



The
Jesse
Tree

2023

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Welcome to Advent!

We are all a part of God's family tree. This season, we are going to take a look at some of the branches of that tree: the people God used leading up to the birth of Jesus! You will see that God used (and still uses!) ordinary, broken, and unlikely people to further His grand story. Each day of December you will read a portion of God's amazing timeline, then place a sticker on our Jesse Tree. Some days you will want to dive deeper into the story—we'll have extra books and resource suggestions on our Facebook page. Other days it'll be enough to have a quick look at the next branch. Throughout the season, our prayer is that you will grow in a deeper knowledge of God and how YOU fit into His family tree!

- The Children & Family Ministry

December 1: The Jesse Tree

The Journey Begins



Branch: Jesse

Bible Passage: Isaiah 11:1-2

Discuss as a family: How can you gain wisdom?

Prayer: Dear God, will you send the Spirit to guide our advent season as our family wants to know you more?

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

December 2: Creation of Humans

We are Created!



Branch: Adam & Eve

Bible Passage: Genesis 1:26-27; 2:1-3

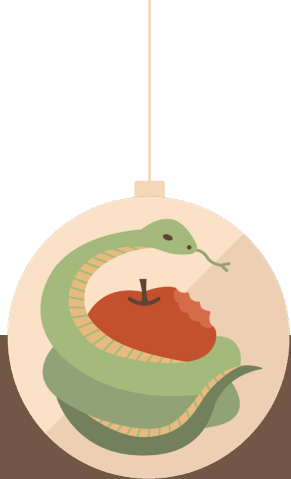
Discuss as a family:

Why is the 7th day of creation important?

Prayer: Dear God, Thank you for creating us and giving us an example of work and rest. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

December 3: The Fall

Sin Enters the World



Branch: Adam & Eve

Bible Passage: Genesis 3:1-7

Discuss as a family: How was the snake tricky when he spoke with Eve?

Prayer: Dear God, help us to know *your* voice and to stay away from temptation. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

December 4: Noah's Ark

A New Beginning



Branch: Noah

Bible Passage: Genesis 7:5-10

Discuss as a family:

Do you think it was easy for Noah to trust God?

Prayer: Dear God, you are worthy of our trust. Help us to trust you every day—even when it is hard.

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

December 5: The Promised Land

A Promise for Us



Branch: Abram

Bible Passage: Genesis 12:1-4

Discuss as a family: What did the Lord command Abram to do? How does he command you to “go” every day?

Prayer: Dear God, We want to honor you. Will you guide our steps every day as we go into the world? In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.

December 6: God's Promise to Abraham

God's Big Family



Branch: Abraham

Bible Passage: Genesis 15:4-6

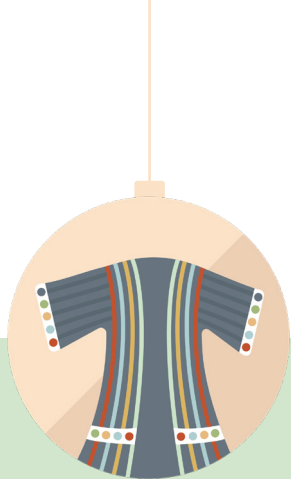
Discuss as a family:

How many stars can you see in the sky? What do you think God meant when he said that's how many children would be born into Abraham's family?

Prayer: Dear God, thank you for making us a part of your family! Help us to trust in you, even when we can't see your plans. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

December 7: Joseph

Showing Love Always



Branch: Joseph

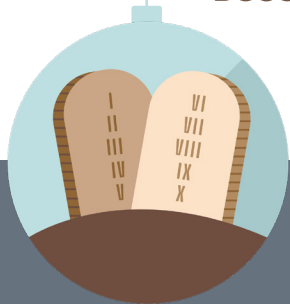
Bible Passage: Genesis 37:2-23

Discuss as a family: Why were the brothers mean to Joseph?

Prayer: Dear God, help us to be kind to everyone in our family, even when they make us upset. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

December 8: The 10 Commandments

The Family Rules



Branch: Moses

Bible Passage: Deuteronomy 5:1-22

Discuss as a family: Why is it important that we know and obey the 10 commandments?

Prayer: Dear God, We trust that you want what is best for us. Help us to obey your commandments. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

December 9: Rahab

Protecting Each Other



Branch: Rahab

Bible Passage: Joshua 2:2-16

Discuss as a family: How did Rahab know that God is powerful?

Prayer: Dear God, when we are fearful, we can cling to you. We remember the times you have shown us your power. Thank you for allowing us to be a part of your powerful story. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

December 10: Ruth & Boaz

Caring for God's Family



Branch: Ruth & Boaz

Bible Passage: Ruth 2:4-12

Discuss as a family:

How did Boaz take care of Ruth?

Prayer: Dear God, we know that you will give us everything we need. Help us to be grateful for all of the gifts you have given us. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

December 11: God Chooses David to be King

God Looks at the Heart



Branch: David

Bible Passage: 1 Samuel 16:4-13

Discuss as a family: Why was David a surprising choice for King?

Prayer: Dear God, help us to see others the way you see them. And help us to treat others with grace and kindness. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

December 12: David the Shepherd-King

Leading with Humility



Branch: David

Bible Passage: 2 Samuel 5:1-3

Discuss as a family:

What else do you know about King David, the Shepherd-King?

Prayer: Dear God, you have chosen us, just as you chose David. Help us to lead others by being an example of your love. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

December 13: Solomon Builds God's Temple

A Safe Place



Branch: Solomon

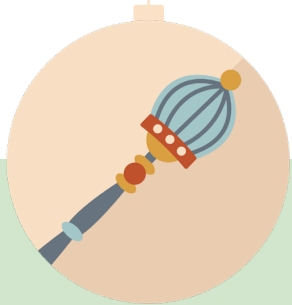
Bible Passage: 1 Kings 5:5

Discuss as a family: Why did Solomon want to build a temple? Who would benefit?

Prayer: Dear God, help us to glorify you in all we do. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

December 14: Esther Saves Her People

Protecting God's Family



Branch: Esther

Bible Passage: Esther 4:9-16

Discuss as a family:

Why was Esther brave to go to the King?

Prayer: Dear God, we know that we can be brave when you are with us. Thank you for never leaving us. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

December 15: Isaiah's Prophecy of a Savior

Better Times to Come



Branch: Isaiah

Bible Passage: Isaiah 9:2-7

Discuss as a family:

Who is the child that is referred to in verse 6?

Prayer: Dear God, you bring us hope even when things are hard. Thank you for loving us so well. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

December 16: Isaiah's Prophecy of the Second Coming

Peace on Earth



Branch: Isaiah

Bible Passage: Isaiah 11:6-9

Discuss as a family: What are two animals that you would be surprised to see happily next to each other?

Prayer: Dear God, we know that you will bring peace to the earth one day. Help us to see your goodness even now.
In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

December 17: Jonah & The Whale

A Lesson on Obedience



Branch: Jonah

Bible Passage: Jonah 3:1-5

Discuss as a family: What happened to Jonah *before* he decided to go to Nineveh?

Prayer: Dear God, obeying you can be hard! Help us to be obedient even when we don't want to. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

December 18: Daniel & The Lion's Den

God Keeps Us Safe



Branch: Daniel

Bible Passage: Daniel 6:13-22

Discuss as a family: What do you think Daniel did all night while he was in the lion's den?

Prayer: Dear God, help us to be brave. Help us to do the right thing, even when it's hard. In Jesus' name we pray,
Amen.

December 19: Prophecy of a Savior Born in Bethlehem

An Unlikely Hero



Branch: Micah

Bible Passage: Micah 5:1-5

Discuss as a family: Micah wrote about Bethlehem about 700 years before Jesus was born! How did he know what was going to happen?

Prayer: Dear God, you know everything—even things that haven't happened yet! Thank you for showing us your way. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

December 20: Elizabeth & Zachariah

God Speaks to Us



Branch: Elizabeth and Zachariah

Bible Passage: Luke 1:11-14

Discuss as a family:

Gabriel was an angel who spoke to Zechariah. Have you ever felt you could hear or sense what God was telling you?

Prayer: Dear God, help us to have ears to hear your voice and an open heart to trust you. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

December 21: John the Baptist

We Share God's Love with Others



Branch: John the Baptist

Bible Passage: Matthew 3:1-6

Discuss as a family: Looking at what John wore and ate in verse 4, how do you think others treated him?

Prayer: Dear God, We want to share your message with others. Help us to speak confidently about your love. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

December 22: God Chooses Mary

God is Surprising



Branch: Mary

Bible Passage: Luke 1:26-33

Discuss as a family: Read verse 28 again.
How would you feel if an angel greeted you that way?

Prayer: Dear God, we know that you still speak to us today!
Help us to hear your still, small voice. In Jesus' name we pray,
Amen.

December 23: Angel Appears to Joseph

Jesus's Love Affects Us All



Branch: Joseph

Bible Passage: Matthew 1:18-25

Discuss as a family: What are the differences/similarities between how Joseph and Mary found out about Jesus?

Prayer: Dear God, we are so excited to celebrate Jesus's birth in just a few days! Help us to remember why we celebrate Christmas. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

December 24: Mary & Joseph Go to Bethlehem

A Prophecy Fulfilled



Branch: Mary & Joseph

Bible Passage: Luke 2:1-5

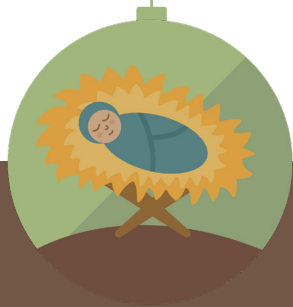
Discuss as a family: Think about a time that your family has traveled together. What was the hardest part?

Prayer: Dear God, thank you for being with us always. Help us to sleep tonight as we are excited to celebrate tomorrow!

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

December 25: Jesus is Born

Our Rescuer is Here!



Branch: Jesus

Bible Passage: Luke 2:6-14

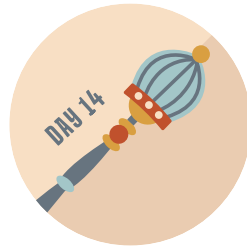
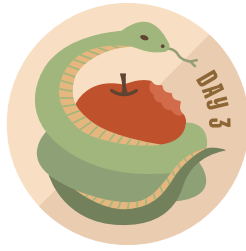
Discuss as a family: Merry Christmas! How can you, as a family, spend some quiet time today reflecting on God's great story and your part in it?

Prayer: Happy Birthday Jesus! Dear God, we ask that you will help us focus on you today. You have a grand story and a very special family that WE get to be a part of! Thank you for choosing us to be a part of your story and thank you for all of the blessings you have given us. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.



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