**Read: Genesis 6:9-22; 7:17-24; 9:8-17**



"I do set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a token of a covenant between me and the earth."

Genesis 9:13 (KJV)

Noah walked with God, and God told him to build a huge ark for his family and two of every kind of animal. The rain came and the flood covered the earth, but everyone in the ark was safe. Afterwards God put a rainbow in the sky as a promise.

**Our ornament:** Noah's ark and the rainbow, the sign of God's promise.

**Let's talk:** What is a promise you can keep this week?

☐ We read it ☐ We hung the ornament

4

December 4

## Abraham

**Read: Genesis 12:1-4; 15:1-6**



"...Look now toward heaven, and tell the stars, if thou be able to number them"

Genesis 15:5 (KJV)

God asked Abraham (then called Abram) to leave his home for a new land. One night God took him outside and told him to count the stars, if he could: his family would be just as many. Abraham believed God.

**Our ornament:** Abraham's tent under a sky full of stars.

**Let's talk:** Look out the window tonight. How many stars can you count?

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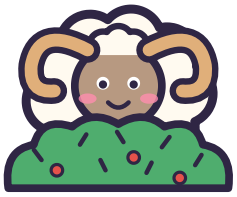
Read Together

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December 5

# Isaac

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



"...behold behind him a ram caught in a thicket by his horns"

Genesis 22:13 (KJV)

Abraham and Sarah waited a long, long time for their son Isaac. One day God tested Abraham, and Abraham trusted God with the son he loved. God stopped him just in time and gave a ram, caught by its horns in a bush, instead.

**Our ornament:** The ram God gave in Isaac's place.

**Let's talk:** What does it mean to trust someone?

☐ We read it ☐ We hung the ornament

## Well done: 5 days, 5 ornaments!

Tomorrow, December 6, the story goes on with Jacob and a ladder full of angels.



Days 6 to 25 are in the full Jesse Tree set, with a tree poster, a sticker chart and hang tags. The last page shows them all.



# The Whole Jesse Tree

Days 6 to 25, from Jacob's ladder to the manger on Christmas Day.

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 6  Jacob | 7  Joseph and His Coat | 8  Moses | 9  The Ten Commandments | 10  Joshua |
| 11  Ruth | 12  Samuel | 13  Jesse | 14  David | 15  Solomon |
| 16  Elijah | 17  Jonah | 18  Isaiah | 19  Micah | 20  Daniel |
| 21   Zechariah and Elizabeth | 22  John the Baptist | 23  Mary | 24  Joseph | 25  Jesus Is Born |

## Also in the full set

- **All 25 ornaments**
  in color and to color, 2 blanks
- **A tree poster**
  4 pages, about 15 x 20 in
- **All 25 days on one page**
  plus a Christmas memory page
- **25 days of readings**
  a verse, story and question a day
- **Sticker chart + 25 stickers**
  and 25 hang tags
- **US Letter and A4**
  print as often as you like

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