

# Advent: 2nd December - Storytelling



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The genealogies are another way of telling a story, for in the names and progression are carried the swell of salvation history.

## Opening prayer

Bless to me, O God,  
The earth beneath my foot,  
Bless to me, O God,  
The path whereon I go.

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## The story continues...

The family tree of Jesus Christ, David's son, Abraham's son:

David had **Solomon**...  
...**Josiah** had Jehoiachin and his brothers,  
and then the people were taken  
into the Babylonian exile.

When the Babylonian exile ended,  
Jeconiah had Shealtiel,  
Sheatiel had **Zerubbabel**...  
Jacob had **Joseph**, Mary's husband,

the Mary who gave birth to Jesus,  
the Jesus who was called Christ.

(Matthew 1:6-16)

## **Silence and Imaginative exercise**

Imagine yourself in the story. Who are you? Cycle through your senses. What do you see, touch, taste, hear and smell? (2 minutes?)

## **Question**

Can you name and/or trace significant moments in your life? They may be the words or actions of another person.

## **Closing Blessing**

Be a bright flame before me,  
Be a guiding star above me,  
Be a smooth path below me,  
And be a kindly shepherd behind me,  
To-day, to-night, and for ever.

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