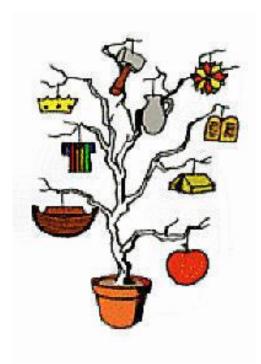
A Jesse Tree



- Make a Jesse tree with symbols of people and events that led up to the coming of the Saviour. Jesse, King David's father, is one of Jesus' ancestors. The tree can be a real tree, an artificial one, an outline of a tree made with yarn on a display board, or boxes stacked in the shape of a tree. Individuals can make any of the following symbols and compose prayers for them. Hold a prayer ritual in which the students explain their symbol, pray the prayer and place the symbol on the tree.
- Apple with two bites out of it (Adam and Eve)
- Ark or rainbow (Noah)
- Bundle of wood, ram in bush (Abraham and Isaac)
- A jug (Rebecca)
- Ladder (Jacob)
- Well or coat of many colours (Joseph)
- Burning bush or the tablets of the Law (Moses)
- Lamb on the altar (Paschal Lamb)
- Sword (Judith)
- Sheaf of wheat (Ruth)
- Root, stem, and flower or shepherd's staff (Jesse)
- *Harp, key or crown and sceptre (David)*
- Temple or scale of justice (Solomon)
- Whale (Jonah)
- Scroll (Isaiah)
- Six pointed star and chain (Esther)
- Baptismal shell (John the Baptist)
- Carpenter's tools: hammer, chisel, saw, angle, plane.
 (Joseph)
- Lily, crown circled by stars or a decorative "M" (Mary)
- City of Bethlehem, rising sun (Jesus)
- Chi-rho placed on the top of the tree (Jesus the Saviour)