MAKING AN ADVENT JESSE TREE

What is a Jesse Tree?

A Jesse Tree represents the family tree of Jesus Christ. Each ornament represents a story from the Bible that tells about God's people before Jesus was born. Each Story shows God's salvation plan and tell how He guided humanity to prepare for the coming of the Messiah.

The tradition of the Jesse Tree dates back to the middle ages. The name "Jesse Tree" comes from Isaiah 11:1, "Then a shoot will spring from the stem of Jesse, and a branch from his roots will bear fruit." Jesse is the father of King David. The saviour was to come from David's family line.

What is the tradition?

During the Advent season, a Bible Story is read which relates to Jesus family or God's people. After the Bible story is read and discussed, an ornament is placed on a tree – the Jesse Tree. This was often done from the beginning of Advent to Christmas Day.

Jesse Tree Scripture Readings

Each day from Dec. 1 to Dec. 25 read the Bible story and discuss it. Then add the corresponding ornament to the tree.

December 1 - Creation: Genesis 1:1-31; 2:1-4 Symbol: earth

December 2 - Adam and Eve: Genesis 2:7-9, 15-25; 3:1-24 Symbol: apple

December 3 - Noah: Genesis 6:5-19; 7:16-24; 8:1, 6-11,15-22 Symbol: ark

December 4 - Babel: Genesis 11:1-9 Symbol: tower

December 5 - Abraham: Genesis 12:1-7, 15:1-6 Symbol: mountain / night sky

December 6 - Isaac: Genesis 22:1-14 Symbol: ram on altar

December 7 - Jacob: Genesis 25:19-34; 28:10-18 Symbol: ladder

December 8 - Joseph: Genesis 37:23-28; 45:1-15 Symbol: tunic

December 9 - Moses: Exodus 3:1-10 Symbol: burning bush

December 10 - Israelites: Exodus 20:1-17 Symbol: Ten Commandments

December 11 - Joshua: Joshua 5:13-15; 6:1-20 Symbol: 3 horns and wall

December 12 - Gideon: Judges 6: 11-12,16-23;7:1-22 Symbol: horn and torch

December 13 - Samson: Judges 16:4-31 Symbol: hair and scissors

December 14 - Ruth: Ruth 1:1-19; 2:1-20; 4:13-17 Symbol: wheat

December 15 - Samuel: 1 Samuel 3:1-18 Symbol: lamp

December 16 - Jesse: 1 Samuel 16:1-13 Symbol: sheep & shepherd's staff

December 17 - David: 1 Samuel 17:12-51 Symbol: slingshot

December 18 - Solomon: 1 Kings 3:5-28 Symbol: scale of justice

December 19 - Elijah: 1 Kings 18:1-46 Symbol: fire & altar

December 20 - Jonah: Jonah 1:1-16; 2:1-1; 3:1-10; 4:1-11 Symbol: whale

December 21 - John the Baptist: Luke 3:2-19 Symbol: shell and water

December 22 - Joseph: Matthew 1:18-24 Symbol: tools

December 23 - Mary: Matthew 1:18-24; Luke 1:26-38 Symbol: Mary and lilies

December 24 - Wise men: Matthew 2:1-12 Symbol: star and 3 men

December 25 - Jesus: Luke 2:1-6 Symbol: baby Jesus



Advent Jesse Tree Ornaments:









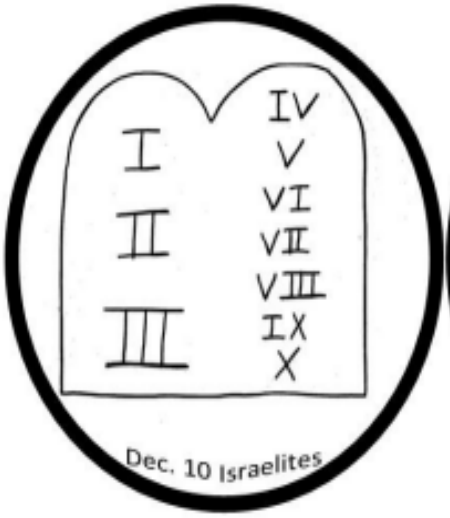












Dec. 10 Israelites


Dec. 11 Joshua


Dec. 12 Gideon

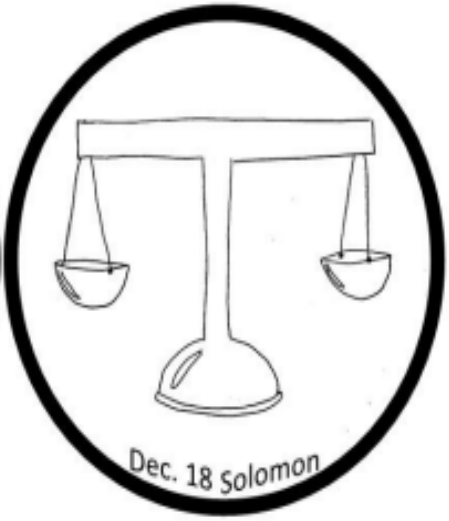

Dec. 13 Samson


Dec. 14 Ruth


Dec. 15 Samuel


Dec. 16 Jesse

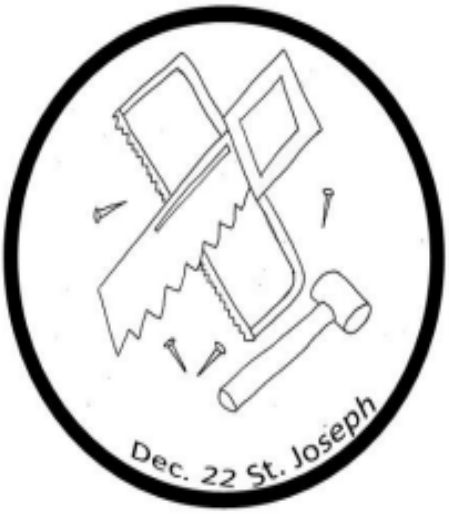

Dec. 17 David


Dec. 18 Solomon


Dec. 19 Elijah


Dec. 20 Jonah


Dec. 21 John the Baptist


Dec. 22 St. Joseph


Dec. 23 Mary


Dec. 24
Wise Men


A Savior is born!