

FREE PRINTABLE • KING JAMES VERSION

The Jesse Tree

25 Advent Ornaments & Readings

COLOR-IN ORNAMENTS • DAILY KJV READINGS • PAPER TREE



10 PAGES • US LETTER + A4 • DECEMBER 1 TO 25

“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)

For families, Sunday school classes and homeschool Advent: one Bible story a day, from Creation to Christmas.

START HERE

What Is a Jesse Tree?

A Jesse Tree is an Advent tradition that walks through the whole Bible story on the way to Christmas. Its name comes from Isaiah 11:1, the promise that a new Branch would grow from the stump of Jesse, King David's father. Each day of December you read one short passage and hang one ornament, from Creation to the birth of Jesus, so children see that Christmas is the promise God had been keeping all along.

WHAT IS IN THIS PACK

- **Page 3:** the 25-day chart with each reading and a box to tick.
- **Pages 4 to 6:** 25 round ornaments to color, cut and hang, plus two blank ones to draw your own.
- **Pages 7 to 9:** the daily readings, each with its key verse from the King James Bible and one simple thought.
- **Page 10:** a paper Jesse Tree to glue the ornaments on if you have no branch to hang them from.

HOW TO USE IT

- Print the ornament pages on white card stock at actual size (100%). Color them in, cut on the dashed circle and punch the small dot.
- Use a few bare branches in a vase, a small tabletop tree, or page 10 taped to the wall or fridge.
- Each day, read the passage aloud (or just the key verse with young children), talk about the thought, then hang that day's ornament.
- Missed a day? Simply read two the next day. The story still arrives at Christmas.

TALK ABOUT IT

- What did God promise, or do, in today's story?
- How does this story point forward to Jesus?
- Which ornament from earlier in the month does it remind you of?

Starting late? The chart begins on December 1. If Advent starts on a different day where you are, or you begin mid-month, keep the order and double up until you catch up. Free to print and copy for your home, church or classroom.

"For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope."

ROMANS 15:4 (KJV)

DECEMBER 1 TO 25

Jesse Tree Reading Chart

WEEK 1 • IN THE BEGINNING

1	 Creation	Genesis 1:1-31	Key verse: Genesis 1:1	☐
2	 Adam and Eve	Genesis 3:1-15	Key verse: Genesis 3:15	☐
3	 Noah	Genesis 9:8-17	Key verse: Genesis 9:13	☐
4	 Abraham	Genesis 15:1-6	Key verse: Genesis 15:5	☐
5	 Isaac	Genesis 22:1-14	Key verse: Genesis 22:8	☐
6	 Jacob	Genesis 28:10-17	Key verse: Genesis 28:15	☐
7	 Joseph	Genesis 37:1-11	Key verse: Genesis 50:20	☐

WEEK 2 • A PEOPLE FOR GOD

8	 Moses	Exodus 3:1-15	Key verse: Exodus 3:14	☐
9	 The Passover	Exodus 12:1-14	Key verse: Exodus 12:13	☐
10	 The Ten Commandments	Exodus 20:1-17	Key verse: Exodus 20:2	☐
11	 Joshua	Joshua 6:1-20	Key verse: Joshua 1:9	☐
12	 Ruth	Ruth 1:1-18	Key verse: Ruth 1:16	☐
13	 Samuel	1 Samuel 3:1-10	Key verse: 1 Samuel 3:10	☐

WEEK 3 • KINGS AND PROPHETS

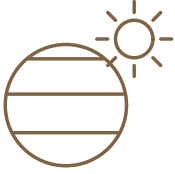
14	 Jesse	Isaiah 11:1-10	Key verse: Isaiah 11:10	☐
15	 David	1 Samuel 16:1-13	Key verse: 1 Samuel 16:7	☐
16	 Solomon	1 Kings 3:5-14	Key verse: 1 Kings 3:9	☐
17	 Elijah	1 Kings 18:30-39	Key verse: 1 Kings 18:39	☐
18	 Isaiah	Isaiah 9:2-7	Key verse: Isaiah 9:6	☐
19	 Jonah	Jonah 2:1-10	Key verse: Jonah 2:9	☐
20	 Daniel	Daniel 6:10-23	Key verse: Daniel 6:22	☐
21	 Bethlehem	Micah 5:2-5	Key verse: Micah 5:2	☐

WEEK 4 • THE PROMISE COMES

22	 Mary	Luke 1:26-38	Key verse: Luke 1:38	☐
23	 John the Baptist	Luke 1:57-80	Key verse: Luke 1:76	☐
24	 Joseph of Nazareth	Matthew 1:18-25	Key verse: Matthew 1:21	☐
25	 Jesus Is Born	Luke 2:1-20	Key verse: Luke 2:11	☐

Tick the box when you have read the passage and hung the ornament.

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Creation
Genesis 1:1-31

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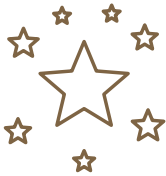
Adam and Eve
Genesis 3:1-15

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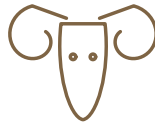
Noah
Genesis 9:8-17

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Abraham
Genesis 15:1-6

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Isaac
Genesis 22:1-14

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Jacob
Genesis 28:10-17

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Joseph
Genesis 37:1-11

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Moses
Exodus 3:1-15

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The Passover
Exodus 12:1-14

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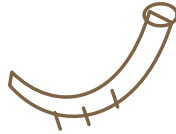


The Ten Commandments

Exodus 20:1-17

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Joshua

Joshua 6:1-20

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Ruth

Ruth 1:1-18

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Samuel

1 Samuel 3:1-10

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Jesse

Isaiah 11:1-10

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David

1 Samuel 16:1-13

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Solomon

1 Kings 3:5-14

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Elijah

1 Kings 18:30-39

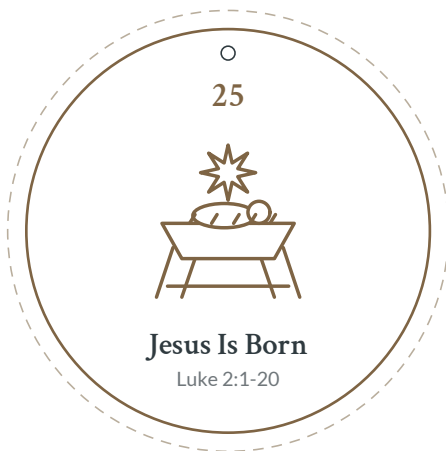
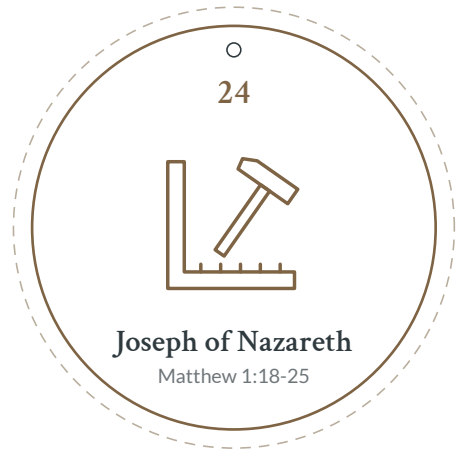
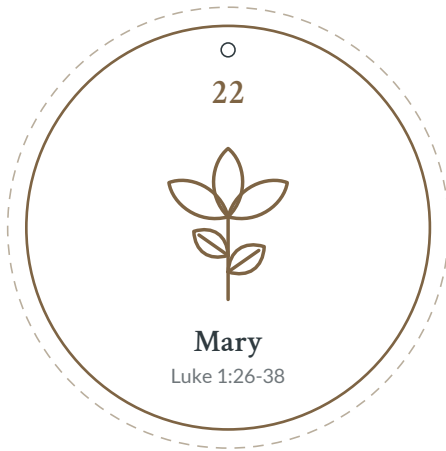
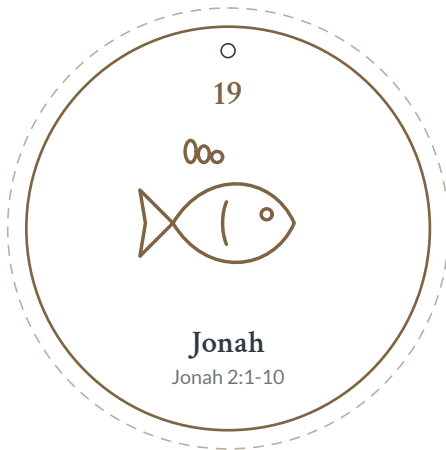
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Isaiah

Isaiah 9:2-7



Daily Readings



Day 1 Creation

READ GENESIS 1:1-31

"In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth."

Genesis 1:1 (KJV) • **God made everything, and it was very good.**



Day 2 Adam and Eve

READ GENESIS 3:1-15

"And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel."

Genesis 3:15 (KJV) • **Even in the garden, God promised a Saviour.**



Day 3 Noah

READ GENESIS 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) • **God keeps His promises, like the rainbow.**



Day 4 Abraham

READ GENESIS 15:1-6

"And he brought him forth abroad, and said, Look now toward heaven, and tell the stars, if thou be able to number them: and he said unto him, So shall thy seed be."

Genesis 15:5 (KJV) • **God promised a family as many as the stars.**



Day 5 Isaac

READ GENESIS 22:1-14

"And Abraham said, My son, God will provide himself a lamb for a burnt offering: so they went both of them together."

Genesis 22:8 (KJV) • **God will provide.**



Day 6 Jacob

READ GENESIS 28:10-17

"And, behold, I am with thee, and will keep thee in all places whither thou goest, and will bring thee again into this land; for I will not leave thee, until I have done that which I have spoken to thee of."

Genesis 28:15 (KJV) • **God is with us wherever we go.**



Day 7 Joseph

READ GENESIS 37:1-11

"But as for you, ye thought evil against me; but God meant it unto good, to bring to pass, as it is this day, to save much people alive."

Genesis 50:20 (KJV) • **God can turn hard things to good.**



Day 8 Moses

READ EXODUS 3:1-15

"And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you."

Exodus 3:14 (KJV) • **God told Moses His name.**

Daily Readings



Day 9 The Passover

READ EXODUS 12:1-14

"And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where ye are: and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt."

Exodus 12:13 (KJV) • **The blood of the lamb kept God's people safe.**



Day 10 The Ten Commandments

READ EXODUS 20:1-17

"I am the LORD thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage."

Exodus 20:2 (KJV) • **God gave His people good words to live by.**



Day 11 Joshua

READ JOSHUA 6:1-20

"Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the LORD thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest."

Joshua 1:9 (KJV) • **Be strong; God goes with you.**



Day 12 Ruth

READ RUTH 1:1-18

"And Ruth said, Intreat me not to leave thee, or to return from following after thee: for whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge: thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God:"

Ruth 1:16 (KJV) • **Ruth chose God and His people.**



Day 13 Samuel

READ 1 SAMUEL 3:1-10

"And the LORD came, and stood, and called as at other times, Samuel, Samuel. Then Samuel answered, Speak; for thy servant heareth."

1 Samuel 3:10 (KJV) • **Speak, LORD; I am listening.**



Day 14 Jesse

READ ISAIAH 11:1-10

"And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse, which shall stand for an ensign of the people; to it shall the Gentiles seek: and his rest shall be glorious."

Isaiah 11:10 (KJV) • **A new branch grows from an old stump.**



Day 15 David

READ 1 SAMUEL 16:1-13

"But the LORD said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the Lord seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart."

1 Samuel 16:7 (KJV) • **God looks on the heart.**



Day 16 Solomon

READ 1 KINGS 3:5-14

"Give therefore thy servant an understanding heart to judge thy people, that I may discern between good and bad: for who is able to judge this thy so great a people?"

1 Kings 3:9 (KJV) • **Solomon asked God for wisdom.**

Daily Readings



Day 17 Elijah

READ 1 KINGS 18:30-39

"And when all the people saw it, they fell on their faces: and they said, The LORD, he is the God; the LORD, he is the God."
1 Kings 18:39 (KJV) • **The LORD, He is God.**



Day 18 Isaiah

READ ISAIAH 9:2-7

"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace."
Isaiah 9:6 (KJV) • **A child is born, and His name is Wonderful.**



Day 19 Jonah

READ JONAH 2:1-10

"But I will sacrifice unto thee with the voice of thanksgiving; I will pay that that I have vowed. Salvation is of the LORD."
Jonah 2:9 (KJV) • **Salvation belongs to the LORD.**



Day 20 Daniel

READ DANIEL 6:10-23

"My God hath sent his angel, and hath shut the lions' mouths, that they have not hurt me: forasmuch as before him innocency was found in me; and also before thee, O king, have I done no hurt."
Daniel 6:22 (KJV) • **God shut the lions' mouths.**



Day 21 Bethlehem

READ MICAH 5:2-5

"But thou, Beth-lehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting."
Micah 5:2 (KJV) • **A little town, chosen for a great King.**



Day 22 Mary

READ LUKE 1:26-38

"And Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word. And the angel departed from her."
Luke 1:38 (KJV) • **Mary said yes to God.**



Day 23 John the Baptist

READ LUKE 1:57-80

"And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the Highest: for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways;"
Luke 1:76 (KJV) • **John was sent to prepare the way.**



Day 24 Joseph of Nazareth

READ MATTHEW 1:18-25

"And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins."
Matthew 1:21 (KJV) • **Joseph trusted God and named the baby Jesus.**



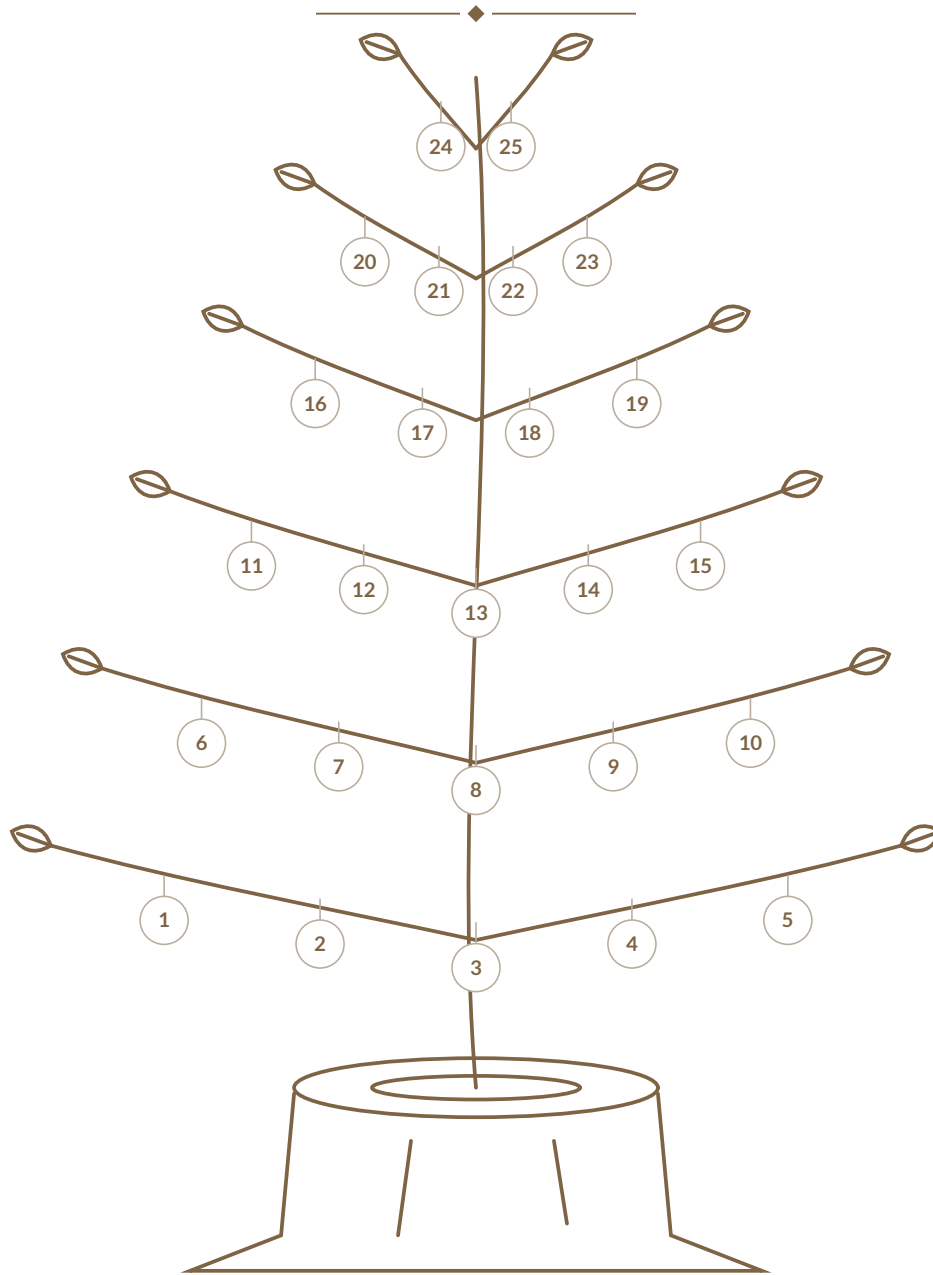
Day 25 Jesus Is Born

READ LUKE 2:1-20

"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."
Luke 2:11 (KJV) • **The promised Saviour has come!**

GLUE OR TAPE ONE ORNAMENT ON EACH NUMBER

Our Jesse Tree



"Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth."

JEREMIAH 23:5 (KJV)

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