

# Jesse Tree Advent Devotional

Community Presbyterian Church

Lake City + Colorado

## Introduction

Isaiah 11:1 says, "There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit." Our Jesse Tree Advent Devotional points to the fulfillment of the prophecy found in this ancient passage of Scripture, which tells us that Jesus Christ would come from Jesse's bloodline.

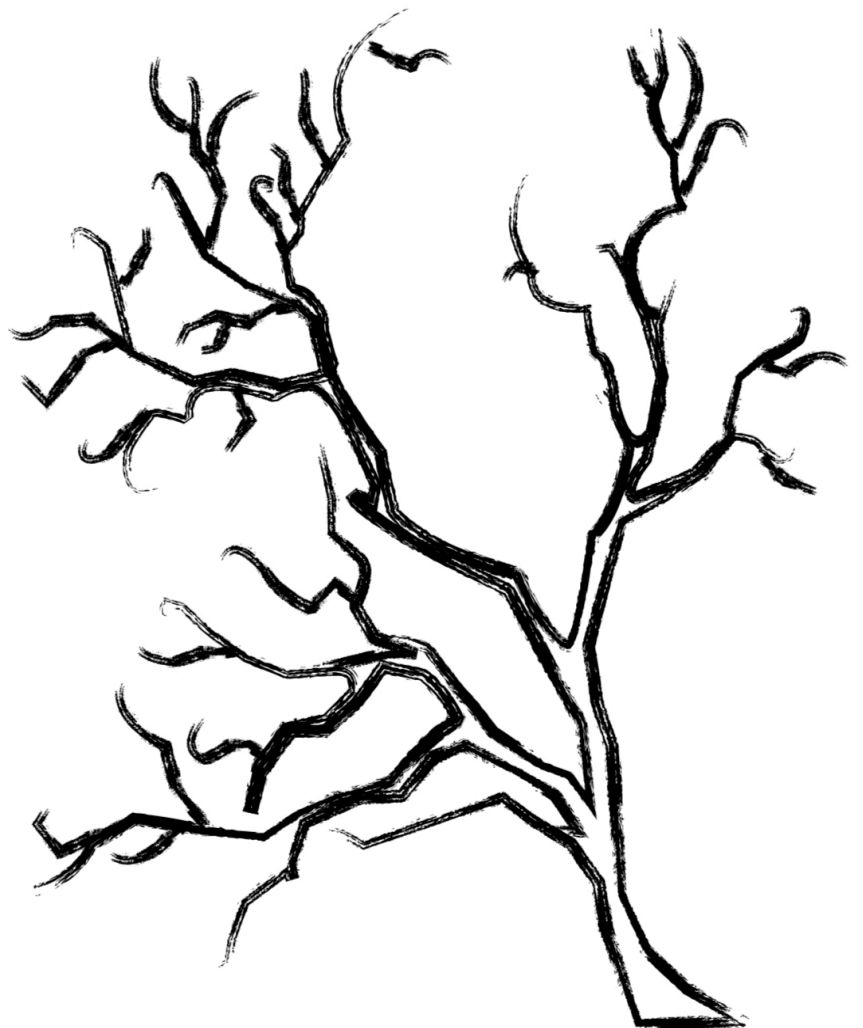
This historic practice dates back to the 11th century, where we have record of different biblical depictions of Christ's lineage portrayed in stained glass. Modern adaptations of this practice, however, use ornaments with various symbols to tell the story of Christ from creation (which was created through him) to his birth (observed on Christmas).

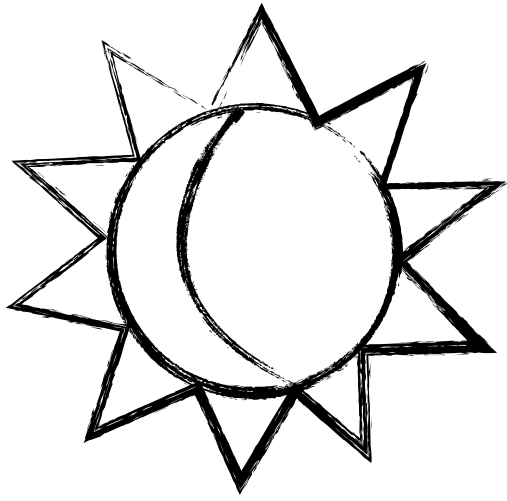
Our devotional, this year, draws its symbols from Geraldine McCaughrean's beautiful children's book, The Jesse Tree. This masterfully told story walks us through the Biblical narrative with a deep sense of sacredness for the season of Advent and Christ's incarnation. We hope that using this devotional (and book if you choose), will enrich your Advent journey this year.

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope." In the end, this is our most earnest hope for you this Advent season. May the peace of Christ dwell with you and all your loved ones.

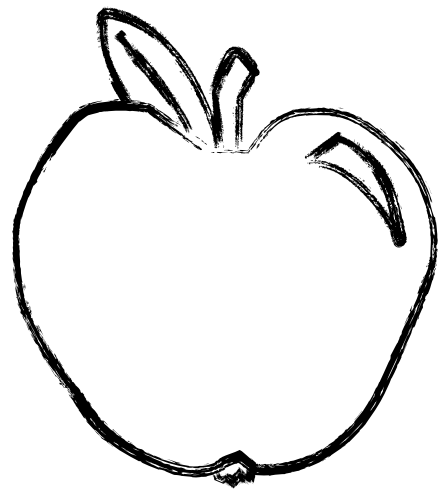
## Instructions

Using this devotional is simple. Each day, cut out the appropriate ornament. You can color it, punch a hole in it, and hang it on your Christmas tree or from a separate branch. Then, read the provided passage of Scripture. Every ornament is symbolic of part of the broader redemptive narrative. As you see these ornaments, pause and consider how incredible God's faithfulness was to the Israelites. Just as they waited continue to wait, we too wait with longing hearts during the season of Advent.

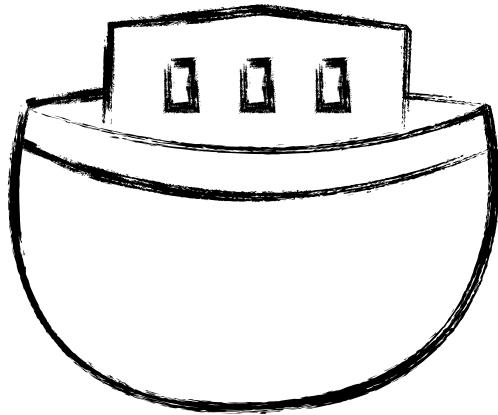




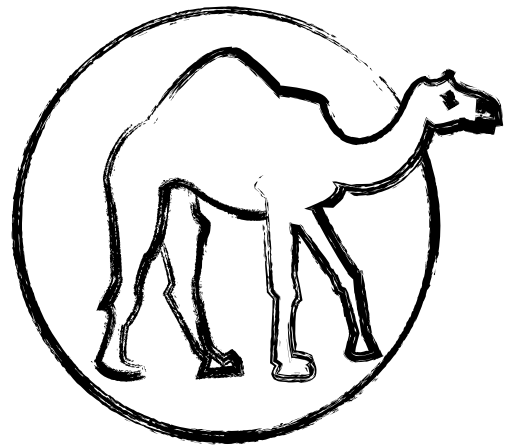
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**December 2**      Genesis 3



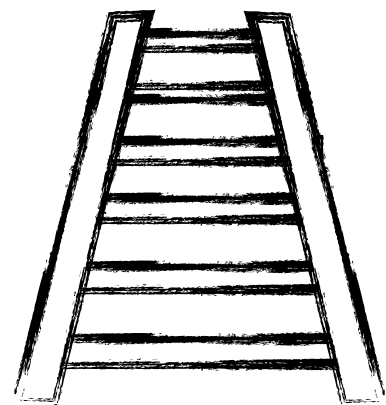
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**December 4**      Genesis 12:1-9, 17



**December 5**      Genesis 22

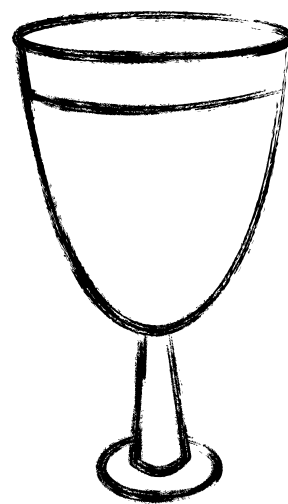


**December 6**      Genesis 28



**December 7**

Genesis 37



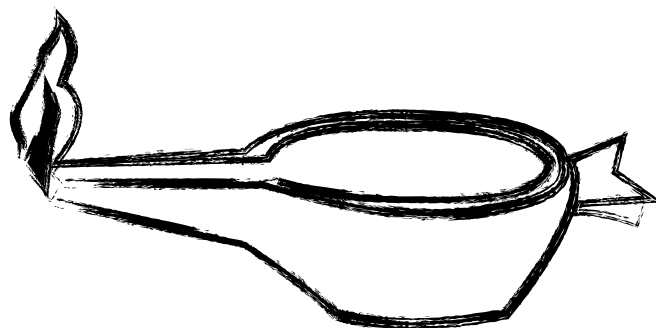
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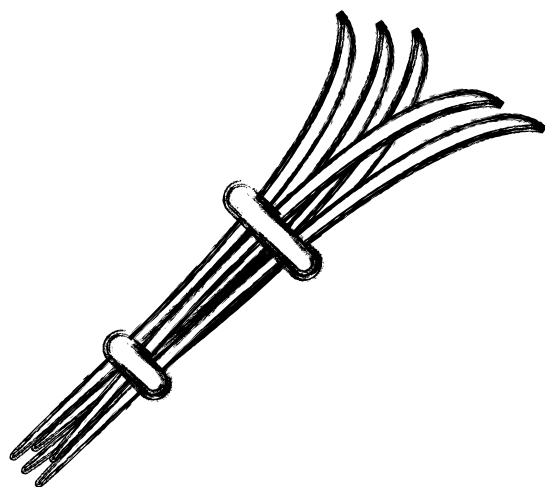
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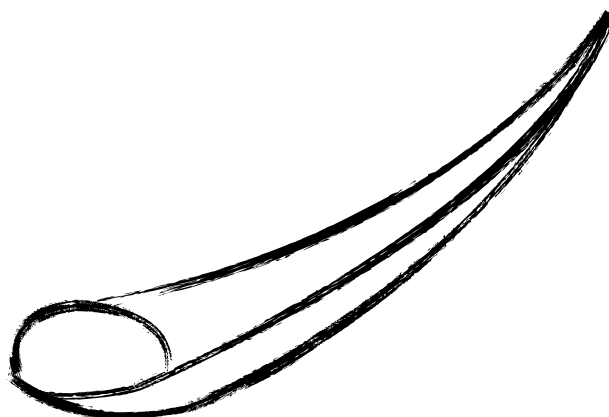
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1 Samuel 3



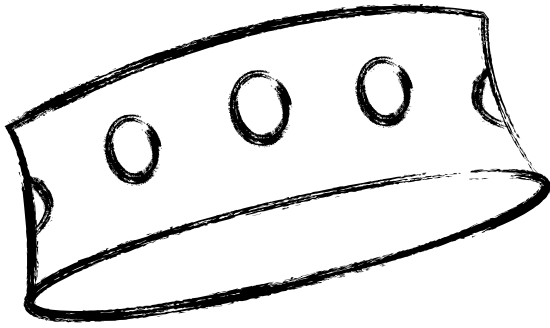
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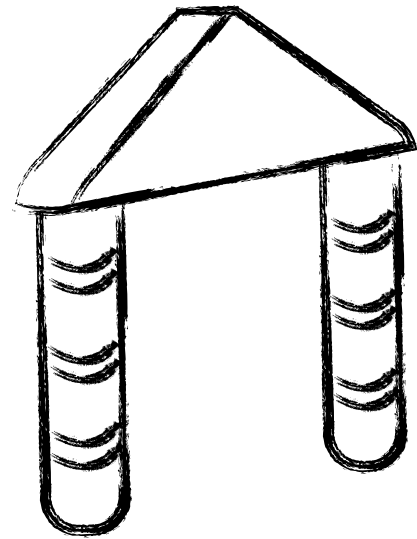
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**December 13**

**2 Samuel 7**



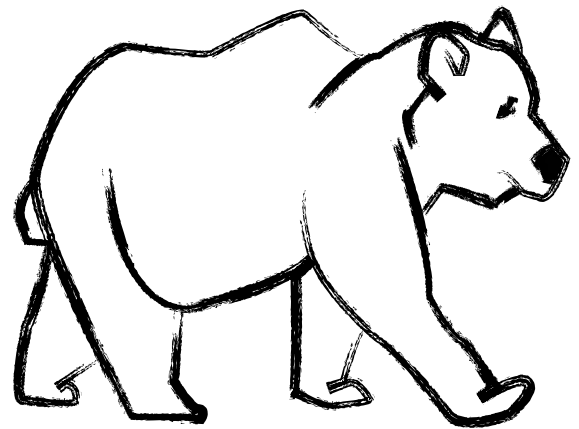
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**1 Kings 3**



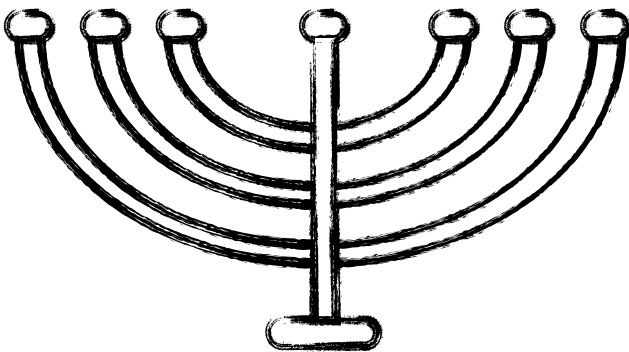
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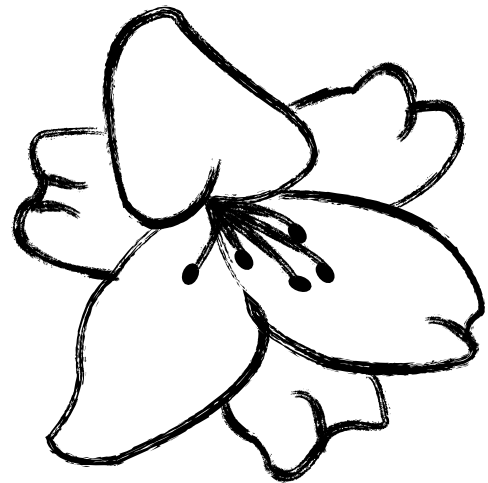
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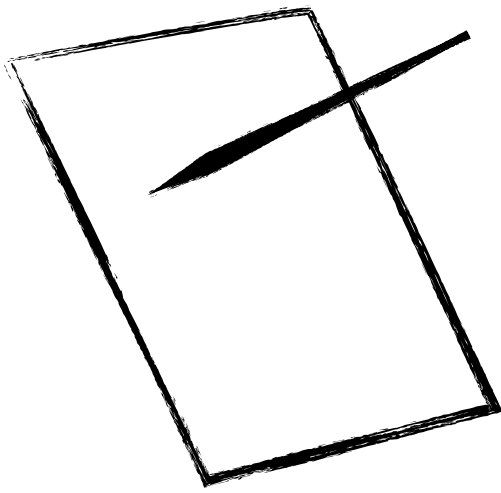
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**Luke 1:1-16**



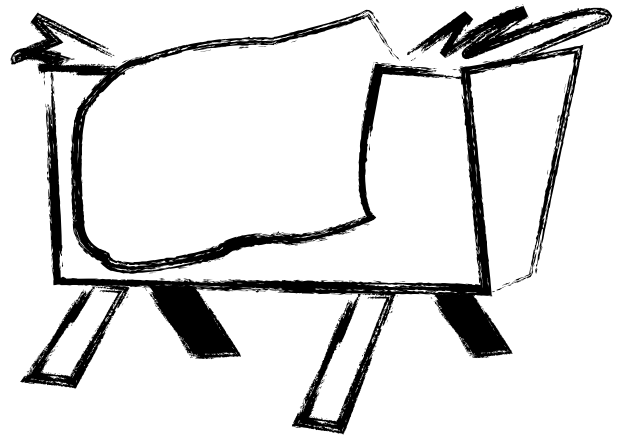
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**Luke 1:26-56**



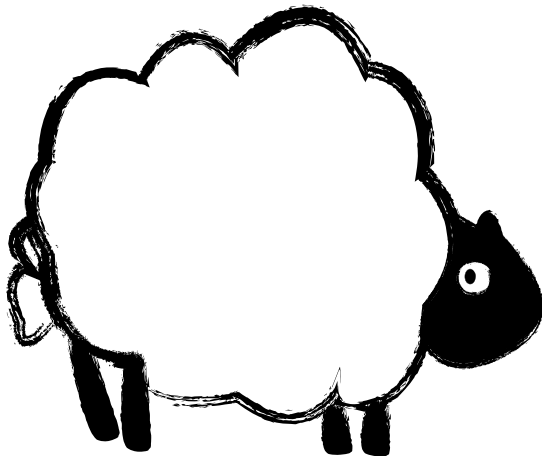
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**Luke 1:57-80**



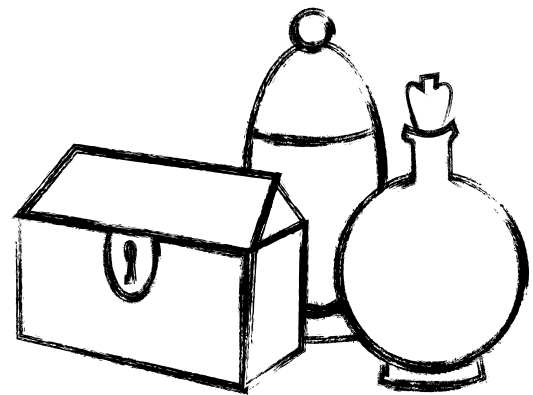
**December 20**

**Matthew 1**



**December 21**

**Luke 2:15-21**



**December 22**

**Matthew 2:1-15**



**December 23**

**Luke 2:8-14**



**December 24**

**John 1:1-16**