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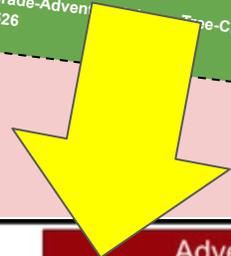
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# Daily Advent Readings for Kids

## **How to use:**

1. Print
2. Read one entry each day.

Optional: Cut each reading into strips and glue together as a countdown chain. Each morning, or evening, your child carefully tears off a chain link and you read it together.

## Jesse Tree Daily Devotions

November 28



Isaiah 11:1 The first Jesse Tree symbol is the stump, reminding us of the peace and harmony of creation as God intended. You can read the full story of Jesse in Isaiah 11:1-10 and David in 1 Samuel 16:1-13. Jesse is the father of David, beginning a line of descendants that will lead to Jesus, the Messiah.

November 29



Genesis 3:6-7 The Jesse Tree symbol for this reading is an apple, representing original sin. Christ is called the “second” or “new” Adam because he ushered in a new creation, forgiving sin and restoring humanity to God’s grace. The whole story of Adam and Eve can be found in Genesis 2:4-3:24.

November 30



Genesis 8:15-17 The Jesse Tree symbol of the ark reminds us that although God was displeased with the wickedness of the men and women he had created, he also sees the best in us and renews his covenant with us through forgiveness and mercy. You can read the full story of Noah and the ark in Genesis 6:11-22, 7:1-8:22.

December 1



Genesis 15:5-6 The symbol for today’s reading is a field of stars, representing God’s promise to Abraham, the father of our faith, whose descendants became the chosen people of God. You can learn more about Abraham’s great faith in God in Genesis 12:1-7 and 15:1-6.

December 2



Genesis 22:11-12 The ram depicted on today’s ornament is the sacrifice God provided Abraham when he saw Abraham was willing to give up his only son, if that is what God required of him. Read about Abraham and Isaac in Genesis 22:1-19.

December 3



Genesis 28:12-15 After his dream, Jacob awoke and exclaimed, “Truly, the Lord is in this spot, although I did not know it!” The miraculous ladder in his dream reunited the earth to the divine. You can read the dramatic story of Jacob’s life and faith in Genesis 27:41-28:22.

## Jesse Tree Daily Devotions

December 4



Genesis 41:47-49 Today's symbol is a sack of grain. Joseph, the son of Jacob, is cast out by his brothers. But through his faith in God's providence, he has enough food to feed all who are hungry in times of famine, with sacks of grain bursting at the seams. Read the story of Joseph's life in Genesis Chapters 37 to 50.

December 5



Exodus 3:2-10 Moses, raised as an Egyptian by the pharaoh's daughter, is witness to God's word when an angel appears to him as a burning bush, as tells him to remove his sandals because he is one holy ground, as is depicted in today's symbol, and instructs him to lead the people of Israel to the Promised Land. Read Moses' story in Exodus 2:1-4:20.

December 6



Exodus 12:11 Today's ornament has a lamb on it. God instructs Moses and Aaron to slaughter a year-old male lamb for each member of Israel, smearing the blood to mark every doorpost, thus beginning the tradition of Passover and marking the exodus of the Israelites out of slavery. You can read the whole Passover story in Exodus 12:1-14:31.

December 7



Exodus 20:22-23 God delivered the commandments to Moses on Mount Sinai and Moses brought the resulting tablets—and the commandments—back to his people. The ornament depicts the tablets on which the commandments were written. You will find the story of Moses and the Ten Commandments in Exodus 19:1-20:26.

December 8



Joshua 6:20 Today we hang a trumpet on the Jesse Tree. According to God's instructions to Joshua, the walls around the besieged city of Jericho crumbled at the trumpets of ram's horns blown by holy men and the spoils were left for the Israelites. Read the story of Joshua and the fall of Jericho in Joshua 1:1- 11, 6:1-20.

## Jesse Tree Daily Devotions

December 9



Judges 7:20-21 God chose to reveal his power to Gideon, who came from a poor family, by letting his army of 300 men defeat more than 100,000 at Midian. Gideon followed the Lord's instruction to have his men approach the town with their torches hidden under pitchers. The people of Midian were so startled when the pitchers were broken and the soldiers made themselves known, that many began fighting among themselves. The pitcher ornament reminds us of how Gideon became an unlikely leader and judge, helping his people cast aside false gods and obey God's true laws. Read Judges 7 for more details.

December 10



1 Samuel 3:19 Samuel, son of Eli, was repeatedly called by God. When at last he recognized the Lord's call, he adhered to it without fail, and proclaimed the coming of Christ the King who would have dominion over all earthly kings. The symbol of the Jesse Tree to illustrate Samuel's story is a crown. Read about Samuel in 1 Samuel 3:1-21, 7:1-8:22, 9:15-10:9.

December 11



1 Samuel 16:11-13 David was first a shepherd of livestock, but when God called him to lead the nation of Israel, he became a shepherd of people to help them become what God wanted them to be. The shepherd's crook on today's ornament symbolizes Jesus as the Good Shepherd who will lay down his life for others. Read 1 Samuel 16, 17 and 2 Samuel 7:1-17.

December 12



1 Kings 18:36-39 The prophet Elijah is called by God to dispel the myths of false gods increasingly worshipped by the people. On today's ornament we see a representation of the stone altar Elijah built, consecrated by the Lord with fire, showing people the true light of God. To read the full story, turn to 1 Kings 17:1-16, 18:17-46.

December 13



2 Kings 19:34-35 King Hezekiah put his trust in the Lord. Through his faithfulness his people were saved and his enemies destroyed, leaving their tents—like the one on today's ornament—empty on the battlefield. The story of Hezekiah can be found in 2 Kings 18:1-18; 19:32-37.

## Jesse Tree Daily Devotions

December 14



Isaiah 9:1 The prophet Isaiah is called to holiness, but fears he is not worthy of revealing the living God. Isaiah sees angels around the throne of the Lord and one of them takes a hot ember—like the one on today's ornament—from a fire with tongs and touches it against Isaiah's lips. He is able to go forth, forgiven of his sins, to deliver the Word of God. Read about Isaiah and some of his prophecies about the Messiah in Isaiah 1:10-20; 6:1-13, 9:1-7.

December 15



Jeremiah 8:23 The Lord speaks to Jeremiah while he is in exile, describing his grief as an endless fountain of tears regarding the return of his people to worshipping idols. Read more about Jeremiah in Jeremiah 1:4- 10, 2:4-13, 7:1-15 and 8:22-9:1-11.



December 16

Habakkuk 2:1 The ornament today shows a watchtower, reminding us that the prophet Habakkuk stood upon an allegorical watchtower, waiting for the anointed one the Lord would send to end violence and wickedness. Find details that help us understand waiting in Habakkuk 1:1-2:1; 3:16-19.

December 17

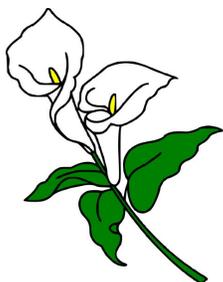


Nehemiah 1:8-9 The prophet Nehemiah urges the chosen people to change their ways and return to the true faith. On the ornament for today, we see a wall reminding us of the wall that was rebuilt around Jerusalem. Read more about it in Nehemiah 1:1-2:8; 6:15-16; 13:10-22.



December 18

Luke 3:16 John the Baptist proclaims the coming of a new savior and renewed life for all through the repentance of sins. The ornament today features a scallop shell, a traditional symbol of baptism. Read more about John the Baptist in Luke 1:57-80, 3:1-20; 7:18-30.



December 19

Luke 1:30-33 The angel Gabriel tells Mary she will be the handmaiden of the Lord, mother of our savior, Jesus. The white lily on today's ornament symbolizes new life and resurrection—hope for the future. Read about Gabriel's visit with Mary and her response in the Gospel of Luke 1:26-38.

## Jesse Tree Daily Devotions



December 20

Luke 1:41-42 Mary travels to visit her cousin Elizabeth, who has conceived a child in old age through a miracle. The child in her womb, John the Baptist, leaps with joy when Mary, pregnant with Jesus, arrives. Our ornament today celebrates the motherhood shared by these women. The story can be found in Luke 1:39-56.

December 21



Luke 1:63. When Elizabeth gave birth to a son, family and friends expected him to be named after his father, Zechariah. But Zechariah, unable to speak, wrote on a tablet, as seen on today's ornament, that the child should be named John. Because of his obedience, Zechariah regained his voice, and proclaimed anticipation of the coming of the Lord. You can read the whole story in Luke 1:57-80.



December 22

Matthew 1:20-22 Joseph trusted God that Mary had conceived a child through the Holy Spirit and would bear the Savior who would bring salvation to all. The carpenter's tools on today's ornament represents Joseph's profession and his unique role in the story of our salvation. Read more in Matthew 1:19- 25.



December 23

Matthew 2:2 The three magi look for Jesus, guided by the light of a star, shining brightly above his birthplace. They prostrate themselves before the manger and do not turn the child and his parents over to King Herod. The white candle on today's ornament symbolizes Christ; the glow recalls the halo of light signifying divinity and power. You will find the story in Matthew 2:1-12.

December 24

Luke 2:10-12 Christ Jesus is born and laid in a lowly manger, depicted on our ornament today. Shepherds are instructed by angels to witness the miracle of this child's birth, to show homage and spread the good news. Read the story of Jesus' birth in Luke 2:1-15.



December 25

John 1:34 Merry Christmas! The apostle John bears witness to the coming of the Light of the World, the only Son of God, briefly retelling some of the history we have learned through the Jesse Tree. The introduction of John's Gospel, verses 1-34, will take you through John's testimony.



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