

A Jesse Tree



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- *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)*
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