

# The Jesse Tree: Advent Devotional

Quick-Start Guide for Catholic Families  
A Resource from Catholic Sprouts

The Jesse Tree is simply an exploration of Jesus's Ancestors. Use the guide below to bring this practice to your own home.

Since the longest Advent can be is 29 days, below you will find 29 characters from the Bible. For each character you will find a symbol and a Bible verse. Traditionally the faithful read the Bible verse together around the Advent wreath and then hang an ornament with the corresponding symbol on a tree.

Since most Advent seasons are less than 29 days, you will need to omit a few characters most years.

Finally, the verses listed below are just suggestions. There are other verses that could be read for each character.

For more Jesse Tree ideas, head here: [www.dosmallthingswithlove.com/jesse-tree](http://www.dosmallthingswithlove.com/jesse-tree)

Day	Character	Symbol	Bible Verses
1	Jesse	Tree Stump	Isaiah 1
2	Creation of the World	Globe	Genesis 1--2:3
3	First Sin	Apple	Genesis 2:4--3:24
4	Cain and Abel	Sickle	Genesis 4:1-16
5	Noah	Arc	Genesis 6:5-22, 7:17--8:12--9:17
6	Abraham	Stars	Genesis 12:1-7, 15:1-6

7	Isaac	Ram	Genesis 22:1-19
8	Jacob	Ladder to Heaven	Genesis 27:41--28:22
9	Joseph	Multi-colored coat	Genesis 37:3-36, 50:15-21
10	Burning Bush	Burning Bush	Exodus 2--4:20
11	The Passover	Lamb	Exodus 12--14
12	The 10 Commandments	Tablets	Exodus 19--20
13	Joshua	Horn	Joshua 1:1-11, 6:1-20
14	Gideon	Jug	Judges 2:6-23, 6--8:28
15	Ruth	Wheat	Ruth 1--2, 4:13-22
16	David	Slingshot	1 Samuel 17: 32-51
17	Elijah	Stone Altar and Fire	1 Kings 17:1-16, 18:17-46
18	Isaiah	Hot Coal and Tongs	Isaiah 1:10-20, 6:1-13, 8:11--9:7
19	Jeremiah	Tears	Jeremiah 1:4-10, 2:4-13, 7:1-15

20	Habakkuk	Watch Tower	Habakkuk 1:12--2:1, 3:16-19
21	Daniel	Lion	Daniel 6:1-28
22	Ester	Crown	Ester 2, 3:8-11, 5:1-8, 7
23	Jonah	Whale	The Book of Jonah
24	Nehemiah	City Wall	Nehemiah 1--2:8, 6:15-16, 13:10-22

25	Zechariah	Paper and Pen	Luke 1:8-38
26	Mary	Lily	Luke 1:26-56
27	Joseph	Tools	Luke 1:18-25
28	Baby Jesus	Baby in Manger	Luke 2:1-20
29	Jesus the Lord	Bible	John 1