

# **The Jesse Tree**

Advent Study

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## Advent Study

The Jesse Tree is named from Isaiah 11:1-2  
"A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse;  
from his roots a Branch will bear fruit. The Spirit of the Lord will rest upon Him."

The main Branch is a Biblical sign of the expected coming of the Messiah, Jesus Christ and the faithfulness of God. The other branches of the tree represent each of the stories that make up the whole story of God's relationship with His people. As we read through the stories we see God's people awaiting the coming of the Messiah.

Similarly we anxiously await each day of December in anticipation of celebrating the birth of our savior, Jesus Christ.

Creating a Jesse Tree for your family is a fun, hands-on way to walk through the story of Jesus. As you read through the daily devotions, you'll add an ornament to your tree. Each one represents the ancestors of Jesus and the events leading to Jesus' birth.

### Supplies:

- A Bible (You may use your preferred version.)
    - Cardstock
    - Yarn or ribbon
    - A hole punch
    - Markers, crayons, or colored pencils
  - Small Christmas tree, garland, or lapbook to add your ornaments to each day.
- Page 3 includes a cover sheet if you would like to make a lapbook keepsake for your ornaments.*

### Instructions:

**This study is designed to begin on December 1st and run through December 24th.**

⇒ Print the ornaments included in this download as well as the reading schedule on page 4. I suggest printing the ornaments on cardstock so they are more durable. As you progress through the study you'll cut out one ornament, punch a small hole in the center top, and string with yarn or ribbon.  
*(Both full color, and black and white ornaments are included in this download.)*

⇒ Beginning on December 1st, read the associated scripture for each day. Have your students color and hang the appropriate ornament on your Jesse Tree.

⇒ **Optional:** Have students pick out one key verse from the day's reading, and copy it onto the backside of that day's ornament as a nice reminder.

### Additional Recommended Reading:

I also recommend reading "The Jesse Tree" by Geraldine McCaughrean as you go through the daily scripture readings. It is a colorful story of a man named Mr. Butterfield who carves a Jesse Tree in an old dusty church. As he works, he tells the story of Jesus' lineage to a curious young boy.

# Daily Devotion Schedule : December 1– December 24

Date	Scripture Reading	Ornament	The Jesse Tree Chapter
December 1	Genesis 1:1 - 2:4	Creation - Sun	The Jesse Tree
December 2	Genesis 2:7-24; 3:1-24	The Garden, The Fall	Paradise Garden
December 3	Genesis 6:5-22	The Arc	A Boat Full of Animals
December 4	Genesis 12:1-3	Abraham	Strange Visitors
December 5	Genesis 22:1-14	Isaac	A Test of Love
December 6	Genesis 25:1-34	Jacob	Stairway to Heaven
December 7	Genesis 37:23-28	Joseph	The Dreamer
December 8	Genesis 41 & 45	Pharaoh	Famine & Plenty
December 9	Exodus 2:1-10; 14:1-31	Moses	Let My People Go!
December 10	Ruth 4:1-17	Ruth	The Foreigner
December 11	1 Samuel 3:1-18	Samuel	"Speak, Lord, For Your Servant is Listening"
December 12	1 Samuel 16:1-13	David	The Shepherd King
December 13	1 Samuel 17:12-51	Jesse	Dancing
December 14	1 Kings 3:5-28	Solomon	The Wisdom of Solomon
December 15	1 Kings 18:19-39	Elijah	The Idol & The Still Small Voice
December 16	Daniel 6:2-29	Daniel	
December 17	Isaiah 9:1-7, 11:1-5	Isaiah	War and Peace
December 18	Luke 1:5-25	Zechariah	Dumbstruck!
December 19	Luke 1:26-55, Matthew 1:18-25	Mary & Joseph	Mary
December 20	Mark 1:1-8	John the Baptist	Jumping for Joy
December 21	Luke 2:1-5	Journey to Bethlehem	The Worst of all Possible Times
December 22	Luke 2:1-15	Birth of Jesus	Wonderful News
December 23	Matthew 2:1-12	Magi Visit the Messiah	The Cunning and the Wise, Angels
December 24	John 1:1-18	The Brightest Star	The Brightest Star















