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# Printable 3-D Jesse Tree Ornaments

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## What is a Jesse Tree?

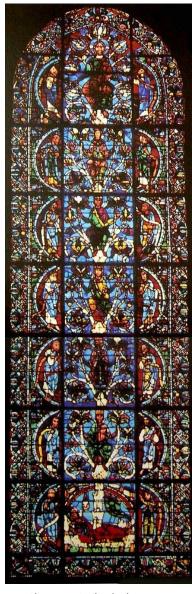
The Jesse Tree is a pictorial representation of the lineage of Jesus. The name comes from Jesse, the father of King David, in the Bible. In Isaiah it says "There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots." (Isaiah 11:1)

The tradition of the Jesse tree originated in Europe and is still seen in the stained glass windows of many old churches and cathedrals. Today, we decorate a tree with ornaments symbolic of people in the Old Testament leading up to the birth of Jesus. There are many ways to include the Jesse Tree in your own Advent traditions. You can decorate your tree with a lot of ornaments or just a few, choosing whatever is most meaningful and do-able for your family.

You can use a real tree, a fake tree, a branch stuck in a pot, or even a specially made 'tree' for your Jesse Tree ornaments. There is a huge variety of options and it's up to your own preference. While a Jesse Tree and ornaments are beautiful to look at and make a nice Advent decoration, the real beauty lies in it's meaning. Each day of December (or however often you decide), you can read about and reflect on a person or story of the Bible.



It's a really neat way to reflect on God's promise of a Messiah spanning many generations and being fulfilled in the birth of Jesus. No matter how much or little you do with a Jesse Tree, any amount of time spent with God is better than NO time spent with God.



Chartres Cathedral, France. The oldest known Jesse Tree window c.1145

May you have a beautiful Advent Season growing closer to Our Father and his Son, Jesus through this tradition of a Jesse Tree!

A more modern Jesse Tree
Created by Melissa Kolasa
Available for purchase at her Etsy store:
BabyWhatKnots

## How to use this book

Each two page spread shows the day in December for the craft, the person or event, symbols for that person/event, difficulty level, approximately how long it will take to assemble the paper craft, and step-by-step instructions with pictures.

You can choose to do all the 3-D ornaments, one per day from December 1st through December 24th, or you can pick and choose a few. It's really up to you how many you do!

#### **Difficulty Level:**

Some 3-D paper ornaments are easier than others. I've added the difficulty level guide in the beginning to help you know how much help you may need to provide your children as they work on these. They range from one diamond  $\Diamond$ , meaning most children old enough to wield scissors and glue stick can independently complete the activity, to four diamonds  $\Diamond\Diamond\Diamond\Diamond$ , meaning it is more appropriate for older children (12rs +) or younger children will need help assembling from an adult. Any age group will have fun coloring the black and white versions. So even if your children are too small to cut out anything, they can personalize their ornaments in the way they color and decorate.

#### Approximate time:

To help you plan your Jesse tree activities, I've included an approximate time to assemble the ornament. This time does not include time used to color, as that can vary widely. It also does not include time spent adding extras to the ornament such as glitter, ribbons, or any other embellishments. Of course, this time is an approximation, so you may finish a little faster or slower.

#### Bible Readings:

Included in this book are scripture readings to go with each day of December leading up to Christmas. You can read these aloud as your children color, or have your children read them once they are finished and hung on your Jesse Tree. All Bible Readings are from the Revised Standard Version of the Bible.

#### The Printables:

All the ornaments are at the end of the instructions and readings section, in chronological order in black and white, then in order in digital color. Print them from here and make as many copies as you like. I simply ask you do not share this file with others.

#### **Extras and Sparkles:**

Of course you can color in any medium you wish: crayons, color pencils, pastels, or even paint. Add some sparkle with glitter glue, or glue stick and glitter. I recommend adding the glitter or glitter glue prior to assembling, as sometimes it is difficult to decorate a 3-D paper product without crushing it. Some of the pictures in this book show the finished product with glitter for inspiration. You may also choose to hang your ornaments with nice ribbon instead of embroidery floss, consider using gold ribbon for the last week!

No matter how much or how little you work on these, they are sure to be a fun addition to your Advent season.

## Supplies you will need:

Most ornaments are meant to be printed on cardstock. Plain white 60wt cardstock works just fine. The only exception is the ornament for Moses (instructions on page 22, b&w ornament pg ??) which should be printed on plain white copy paper.

You will need:

Cardstock- 28 sheets minimum to complete all ornaments

White paper- 1 sheet for an ornament, more if you wish to print all the instructions

Glue Dots-you can get these at most craft stores and are the recommended method for sticking things

Glue sticks—a few crafts recommend glue sticks for some parts, glue dots will work fine for these steps too

Tape- regular clear tape

Crayons, coloring pencils, markers, or paint—for coloring black and white versions, if you wish to do so

Metal brads-you need 1 for Jesus is the Radiant Dawn, and 1 for Solomon's scales

Glitter or sparkles- (optional) if you wish to embellish your ornaments

Embroidery Floss- for Jacobs Ladder. You can also use it to hang all the ornaments.

**Ribbon**– (optional) in case you want something fancier than embroidery floss to hang your ornaments with

### My obsession with glue dots:

You will notice as you work through this book that I often instruct the use of glue dots in assembly. **DO**NOT use Elmer's glue or any other liquid-y glue. I recommend glue dots because they are so easy to use (for grown up and kids alike), and they stick paper to paper *instantly*. There is no waiting for it to dry. They are like magical little sticky blobs that immediately stick a piece of paper to another piece of paper. You can get glue dots at most craft stores like Hobby Lobby, Michaels, or order them on Amazon. If you really just do not want to get glue dots (even though I really, really, really recommend them), you can get by in most instances with regular clear tape or glue stick.

### Jesse

December 11

Symbol: Stump with shoot

**Difficulty: ◊◊** 

**Assembly Time: 20 min** 



## Bible Reading 1 Samuel 16:1-13

<sup>16</sup> The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul, seeing I have rejected him from being king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil, and go; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." <sup>2</sup> And Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears it, he will kill me." And the LORD said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.' <sup>3</sup> And invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me him whom I name to you." <sup>4</sup> Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" <sup>5</sup> And he said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; consecrate yourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice." And he consecrated Jesse and his sons, and invited them to the sacrifice.

<sup>6</sup> When they came, he looked on Eli'ab and thought, "Surely the LORD's anointed is before him." <sup>7</sup> But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD sees not as man sees; man looks on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart." <sup>8</sup> Then Jesse called Abin'adab, and made him pass before Samuel. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." <sup>9</sup> Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." <sup>10</sup> And Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel. And Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen these." <sup>11</sup> And Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but behold, he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and fetch him; for we will not sit down till he comes here." <sup>12</sup> And he sent, and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. And the LORD said, "Arise, anoint him; for this is he." <sup>13</sup> Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the midst of his brothers; and the Spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. And Samuel rose up, and went to Ramah.

### Instructions:

- 1. Print the pieces on cardstock and carefully cut out around the outside lines. Make sure you cut out around all the tabs.
- 2. Fold the side of the stump downward at the edge of the circular section.



- 3. Fold down one of the side tabs, roll the side of the trunk around and secure the tab to the inside of the trunk side using a glue dot.
- 4. Fold down the other side tab, and secure to inside of the trunk side using a glue dot.
- 5. Work your way around securing the tabs to the inside of the trunk side using a glue dot on each tab.







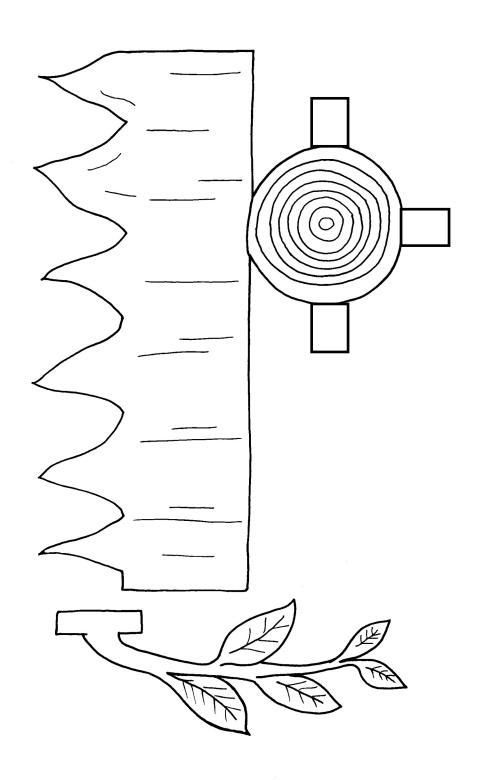
- Secure the side of the trunk to itself using a glue dot and overlapping as necessary to align with the top section.
- Attach the shoot to the side of the stump with tape or a glue dot, sticking upward.
- 8. Gently fold the roots outward.
- 9. Tie a string or ribbon around the top section of the shoot and hang!







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