



THE JESSE TREE

A Jesse Tree is a Christmas tradition that has existed for many years. While it has traditionally been used in more "liturgical" churches (think Catholic or Anglican), it holds important truth for all of us.

The Jesse Tree is a unique countdown to Christmas day. A tree is placed inside the home, and each day a Scripture passage is read, and an ornament representing that passage is hung on the tree. The purpose is to remind us of the "family tree" Jesus came from. The Bible speaks of him coming from the line of Jesse, hence the name 'Jesse Tree.'

We know many of you may not have time or space to put a tree inside and find special ornaments, so we're doing the work for you! In this package you'll find a paper tree and a sticker sheet with a variety of ornaments. Each one corresponds to a particular day and Bible story. On the following page, you'll see the order and the Bible passages. If you have younger kids, we encourage you to read the passages from a Bible storybook, check out the Bible App for Kids, or find a Youtube video! Make this come alive for your family. You can also follow along in our Calvary Kids Parents & Guardians group for daily and weekly tips and activities!

On November 30th, read Isaiah 11:1-10 and stick the **tree stump** sticker on your tree. This idea has already been introduced in Children's Ministry to your kids!

December 1

ADAM & EVE (Apple)

Genesis 3

December 2

NOAH (Rainbow)

Genesis 6-9

December 3

ABRAHAM & GOD'S PROMISE
(Stars)

Genesis 12

December 4

ISAAC (Ram)

Genesis 22

December 5

JACOB'S LADDER (Ladder)

Genesis 28:10-22

December 6

JOSEPH (Coat of Many Colors)

Genesis 37

December 7

MOSES (Burning Bush)

Exodus 3

December 8

ISRAELITES (Lamb)

Exodus 12

December 9

TEN COMMANDMENTS
Exodus 20

December 10

JOSHUA (Ram's Horn)

Joshua 6

December 11

GIDEON (Water Pitcher)

Judges 6-8

December 12

RUTH (Grain)

Ruth 1-4

December 13
SAMUEL (Crown)
1 Samuel 10-12

December 14
DAVID (Harp)
1 Kings 16-17

December 15
ELIJAH (Stone Altar)
1 Kings 18

December 16
ISAIAH (Tongs & Hot Coal)
Isaiah 6

December 17
JEREMIAH (Tears)
Jeremiah 7

December 18
HABBAKUK (Tower)
Habakkuk 2

December 19
NEHEMIAH (Wall)
Nehemiah 8-9

December 20
JOHN THE BAPTIST (Shell)
Luke 3:1-6

December 21
MARY (Lily)
Luke 1:26-38

December 22
MARY & ELIZABETH (Mother &
Child)
Luke 1:39-45

December 23
JOSEPH (Hammer)
Matthew 1:18-25

December 24
CHRIST IS BORN (Baby Jesus)
Luke 2:1-20

On Christmas morning, read Matthew 1:1-25. Stick the symbol for Christ (the P with the X) at the top of the tree. Pray together.