

# Jesse Tree Ornaments and Devotional

*“A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit.” -Isaiah 11:1*

*During the Advent season, we celebrate the first coming of Jesus, and look forward to his return. The Jesse tree teaches us about the family tree of Jesus. This devotion includes Old Testament and New Testament verses to help remember the lineage of Jesus, but also to celebrate the Good News of his coming and fulfilling the prophecies. Through the Old and New Testament stories, we see God’s perfect plan of redemption for His people.*

## **December 1- Earth**

*Genesis 1:1*

*John 1: 1-3*

*Colossians 1:16*

Jesus is the Word of God through whom all things were created. The earth symbol reminds us that everything was created through Jesus to bring honor and glory to Him.

## **December 2- Fruit**

*Genesis 2: 15-17 & 3:1-6*

*Romans 5:12, 15, & 19*

*1 Corinthians 15:22*

The fruit is a reminder of Adam and Eve’s disobedience in the garden. However, all have sinned. Jesus forgives us of our sin and gives us new life in Him.

## **December 3- Rainbow**

*Genesis 9: 8-13*

*Hebrews 9:15*

God used the rainbow after the flood as a sign of His covenant to never flood the whole earth again. He saved Noah from the flood, and He now offers salvation to us through Jesus.

## **December 4- Starry Sky**

*Genesis 15: 5-6, 22:17-18*

*Romans 4:18-25*

*Galatians 3:6-9*

Abraham had great faith in God’s promise to him. As believers, we are children of Abraham and are blessed along with him.

## **December 5- Ram**

*Genesis 22:1-2 & 9-14*

*John 3:16*

*Hebrews 11: 17-19*

Abraham was willing to give up his only son, Isaac, as a sacrifice before God gave him the ram as a substitute. God sent his own son, Jesus, to be our ultimate sacrifice.

### **December 6- Ladder**

*Genesis 28:10-12, John 1:51 & 14:6*

Jacob dreamed of angels walking on a ladder that reached from Heaven to Earth. Jesus spoke about that dream when he described how He is the connection between Heaven and Earth.

### **December 7- Coat**

*Genesis 37: 12-14 & 23-28*

*Genesis 45:5 & 50:20*

*Romans 8:28, Acts 3:13-15*

Joseph was betrayed by his brothers and sold into slavery. Later, God made him a leader in Egypt and he saved his family from starvation. Just like Joseph, Jesus was betrayed. But through his death He offers salvation.

### **December 8- Burning Bush**

*Exodus 3:1-6 & 10-15*

*John 8:58, 10:30 & 18:4-6*

*Hebrews 13:8*

The burning bush reminds us of the name God used when He spoke to Moses in the wilderness. Jesus applied that same name to himself to explain how he existed before Abraham.

### **December 9- Cup**

*Exodus 12:21-27, Matthew 26:26-28*

*Hebrews 9:22, 1 Peter 1:18-19*

The cup is our reminder that Jesus is the Passover lamb. His blood was poured out for the forgiveness of our sins.

### **December 10- Manna**

*Exodus 16:4 & 14-15*

*John 6:31-35 & 48-51*

God provided the manna from Heaven to His people while they were wondering in the wilderness. Jesus is the true bread from Heaven that brings eternal life.

### **December 11- Ten Commandments**

*Exodus 20: 1-17*

*Matthew 5:17, Hebrews 4:15*

*Galatians 3:21-24*

The commandments remind us that even though we have all sinned and disobeyed God, Jesus lived the perfect life so that we can be forgiven through Him.

### **December 12- Horn**

*Joshua 2:1-2, 8-15*

*Joshua 6:15-17 & 25*

*Hebrews 11:30-31*

Rahab believed in the one true God. God protected her when Joshua's men blew their horns and the walls of Jericho fell.

### **December 13- Grain**

*Ruth 2:2-3, 8-12*

*Ruth 4: 13-17*

*Matthew 1:1-5*

Ruth was a widow in a foreign land. She met Boaz while she gathered grain in his fields. Boaz rescued Ruth. This reminds us how Jesus has rescued us.

### **December 14- Stump**

*Isaiah 11:1, Jeremiah 23:5*

*Romans 15:4-13*

It was prophesied that the Branch (Jesus) would come from the family of Jesse.

### **December 15- Staff**

*1 Samuel 16:1 & 10-13*

*Isaiah 40:11, Ezekiel 37:24*

*John 10:11-16, 1 Peter 2:25, Revelation 7:17*

David was once a shepherd whom God made king of Israel. The staff reminds us that Jesus is the good shepherd who cares for all his sheep.

### **December 16- Crown**

*1 Kings 2:45, Isaiah 9:6-7*

*Luke 1:31-33, Acts 13:22-23*

David's son Solomon became king after him. God promised that his rule would never end. The promise is fulfilled in David's descendent King Jesus who reigns forever.

### **December 17- Tongs**

*Isaiah 6:1-7*

*Romans 3:23-25*

*Hebrews 9:12*

Isaiah saw the Lord in all his glory. He realized he was a sinner and not worthy to be in His presence. His sins were forgiven as a coal from the altar of sacrifice touched his lips. Jesus gave his life as the ultimate sacrifice.

### **December 18- Big Fish**

*Jonah 1:1-6 & 11-17*

*Matthew 12:38-41*

Jonah was swallowed by a big fish after disobeying God's call. He spent three days and three nights in the belly of the fish. Jesus used this familiar story to describe how long his would be in the tomb.

### **December 19- Tablet**

*Psalms 111:9, Isaiah 9:2*

*Luke 1:11-20, 57-68, & 76-80*

Jesus' relatives were Zechariah and Elizabeth. Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit when he quoted prophecies about the messiah and his son (John the Baptist).

### **December 20- Grasshopper**

*Isaiah 40:3, Malachi 3:1 & 4:5*

*Mark 1:1-8, Matthew 11:7-15*

*John 1:19-23*

John the Baptist was a cousin of Jesus. He ate locusts with honey in the wilderness. He fulfilled prophecy by preparing the way for Jesus.

### **December 21- Lily**

*Isaiah 7:14*

*Luke 1:26-38*

The lily represents purity. God used Mary, a virgin, to fulfill the prophecy from Isaiah about the messiah.

## **December 22- Hammer**

Jeremiah 33:14-15

Matthew 1:1 & 16-25

Jesus' earthly father was Joseph, a carpenter. Joseph was a descendent of King David.

## **December 23- Lamb**

*Micah 5:2, Luke 2:1-20, Matthew 2:1-6*

The lamb reminds us of the shepherds who found baby Jesus in Bethlehem. Micah prophesied that a ruler would from this little town.

## **December 24- Baby**

*Isaiah 7:14, Matthew 1:21-23, Luke 2:25-33, John 3:17, 1 Timothy 1:15*

God sent Jesus to earth to be with us. Jesus was born to rescue us from our sin.

## **December 25- Star**

*Numbers 24:17*

*Isaiah 60:3, Matthew 2:1-2 & 9-11*

A star led the wise men to Jesus. When they saw Him, they gave him gifts and worshipped him.