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JESSE TREE GUIDE



# INTRODUCTION

The Jesse Tree is meant to help count down the days till Christmas while remembering the stories leading up to Jesus' birth. Starting December first, you will find a passage of Scripture, a chapter from the Jesus Storybook Bible, and a short reflection for you to read with your family, GC or DNA group while you hang the designated ornament on your tree. There is also a question to kick start conversation, though you may choose to ask this during dinner or before bed.

## **Basic Instructions for Ornament Preparation**

You should also have a sheet of Jesse Tree Images that you could hang on your Christmas tree or other suitable plant, as the case may be.

At the top-center of each ornament is a small white circle. Using a hole-punch or bamboo skewer, put a hole in that spot. Then use a piece of string or ribbon or a metal ornament hanger to make a way to hang the ornament off of the item you have chosen to represent your Jesse Tree.



## DECEMBER 1<sup>st</sup>

**Scripture Reading:** Hebrews 1:1-3 (MSG)

Going through a long line of prophets, God has been addressing our ancestors in different ways for centuries. Recently he spoke to us directly through his Son.

By his Son, God created the world in the beginning, and it will all belong to the Son at the end. This Son perfectly mirrors God and is stamped with God's nature. He holds everything together by what he says—powerful words!

**Jesus Story Book Bible:** The Story and The Song

**Jesse Tree Symbol:** Tree

God's people waited a long time for the birth of Jesus, the savior king. Today, we start the Christian season of Advent, a time to wait and get excited for Christmas, the day we celebrate the birth of Jesus.

**Question/Discussion:** Is there anyone you are waiting to see this Christmas? What makes it exciting to see them?



## DECEMBER 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Scripture Reading:** Genesis 1:24-31 (MSG)

God spoke: "Earth, generate life! Every sort and kind: cattle and reptiles and wild animals—all kinds." And there it was: wild animals of every kind, Cattle of all kinds, every sort of reptile and bug. God saw that it was good.

God spoke: "Let us make human beings in our image, make them reflecting our nature So they can be responsible for the fish in the sea, the birds in the air, the cattle, And, yes, Earth itself, and every animal that moves on the face of Earth." God created human beings; he created them godlike, Reflecting God's nature. He created them male and female. God blessed them: "Prosper! Reproduce! Fill Earth! Take charge! Be responsible for fish in the sea and birds in the air, for every living thing that moves on the face of Earth."

Then God said, "I've given you every sort of seed-bearing plant on Earth and every kind of fruit-bearing tree, given them to you for food. To all animals and all birds, everything that moves and breathes, I give whatever grows out of the ground for food." And there it was. God looked over everything he had made; it was so good, so very good! It was evening, it was morning— Day Six.

**Jesus Story Book Bible:** The Beginning: A Perfect Home

**Jesse Tree Symbol:** A Dove

The dove reminds us of the peace and goodness God first created in the world. God made all of His creation – the earth, sun, moon, stars, oceans, animals, birds, fish, bugs, trees, plants, and people – and they loved being who God made them to be!

God made men and women special. He made us to work with Him in spreading more goodness and peace in the world, like a dad building a Lego city with his kids. (For the whole story read Genesis 1-2:3.)

**Question/Discussion:** What is your favorite thing God created? What do you like about it? If you could work with God to make one thing, what would it be?



## DECEMBER 3<sup>rd</sup>

**Scripture Reading:** Genesis 2:15-17, 3:4-6 (MSG)

God took the Man and set him down in the Garden of Eden to work the ground and keep it in order.

God commanded the Man, "You can eat from any tree in the garden, except from the Tree-of-Knowledge-of-Good-and-Evil. Don't eat from it. The moment you eat from that tree, you're dead."

The serpent told the Woman, "You won't die. God knows that the moment you eat from that tree, you'll see what's really going on. You'll be just like God, knowing everything, ranging all the way from good to evil."

When the Woman saw that the tree looked like good eating and realized what she would get out of it—she'd know everything!—she took and ate the fruit and then gave some to her husband, and he ate.

**Jesus Story Book Bible:** The Terrible Lie

**Jesse Tree Symbol:** Apple

The apple reminds us of that first time someone disobeyed God. Adam and Eve were sent away from the garden where they walked and talked with God because they tried to write their own story apart from God. And every person in the world, including you and me, has done the same thing. We have all messed up the partnership God made for us to have with Him. But even back then, so long ago, God promised that someone would come to fix what we broke! (For the whole story read Genesis 2:4–3:24.)

**Question/Discussion:** How would you feel if you planned to build a fort with your friend but, right before you started, they decided to go do something on their own? What would you do to try and get them to come back to build the fort with you?



## DECEMBER 4<sup>th</sup>

**Scripture Reading:** Genesis 6:5-8 (MSG)

God saw that human evil was out of control. People thought evil, imagined evil—evil, evil, evil from morning to night. God was sorry that he had made the human race in the first place; it broke his heart. God said, "I'll get rid of my ruined creation, make a clean sweep: people, animals, snakes and bugs, birds—the works. I'm sorry I made them." But Noah was different. God liked what he saw in Noah.

**Jesus Story Book Bible:** A New Beginning

**Jesse Tree Symbol:** Rainbow

The rainbow reminds us that God decided, instead of starting over, to keep His story going through rescue. God offered Noah the same invitation He gave Adam and Eve: to work with Him in spreading goodness and peace over the whole world. Then God sent the rainbow to remind us he would never flood the earth again. (For the whole story of the flood, read Genesis 6:5-22, 7:17-8:12, 8:20-9:17.)

**Question/Discussion:** Have you ever been sad or angry when you did or made something, and it didn't work the way you hoped it would? What did you do to respond to those feelings?



## DECEMBER 5<sup>th</sup>

**Scripture Reading:** Genesis 11:1-4 (MSG)

At one time, the whole Earth spoke the same language. It so happened that as they moved out of the east, they came upon a plain in the land of Shinar and settled down.

They said to one another, "Come, let's make bricks and fire them well." They used brick for stone and tar for mortar. Then they said, "Come, let's build ourselves a city and a tower that reaches Heaven. Let's make ourselves famous so we won't be scattered here and there across the Earth."

**Jesus Story Book Bible:** A Giant Staircase to Heaven

**Jesse Tree Symbol:** Tower

The Tower reminds us how often we think we don't need God. But God knows the things we build without Him aren't as good as what He has for us and often end up hurting us.

**Question/Discussion:** Do you remember a time you wanted to do something that your parents didn't let you do because it wasn't good for you? What do you think would have happened if you got your way?



## DECEMBER 6<sup>th</sup>

**Scripture Reading:** Genesis 15:5-6 (MSG)

Then he took [Abraham] outside and said, "Look at the sky. Count the stars. Can you do it? Count your descendants! You're going to have a big family, Abram!" And he believed! Believed God! God declared him "Set-Right-with-God."

**Jesus Story Book Bible:** Son of Laughter

**Jesse Tree Symbol:** Stars

The stars remind us of the crazy huge power of God. He takes situations that we think are impossible to make better and weaves them together into His huge, forever story.

**Question/Discussion:** If you had to save the world, who would you pick? What would they look like? Would they have superpowers? Compare your list to the people God used to save the world, like Noah, Abraham, or even Jesus.

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Genesis 15:5-6 (MSG)



## DECEMBER 7<sup>th</sup>

**Scripture Reading:** Genesis 22:9-13 (MSG)

Abraham built an altar. He laid out the wood. Then he tied up Isaac and laid him on the wood. Abraham reached out and took the knife to kill his son. Just then an angel of God called to him out of Heaven, "Abraham! Abraham!" "Yes, I'm listening." "Don't lay a hand on that boy! Don't touch him! Now I know how fearlessly you fear God; you didn't hesitate to place your son, your dear son, on the altar for me." Abraham looked up. He saw a ram caught by its horns in the thicket. Abraham took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering instead of his son.

**Jesus Story Book Bible:** The Present

**Jesse Tree Symbol:** Ram

The ram is a symbol of sacrifice, it reminds us that, because we all try to make a life without God, a life of peace and goodness requires a price. But the ram also reminds us that this is a price God chose to pay for us!

**Question/Discussion:** Forgiving someone means to 'take the cost' of something someone did to you. That doesn't mean they aren't responsible for their actions, it just means that you no longer want some sort of payment from them for their offense. When have you recently had to forgive someone? What was it like to not ask them to make up for what they did? When did someone recently forgive you? What was it like for them to not ask you to make it up to them?



## DECEMBER 8<sup>th</sup>

**Scripture Reading:** Genesis 29:31-35 (MSG)

When God realized that Leah was unloved, he opened her womb. But Rachel was barren. Leah became pregnant and had a son. She named him Reuben (Look-It's-a-Boy!). "This is a sign," she said, "that God has seen my misery; and a sign that now my husband will love me."

She became pregnant again and had another son. "God heard," she said, "that I was unloved and so he gave me this son also." She named this one Simeon (God-Heard). She became pregnant yet again—another son. She said, "Now maybe my husband will connect with me—I've given him three sons!" That's why she named him Levi (Connect). She became pregnant a final time and had a fourth son. She said, "This time I'll praise God." So she named him Judah (Praise-God). Then she stopped having children.

**Jesus Story Book Bible:** The Girl No One Wanted

**Jesse Tree Symbol:** Bouquet

The bouquet tells us that even the people that are most left out have an important place in the story God is writing.

**Question/Discussion:** Who at your school, in your neighborhood or in your city is most left out? Who do you have a hard time liking or believing has an important place in God's story?



## DECEMBER 9<sup>th</sup>

**Scripture Reading:** Genesis 37: 3-8 (MSG)

Jacob loved Joseph more than any of his other eleven sons because he was the child of his old age. And he made him a beautiful coat. When his brothers realized that their father loved Joseph more than them, they grew to hate him—they wouldn't even speak to him. Joseph had a dream. When he told it to his brothers, they hated him even more. He said, "Listen to this dream I had. We were all out in the field gathering bundles of wheat. All of a sudden my bundle stood straight up and your bundles circled around it and bowed down to mine." His brothers said, "So! You're going to rule us? You're going to boss us around?" And they hated him more than ever because of his dreams and the way he talked.

**Jesus Story Book Bible:** The Forgiving Prince

**Jesse Tree Symbol:** Coat of Many Colors

The coat of colors reminds us how, sometimes, the best parts of God's story come through difficulty, trusting that God is both good and at work.

**Question/Discussion:** When this year did you experience something difficult? Looking back, can you see any ways that God might have been at work in your story in the middle of that difficulty?



## DECEMBER 10<sup>th</sup>

**Scripture Reading:** Exodus 12:21-27 (MSG)

Moses assembled all the elders of Israel. He said, "Select a lamb for your families to sacrifice as the Passover lamb. Take a bunch of hyssop and dip it in the bowl of blood and smear it on the doorway to your home. No one is to leave the house until morning. God will pass through to strike Egypt down. When he sees the blood on the doorway to your home, God will pass over the doorway; he won't let the destroyer enter your house to strike you down. "Keep this word. It's the law for you and your children, forever. When you enter the land, which God will give you as he promised, keep doing this. And when your children say to you, 'Why are we doing this?' Tell them: 'It's the Passover-sacrifice to God who passed over the homes of the Israelites in Egypt when he hit Egypt with death but rescued us.'"

**Jesus Story Book Bible:** God to the Rescue!

**Jesse Tree Symbol:** A Door Frame/Lamb

The Israelites, caught in the consequences of sin, needed something to cover them. The lamb, like the ram, shows us how evil can only be overcome through the sacrifice of something that is purely good.

**Question/Discussion:** God told the Israelites to remember the night He rescued them from death and from Egypt. What kinds of things do you do in your family to remember important moments or events?



## DECEMBER 11<sup>th</sup>

**Scripture Reading:** Exodus 14:13 (MSG)

Moses spoke to the people: "Don't be afraid. Stand firm and watch God do his work of salvation for you today. Take a good look at the Egyptians today for you're never going to see them again. God will fight the battle for you. And you? You keep your mouths shut!"



**Jesus Story Book Bible:** God Makes a Way

**Jesse Tree Symbol:** Waves

The waves remind us how, even when we think there are no options, God does not leave His people without a way forward.

**Question/Discussion:** Share a time that God provided a way forward through something difficult. Don't worry about it being small or big, just recognize that God created a way for you.

## DECEMBER 12<sup>th</sup>

**Scripture Reading:** Exodus 19:3-6 (MSG)

As Moses went up to meet God, God called down to him from the mountain: "Speak to the House of Jacob, tell the People of Israel: 'You have seen what I did to Egypt and how I carried you on eagles' wings and brought you to me. If you will listen obediently to what I say and keep my covenant, out of all peoples you'll be my special treasure. The whole Earth is mine to choose from, but you're special: a kingdom of priests, a holy nation.' This is what I want you to tell the People of Israel."



**Jesus Story Book Bible:** Ten Ways to be Perfect

**Jesse Tree Symbol:** Two Stone Tablets

The stone tablets tell us that if God didn't show us the way, we would end up where we started. We need God to guide us into a better story than the one we try to write ourselves.

**Question/Discussion:** Imagine your family or your city without any rules or laws, what would it be like on a normal day?

## DECEMBER 13<sup>th</sup>

**Scripture Reading:** Joshua 1:1-6 (MSG)

God spoke to Joshua, Moses' helper: "Moses my servant is dead. Get going. Cross this Jordan River, you and all the people. Cross to the country I'm giving to the People of Israel. It's all yours. All your life, no one will be able to hold out against you. In the same way I was with Moses, I'll be with you. I won't give up on you; I won't leave you. Strength! Courage!



You are going to lead this people to inherit the land that I promised to give their ancestors. Give it everything you have, heart and soul.

**Jesus Story Book Bible:** The Warrior Leader

**Jesse Tree Symbol:** Shofar/Wall

The shofar is a kind of trumpet made from the horn of a ram. It reminds us that taking goodness and peace into the world has more to do with trusting God than having a great plan or the best people.

**Question/Discussion:** Blowing a horn to bring down a huge wall seems pretty ridiculous. What kinds of things do we do as Christians that can seem ridiculous to others or even to us?



## DECEMBER 14<sup>th</sup>

**Scripture Reading:** 1 Samuel 16:10-13 (MSG)

Jesse presented his seven sons to Samuel. Samuel was blunt with Jesse, “God hasn’t chosen any of these.” Then he asked Jesse, “Is this it? Are there no more sons?” “Well, yes, there’s the littlest one. But he’s out tending the sheep.” Samuel ordered Jesse, “Go get him. We’re not moving from this spot until he’s here.” Jesse sent for him. He was brought in, the very picture of health—bright-eyed, good-looking. God said, “Up on your feet! Anoint him! This is the one.” Samuel took his flask of oil and anointed him, with his brothers standing around watching. The Spirit of God entered David like a rush of wind, God was with him for the rest of his life.

**Jesus Story Book Bible:** The Teeny, Weenie...True King

**Jesse Tree Symbol:** Crown

The crown points to how God shows His strength through people that aren’t strong. God chooses who the world least expects to play the biggest roles.

**Question/Discussion:** Who in your school, your city, or on TV are celebrated as the strongest or most successful people? How are they different from the kinds of people God chose to use in His story (including Jesus)?



## DECEMBER 15<sup>th</sup>

**Scripture Reading:** 1 Samuel 17:34-37 (MSG)

David said, “I’ve been a shepherd, tending sheep for my father. Whenever a lion or bear came and took a lamb from the flock, I’d go after it, knock it down, and rescue the lamb. If it turned on me, I’d grab it by the throat, wring its neck, and kill it. Lion or bear, it made no difference—I killed it. And I’ll do the same to this Philistine pig who is taunting the troops of God-Alive. God, who delivered me from the teeth of the lion and the claws of the bear, will deliver me from this Philistine.”

Saul said, “Go. And God help you!”

**Jesus Story Book Bible:** The Young Hero and the Horrible Giant

**Jesse Tree Symbol:** Sling

The sling was a simple but powerful weapon in David’s day. It reminds us that true courage is acting in faith, knowing God is bigger than whatever evil stands before us. God created us with gifts and uses our experiences to help Him in His story.

**Question/Discussion:** Take turns sharing some of the things each of you is good at doing. How do you think you can use those gifts more courageously with God in your home, your neighborhood, or your city?



## DECEMBER 16<sup>th</sup>

**Scripture Reading:** 2 Samuel 7:11-16 (MSG)

[The prophet Nathan told David,] “God has this message for you: God himself will build you a house! When your life is complete and you’re buried with your ancestors, then I’ll raise up your child, your own flesh and blood, to succeed you, and I’ll firmly establish his rule. He will build a house to honor me, and I will guarantee his kingdom’s rule permanently.

I'll be a father to him, and he'll be a son to me. When he does wrong, I'll discipline him in the usual ways, the pitfalls and obstacles of this mortal life. But I'll never remove my gracious love from him, as I removed it from Saul, who preceded you and whom I most certainly did remove. Your family and your kingdom are permanently secured. I'm keeping my eye on them! And your royal throne will always be there, rock solid."

**Jesus Story Book Bible:** The Good Shepherd

**Jesse Tree Symbol:** Staff

The staff was used to guide groups of sheep. It points to how we, like sheep, need a shepherd and that, wherever God's story takes us, we have a good storyteller helping write our stories.

**Question/Discussion:** Can you think of a time when someone helped you complete a project? How did it feel to have someone who knew what to do working with you?



## DECEMBER 17<sup>th</sup>

**Scripture Reading:** 2 Kings 5:1-5 (MSG)

Naaman was general of the army under the king of Aram. He was important to his master, who held him in the highest esteem because it was by him that God had given victory to Aram: a truly great man, but afflicted with a grievous skin disease. It so happened that Aram, on one of its raiding expeditions against Israel, captured a young girl who became a maid to Naaman's wife. One day she said to her mistress, "Oh, if only my master could meet the prophet of Samaria, he would be healed of his skin disease."

Naaman went straight to his master and reported what the girl from Israel had said. "Well then, go," said the king of Aram. "And I'll send a letter of introduction to the king of Israel."

**Jesus Story Book Bible:** The Little Servant Girl & the Proud General

**Jesse Tree Symbol:** Band aid

They didn't have band-aids in Naaman's day, but the band-aid tells us that what we need most we can only get by following God. It also tells us that God wants even the most gross or wicked to be part of His story.

**Question/Discussion:** Have you ever been surprised by someone's love for you when you feel unlovable? Who in your family, friends, or neighborhood needs to be reminded that they are not too gross, bad, or even annoying to be part of God's story.



## DECEMBER 18<sup>th</sup>

**Scripture Reading:** Isaiah 11:1-4 (MSG)

A green Shoot will sprout from Jesse's stump, from his roots a budding Branch. The life-giving Spirit of God will hover over him, the Spirit that brings wisdom and understanding, The Spirit that gives direction and builds strength, the Spirit that instills knowledge and Fear-of-God. Fear-of-God will be all his joy and delight. He won't judge by appearances, won't decide on the basis of hearsay. He'll judge the needy by what is right, render decisions on earth's poor with justice. His words will bring everyone to awed attention. A mere breath from his lips will topple the wicked. Each morning he'll pull on sturdy work clothes and boots, and build righteousness and faithfulness in the land.

**Jesus Story Book Bible:** Operation "No More Tears!"

**Jesse Tree Symbol:** Stump with Branch

This stump with a branch reminds us that God has promised He will keep His story going. Even when we think things are at their worst and the story is over, it's not!

**Question/Discussion:** Are there any times this year that things got so hard you thought they might never get better?

## DECEMBER 19<sup>th</sup>



**Scripture Reading:** Daniel 6:6-10 (MSG)

The vice-regents and governors conspired together and then went to the king and said, "King Darius, live forever! We've convened your vice-regents, governors, and all your leading officials, and have agreed that the king should issue the following decree: For the next thirty days no one is to pray to any god or mortal except you, O king. Anyone who disobeys will be thrown into the lions' den.

"Issue this decree, O king, and make it unconditional, as if written in stone like all the laws of the Medes and the Persians." King Darius signed the decree.

When Daniel learned that the decree had been signed and posted, he continued to pray just as he had always done. His house had windows in the upstairs that opened toward Jerusalem. Three times a day he knelt there in prayer, thanking and praising his God.

**Jesus Story Book Bible:** Daniel and the Scary Sleepover

**Jesse Tree Symbol:** Lion

The lion points to how God is faithful to those who want to follow Him in bringing goodness and peace into the world, even when things get scary.

**Question/Discussion:** Where this year have you seen God's faithfulness in a scary situation?



## DECEMBER 20<sup>th</sup>

**Scripture Reading:** Jonah 1:1-3 (MSG)

One day long ago, God's Word came to Jonah, Amittai's son: "Up on your feet and on your way to the big city of Nineveh! Preach to them. They're in a bad way and I can't ignore it any longer."

But Jonah got up and went the other direction to Tarshish, running away from God. He went down to the port of Joppa and found a ship headed for Tarshish. He paid the fare and went on board, joining those going to Tarshish—as far away from God as he could get.

**Jesus Story Book Bible:** God's Messenger

**Jesse Tree Symbol:** Fish

The fish tells us that God won't let us run from our part in His story, even when we want to. He'll do just about anything to keep us with Him!

**Question/Discussion:** Where in your life have you seen God keep you from running from His story?



## DECEMBER 21<sup>st</sup>

**Scripture Reading:** Malachi 4:1-3 (MSG)

"Count on it: The day is coming, raging like a forest fire. All the arrogant people who do evil things will be burned up like stove wood, burned to a crisp, nothing left but scorched earth and ash— a black day. But for you, sunrise! The sun of righteousness will dawn on those who honor my name, healing radiating from its wings. You will be bursting with energy, like colts frisky and frolicking. And you'll tromp on the wicked. They'll be nothing but ashes under your feet on that Day." God-of-the-Angel-Armies says so.

**Jesus Story Book Bible:** Get Ready!

**Jesse Tree Symbol:** Temple

The temple is where the Israelites went to meet with God, to be around Him, kind of like Adam and Eve were in the garden. It reminds us that the story won't end until the whole world gets to walk and talk with Him again.

**Question/Discussion:** What do you imagine a day in our world will be like when Jesus returns? Think about how meals, times with friends or family, work, and play might be similar or different than they are today.



## DECEMBER 22<sup>nd</sup>

**Scripture Reading:** Luke 1:30-33 (MSG)

The angel assured her, "Mary, you have nothing to fear. God has a surprise for you: You will become pregnant and give birth to a son and call his name Jesus.

He will be great, be called 'Son of the Highest.'

The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David;

He will rule Jacob's house forever— no end, ever, to his kingdom."

**Jesus Story Book Bible:** He's Here!

**Jesse Tree Symbol:** Baby/Manger

The baby shows us how God saves in unexpected ways, like King David, Leah, and so many others! God comes in ways that don't look strong or powerful but still change everything.

**Question/Discussion:** Have you ever been disappointed by a birthday or Christmas gift, only to realize later how great it is?

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***The Lord God will give him the throne of his father***

***David; He will rule Jacob's house forever— no end,***

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*Luke 1:33b (MSG)*



## DECEMBER 23<sup>rd</sup>

**Scripture Reading:** Luke 2:8-12 (MSG)

There were shepherders camping in the neighborhood. They had set night watches over their sheep. Suddenly, God's angel stood among them and God's glory blazed around them. They were terrified. The angel said, "Don't be afraid. I'm here to announce a great and joyful event that is meant for everybody, worldwide: A Savior has just been born in David's town, Bethlehem. This is what you're to look for: a baby wrapped in a blanket and lying in a manger."

**Jesus Story Book Bible:** The Light of the Whole World

**Jesse Tree Symbol:** Angel

The angel reminds us that God's good story and good news is for everyone, even those that weren't looking for it.

**Question/Discussion:** Who are the people in your city that aren't looking for God's good story? Who are the people who think they don't deserve it? Are there ways we can share God's story with them this coming year?



## DECEMBER 24<sup>th</sup>

**Scripture Reading:** Matthew 2:1-2, 9-11 (MSG)

A band of scholars arrived in Jerusalem from the East. They asked around, "Where can we find and pay homage to the newborn King of the Jews? We observed a star in the eastern sky that signaled his birth. We're on pilgrimage to worship him." ... Then the star appeared again, the same star they had seen in the eastern skies. It led them on until it hovered over the place of the child. They could hardly contain themselves: They were in the right place! They had arrived at the right time! They entered the house and saw the child in the arms of Mary, his mother. Overcome, they kneeled and worshiped him. Then they opened their luggage and presented gifts: gold, frankincense, myrrh.

**Jesus Story Book Bible:** The King of all Kings

**Jesse Tree Symbol:** Star

The star shows us how those who are waiting for Jesus, looking for Jesus, get to see Jesus and His story as it unfolds!

**Question/Discussion:** What ways do you look for God and His story during the week? What things do you want to do more of that help you see Jesus in the everyday?



## DECEMBER 25<sup>th</sup>

**Scripture Reading:** Revelation 21:1-5 (MSG)

I saw Heaven and earth new-created. Gone the first Heaven, gone the first earth, gone the sea. I saw Holy Jerusalem, new-created, descending resplendent out of Heaven, as ready for God as a bride for her husband.

I heard a voice thunder from the Throne: "Look! Look! God has moved into the neighborhood, making his home with men and women! They're his people, he's their God. He'll wipe every tear from their eyes. Death is gone for good—tears gone, crying gone, pain gone—all the first order of things gone." The Enthroned continued, "Look! I'm making everything new."

**Jesus Story Book Bible:** A Dream of Heaven

**Jesse Tree Symbol:** Throne

It's here! It's Christmas! This throne reminds us that Jesus came as a baby and He is coming again as a king. That's the Jesus we celebrate today and we follow our whole lives.

### Question/Discussion

What most excites you when you think about Jesus coming a



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Revelation 21:3-5 (MSG)

