

Light a candle.

Opening prayer

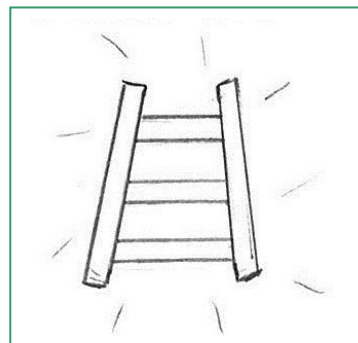
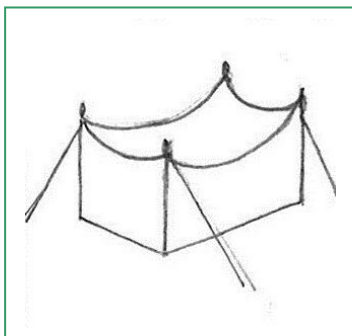
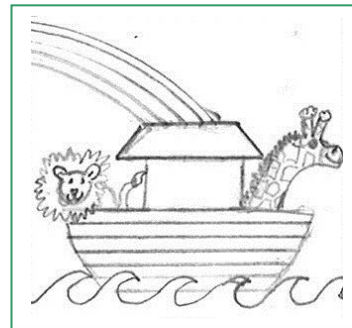
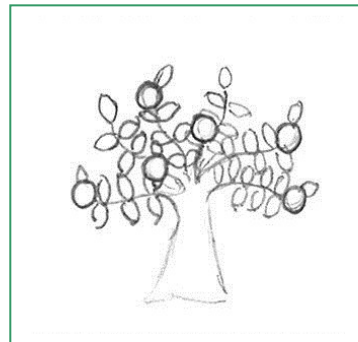
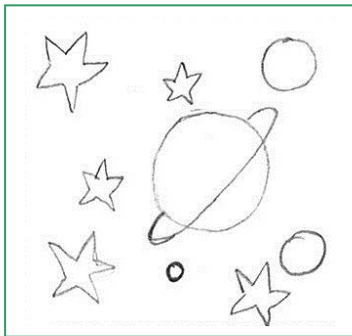
Bless to me, O God, The earth beneath my foot, Bless to me, O God, The path whereon I go.

Read the story for today. What do you think about today's story? What surprised you? Did you like the person? What did God do for them? Draw a picture to remind you of this person or story or colour in and cut out the one in the box below. Hang it or stick it onto your Jesse Tree.

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.

Garmina Gadelica



Day 1: You can draw a Jesse Tree or use the one we have provided and colour it in. Or make one with twigs from the garden. Stand the twigs in a jar or vase; make it brighter by painting the twigs gold or silver. Then you can hang your pictures on the tree with ribbon or string.

Dec 2

Jesse Tree

Isaiah 11

Like a branch that sprouts from a stump, someone from Jesse's family will some day be king.

Matthew 1

Jesus came from the family of King David and also from the family of Abraham.

And this is a list of his ancestors.

From Abraham to King David:

Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Judah and his brothers, Hezron; Ram, Amminadab, Nahshon, Salmon, Boaz (his mother was Rahab), Obed (his mother was Ruth), Jesse and King David.

From David to the exile:

David, Solomon, Rehoboam, Abijah, Asa, Jehoshophat, Jehoram; Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, Hezekiah, Manasseh, Amon, Josiah, and Jehoiachin and his brothers.

From the exile to Jesus:

Jehoiachin, Shealtiel, Zerubbabel, Abiud, Eliakim, Azor, Zadok, Achim; Eliud, Eleazar, Matthan, Jacob and Joseph, the husband of Mary, the mother of Jesus, who is called the Messiah.

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Dec 3rd Creation Stars and Planets

God said WORLD and the world spun round
God said LIGHT and the light beamed down
God said NIGHT and the sky went black
God said LAND and the sea rolled back
God said LEAF and the shoot pushed through
God said FIN and the first fish grew
God said BEAK and the bright birds soared
God said FUR and the jungle roared
God said SKIN and the man breathed air
God said BONE and the girl stood there
God said GOOD and the world was great
God said REST and they all slept late

*From the book 'In the Beginning'
by Steve Turner*

Dec 4 Adam and Eve Fruit Tree

Adam and Eve lived in a beautiful and perfect garden called Eden. They were happy there. They had everything they needed. But one day Satan came to the Garden. He didn't want Adam and Eve to be happy. So he disguised himself as a crafty snake. The snake went up to Eve. "Did God tell you not to eat the fruit in the garden?" he asked. "No," said Eve. "We may eat from any tree except one. If we eat from that tree, we will die."

"That's silly!" the snake hissed. "You won't die. If you eat that fruit, you will know as much as God does."

Eve reached for a piece of the fruit and took a bite. Then she gave some to her husband, Adam. He ate it too. Right away they knew that they had done something wrong. God had said not to eat the fruit but they did. Adam and Eve tried to hide from God, but God found them. "Why did you eat the fruit I said not to eat?" God asked.

"The snake tricked me," Eve answered.

"Eve gave it to me," Adam said.

God was very sad. Now Adam and Eve would grow old and die. They would have to leave Eden forever.

From The Eager Reader Bible

Dec 5 Noah and Family

Guess who built a floating zoo? Noah did. God said, "Noah, the world isn't good anymore. I'm sending a flood to wash it clean. You build a boat. I'll tell the animals. And I will look after you all." The rains came; the flood passed. At last, Noah's boat landed. God had kept his promise. "Come out, everyone!" God said. It was a wonderful new beginning.

*Lift the Flap Bible
by Sally Lloyd Jones*

Dec 6 Abraham and Sarah Tent

God had a special plan for Abraham. "You must leave your home," God said, "and go to a new land. If you trust me and do as I tell you, I will give you a family so big they will be like stars – too many to count. I *promise*." A family means children, and Abraham had no children. But he trusted God and did as God told him. So Abraham sold his house in the city of Ur. Abraham and his wife Sarah and their nephew Lot packed up for the journey. They took tents with them to sleep in. Every day they had to find fresh grassy places for their sheep and their goats, their cows and their donkeys and their camels. It was a long, hard journey. But, at least, they came to the new land. "If you trust me and do as I tell you, I will give this whole land to your family," God said. Abraham still had no children. But he trusted God and did as God told him.

From The Lion First Bible

Dec 7 Jacob Ladder

Jacob was running away. He wanted to stay at home, but he couldn't. His brother Esau was so angry at the trick Jacob had played on him. Jacob must go to his uncle, miles and miles away. It was getting dark now. Jacob was scared. He was all alone, and he didn't know where he was.

YEEOOUW! Jacob jumped. What was that? A fierce wild animal that would eat him up? Jacob was *very* scared.

When at last he went to sleep, Jacob had a dream. It was a *good* dream. In his dream there were stairs right up to heaven, with angels going up and down them! Then God was right there, talking to him. "I have a special present for you," God said. "I am giving you this land. It's for your children and your children's children. I have a wonderful plan for the whole world. And your family is part of it. Don't be scared any more. You aren't all alone. I shall be with you always, and I will bring you safe home. That's a promise."

From the Lion First Bible

Dec 8 Joseph Coat

Jacob lived in the land of Canaan with his twelve sons. Jacob loved his sons but his favourite was Joseph and he gave him a special colourful coat. "We hate that big headed Joseph!" said the brothers. They hatched a plan and sold Joseph as a slave telling Jacob that his favourite son had died. Far away from home in Egypt Joseph worked really hard for his master who liked him a lot. But his misfortunes were not over yet, Joseph ended up being thrown into prison for something he did not do. God did not forget Joseph; he stayed with him, showing him how to understand people's dreams. The King of Egypt had strange dreams. "Who can help me!" he shouted. Then someone remembered Joseph, still stuck in prison. Joseph knew what the dreams meant. God was warning Egypt about a terrible famine and Joseph came up with a plan to help them survive it. Joseph became the most important person in Egypt next to Pharaoh. One day his brothers came to Egypt looking for food and Joseph was able to save his own family. God was looking out for this family as he had always promised he would.