



Advent 2020

Jesse Tree Devotional

A Jesse Tree is a way to prepare for the coming of Christ by remembering the story of our salvation history. God has been at work in the work from the very beginning, inviting us to share in his life through his covenant with us. Today, we can share these wonderful stories of our faith with our families and loved ones as we prepare to welcome the Christ child!

Find a simple branch or small tree and secure it where everyone in your family can see it throughout Advent. Print and color the ornaments, cut them out, and hang them on the Jesse Tree, one from every day during Advent.

Gather as a family each day, read the Scripture verses from the Bible, and hang the day's ornament on the Jesse Tree. You may also choose to sing a verse of a familiar Advent carol, such as "O Come, Emmanuel."

We hope that this Jesse Tree devotional activity is a prayerful addition to your family holiday traditions this year! Come, Lord Jesus!

Week 1

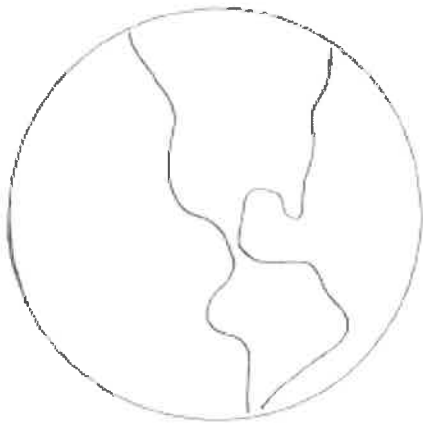
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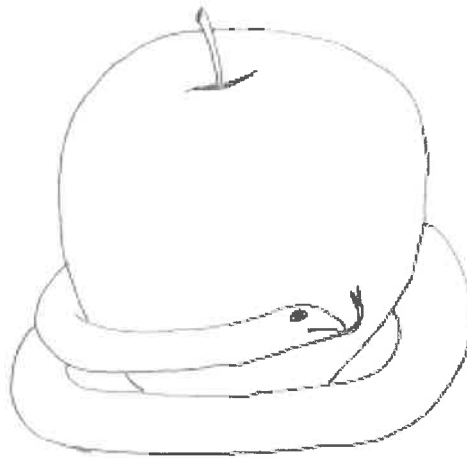
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First Monday of Advent
Genesis 1:24-28



Creation is good
Earth

First Tuesday of Advent
Genesis 3:1-24



The first sin
Apple with snake

First Wednesday of Advent
Genesis 6:11-22 and 8:6-12



Noah, the flood, the rainbow covenant
Rainbow

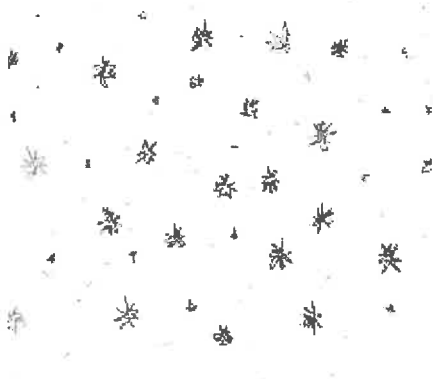
First Sunday of Advent
Isaiah 11:1-10 and 1 Samuel 16:1-13



A shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse
The Jesse Tree

Jesse Tree Ornaments First Week of Advent

First Thursday of Advent
Genesis 12:1-7 and 15:1-6



*Promise of countless
descendants to Abram*
Field of Stars

First Friday of Advent
Genesis 22:1-19



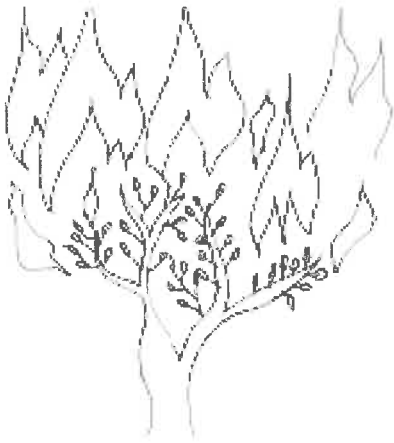
Abraham's sacrifice
Ram

First Saturday of Advent
Genesis 28:10-22



Jacob's dream, a ladder into heaven
Ladder

Second Monday of Advent
Exodus 2:23 - 3:10



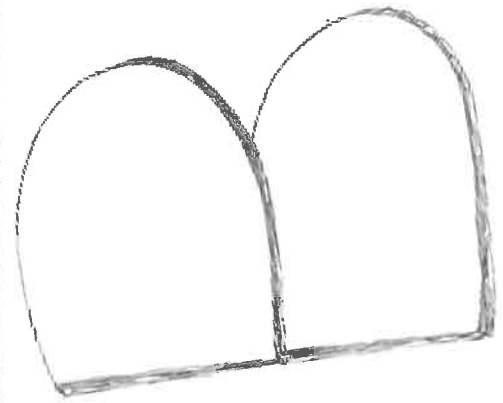
The call and commission of Moses
Burning bush

Second Tuesday of Advent
Exodus 12:1-14



The Passover
Lamb with Shepherd's crook

Second Wednesday of Advent
Exodus 20:1-17



The Ten Commandments
Two stone tablets

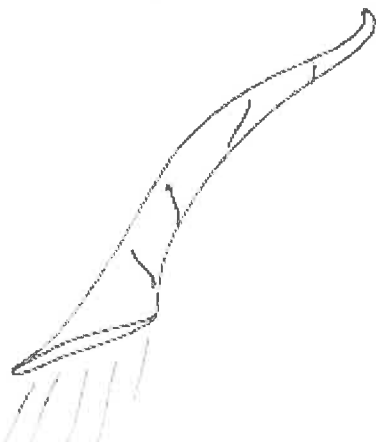
Second Sunday of Advent
Genesis 37:1-36 (and 39:1 - 50:21)



The story of Joseph, son of Israel - God provides
Coat of many colors

Jesse Tree Ornaments Second Week of Advent

Second Thursday of Advent
Joshua 6:1-20



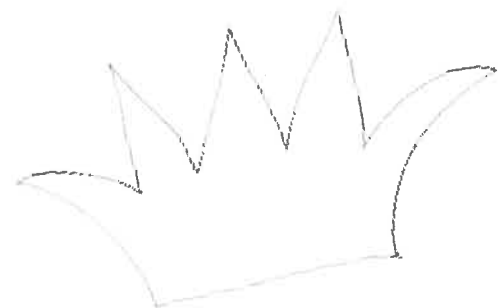
The Fall of Jericho
Ram's horn trumpet (shofar)

Second Friday of Advent
1 Samuel 3:1-21



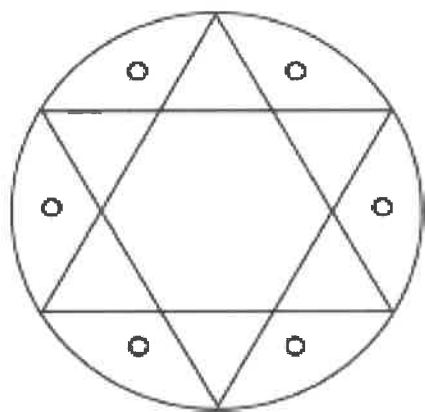
The call of Samuel
Listening ear

Second Saturday of Advent
1 Samuel 8:1-22



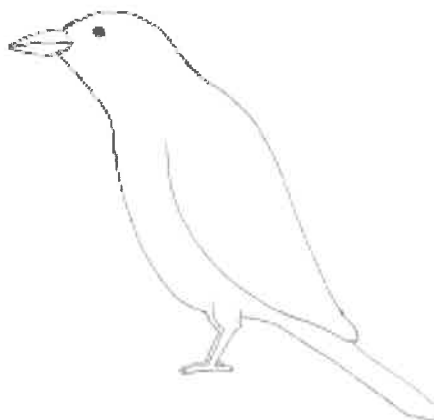
The people demand a king
Crown

Third Monday of Advent
1 Kings 3:3-28



Wisdom of Solomon
Seal of Solomon

Third Tuesday of Advent
1 Kings 17:1-16



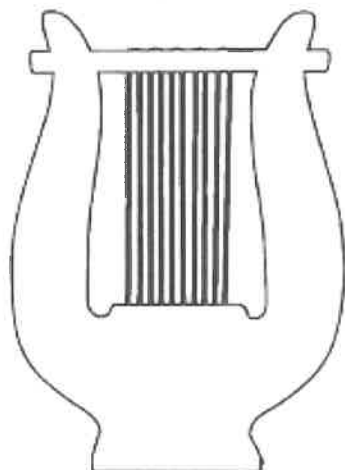
Ravens fed Elijah, Elijah and the widow
Raven

Third Wednesday of Advent
Isaiah 6:1-8



Call and purification of Isaiah
Seraphim

Third Sunday of Advent
1 Samuel 16:1-13



Anointing of David
David's Harp

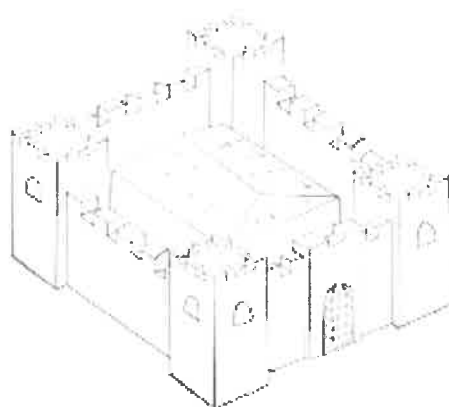
Jesse Tree Ornaments Third Week of Advent

Third Thursday of Advent
Jeremiah 31:31-34



God's covenant will be written on the heart
God's Law on the heart

Third Friday of Advent
Nehemiah 1:1-2:8, 6:15-16



Pledge to rebuild Jerusalem with God's help
Jerusalem's walls

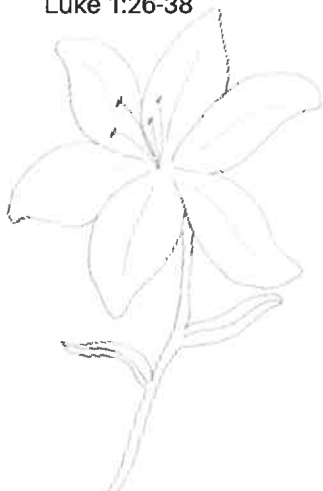
Third Saturday of Advent
Habbakuk 1:1-2, 3:16-19



Habbakuk's complains to God, God's replies
Stone Watchtower

Fourth Monday of Advent

Luke 1:26-38



The Annunciation
White lily

Fourth Tuesday of Advent

Luke 1:26-38

The Visitation
Draw a picture of you and your family!

Fourth Wednesday of Advent

Luke 1:57-80



Canticle of Zechariah
Pencil and tablet

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Luke 1:5-25



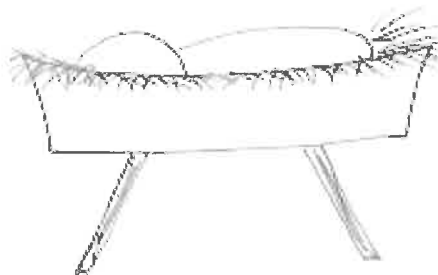
Announcement of the birth of John the Baptist
Scallop shell

Jesse Tree Ornaments

Fourth Week of Advent

Christmas Eve

Luke 2:1-20

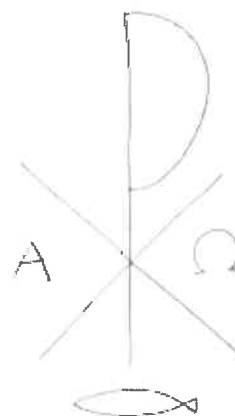


The birth of Jesus
Manger



Christmas Day

John 1:1-18



...and the Word was made flesh
Chi-rho