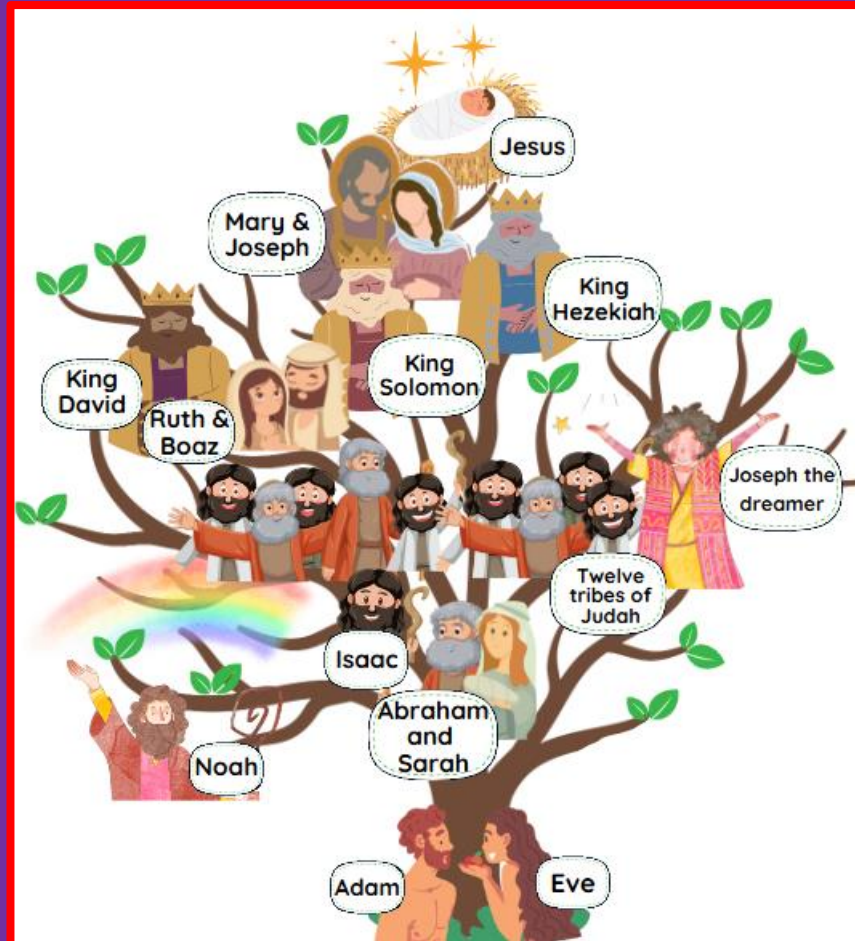


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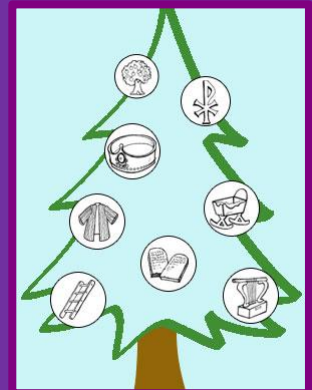


WELCOME



What is a Jesse Tree?

A Jesse Tree is used during Advent to retell the stories of the Bible that lead to Jesus' birth. Since Advent is a season of waiting, a Jesse Tree will help us to prepare for Christmas, the birthday of Jesus our Saviour.



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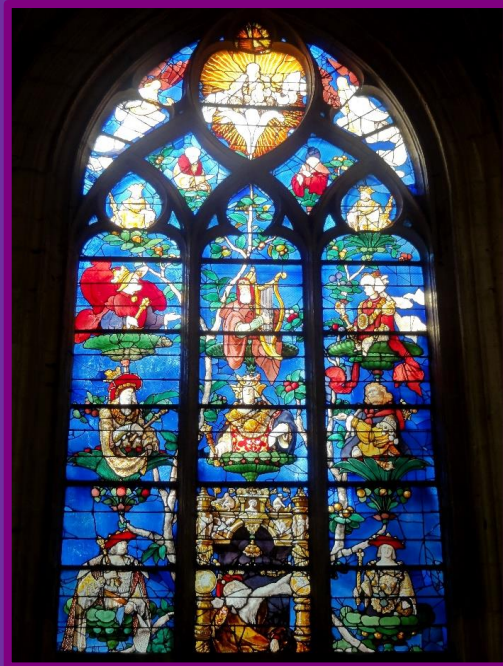
The name Jesse Tree comes from Jesse, who was the Father of the King David.

The prophet Isaiah said, "A shoot will spring forth from the stump of Jesse, and a branch out of his roots." A branch is a sign of new life and new beginnings, Jesus was a descendant of King David and Jesus is a new branch.



Growth of the Jesse Tree

The first Jesse Trees were put in churches in the form of large carvings or stained glass windows. They were there to help illustrate the Bible for those who were unable to read or write.



Gospel Acclamation

Stay awake xx be ready xx
you do not know the hour
when the Lord is coming.

Stay awake xx be ready xx
the Lord is coming soon.

Alleluia, alleluia,

The Lord is coming soon.

Scripture Reading

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

God said "The time is coming when I promise to send a Saviour to look after you. He will be a descendant of King David."

The Word of the Lord.

Adam and Eve



Adam and Eve wanted to be 'like God' but were tempted and committed the first sin. The apple is a reminder to us to be faithful to God.

Noah



The ark reminds us that Noah listened to God and did what he asked him to do. He believed that God would take care of his family and all the animals in the ark.

Abraham



Abraham was called by God to leave his country and go to a new land that God would show him. God said that his descendants would be as many as the stars of heaven. He loved God so much that when God asked him to a very hard task he said yes to God.

Jacob



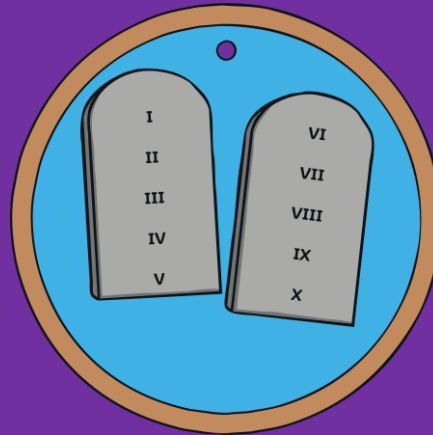
Jacob was the son of Isaac and his faith in God was strengthened after his amazing dream. Jacob was given the name Israel by God and so his descendants became known as the children of Israel.

Joseph



Joseph was the son of Jacob. He gave him a beautiful coat. This coat reminds us that Joseph gave food to God's people when there was a famine.

Moses



Moses was strong and courageous and did whatever God asked him to do because he had complete faith and trust in Him. God wrote The ten commandments on tablets of stone and gave them to Moses and his people to keep, so they could live in peace with him and each other.

David



David was the youngest of Jesse's sons and God chose him to lead his people as their King. God promised David that the saviour will belong to his family.

John the Baptist



John the Baptist was filled with the Holy Spirit and called for everyone to prepare for the coming of the Saviour.

Joseph



Joseph had great faith in God. He was a descendant of King David and he took care of Jesus the Saviour.

Mary



When Mary learned that she had been chosen to give birth to the Son of God she said yes to God fulfilling the promise made through the prophet Isaiah, 'Behold a virgin will conceive and bear a son.'

Jesus



Jesus our Saviour was born in Bethlehem, the city of his ancestor David. He taught and cared for the people of God. God sacrificed His Son Jesus in order to fulfil the promise he had made to Noah, Abraham, Isaac and all their descendants that he would care for and protect the children of Israel.

The Cross



The cross is a reminder that Jesus came to live and die for us so that we could have a new life. He was the promise fulfilled by God.

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Jesse Tree Symbols

