

# Jesse Tree for Small Children.

The Jesse Tree story is a love story. It's also a family story.

*This is the story of God's love for our human family – which is all of us. We are all children of God, and so we are all brothers and sisters together. The people who came before us – long before Jesus was born – are also our family and these are their stories. The "Jesse Tree" story is about the people who were in Jesse's family. You will meet the real Jesse along the way...*

## Dec 1 - Creation: Genesis 1

In the beginning, there was only God, who loved so much that He made everything! God created light, the Earth, and all the water, filling the world with beautiful mountains and valleys. *What is your favorite thing God made?*



## Dec 2 - The Garden: Genesis 2:4

God made a beautiful Garden for Adam and Eve to live in, filled with plants and animals. They could play all day and talk to God, but they had to remember not to eat from the special tree that would make them sad. *What do you think Adam and Eve did in the Garden?*



## Dec 3 - The Apple: Genesis 6:9 – 9:17

Satan, who was very sneaky, pretended to be a snake and tricked Adam and Eve into eating fruit from the Tree of Knowledge, making them feel sad and ashamed. God found them and said, "I still love you, but you must leave the Garden and work hard now." *Why did Adam and Eve eat the fruit?*



## Dec 4 - The Rainbow: Genesis 6:9 – 9:17

God told Noah to build a big boat called an ark because it was going to rain a lot and flood the Earth. After the rain stopped, Noah and his family came out of the ark, and God put a rainbow in the sky to promise that it would never flood like that again. *What colors do you see in a rainbow?*



## Dec 5 - The Stars, Abrahams Family: Genesis 12:1–7

Abram and his wife Sarah loved God very much, and God promised them a big family, even though they didn't have any children yet. God changed Abram's name to Abraham and said their family would be as many as the stars in the sky! *What do you think it would be like to have a family as big as the stars?*



## Dec 6 - THE TENT: GENESIS 18:1-6

Abraham and Sarah lived in a big tent in the hot desert in tents, taking care of their sheep and goats. One day, special visitors told them they would have a baby boy named Isaac, and they were so happy because Isaac meant "laughter"! *What do you think Isaac will do when he grows up?*



## Dec 7 – Sheep: GENESIS 22:1-18

Abraham loved his son Isaac very much, but God asked him to offer Isaac as a sacrifice. Just when Abraham was about to hurt Isaac, God stopped him and provided a ram instead, showing that He loved them both. *Why did God want Abraham to offer Isaac?*



## Dec 8 - Ladder: GENESIS 28:10-22

Jacob had a special dream about a tall ladder that went all the way to heaven, with angels climbing up and down. God told Jacob that He loved him and would take care of his family forever. *What do you think the angels were doing on the ladder?*



## Dec 9 - Coat of Many Colours: GENESIS 37&50

Jacob had twelve sons, and he loved Joseph the most, giving him a special coat with many colors. When Joseph's brothers were mean to him, they sold him to traders, but later, Joseph forgave them, and they all lived happily together in Egypt. *Why do you think Joseph forgave his brothers?*



## Day 10 - Babys' Basket: EXODUS 1:1-22 & 2:1-17

A mother hid her baby boy in a basket and floated him on the river to keep him safe. The Pharaoh's daughter found him and named him Moses, and he grew up as a prince but later ran away to the desert to learn about being an Israelite. *Why did Moses' mother put him in a basket?*



## Day 11- Burning Bush EXODUS 3-15

Moses saw a bush that was on fire, but it didn't burn up! God told Moses to help His people, and when they escaped, God made a path through the sea for them to walk on. *What do you think Moses felt when he saw the burning bush?*



## Day 12 - Mana: EXODUS 16:1-35

Moses helped the people when they were thirsty by hitting a rock, and water came out for everyone to drink! Then, God sent them yummy food that looked like snow called "manna" and birds to eat, so they were never hungry in the desert. *What do you think manna tastes like?*



## Day 13 - Ten Commandments EXODUS 19:1 - 20:20

Moses and the Israelites walked in the desert for a long time, and God gave Moses special rules called the Commandments to help them love Him and each other. After many years, they finally found their way back to the land God promised them. *What do you think the rules from God were about?*



## Day 14 - Wheat: RUTH

Naomi was very sad because her husband and sons were gone, so she told her daughters-in-law to go home. But Ruth loved Naomi and said, "I will stay with you!" Together, they went to Bethlehem, where Ruth worked hard to find food for them both, and a kind man noticed how much she cared for Naomi and married her. *Why do you think Ruth wanted to stay with Naomi?*



## Day 15 - Oil Lamp: 1 SAMUEL 1-3

Hannah prayed for a baby, and when her son Samuel was born, she thanked God and brought him to the priest. One night, as she turned off her oil lamp, God called Samuel three times, and with the priest's help, Samuel learned to listen to God and became a great friend of His. *What do you think God said to Samuel?*



## Day 16 - Shepherd's Staff: 1 SAMUEL 16:1-16

Samuel was looking for a new king, and he met all of Jesse's sons, but God said none of them were chosen. Finally, when David, the youngest son who was a shepherd, came in from the fields, God told Samuel, "He is the one!" *Why do you think God chose David to be the king?*



## Day 17 – Harp: 1 SAMUEL 17-31

King Saul was very sad because he felt he had let God down, so he wanted to hear beautiful music to feel better. He asked for David, a boy who played the harp very well, and they became great friends, with David even going to battle with King Saul. *What do you think David played on his harp to make King Saul feel happy?*



## **Day 18 - Crown. 2 SAMUEL 7: 1-16 & KINGS 3:1-16**

David wanted to build a special house for God called a Temple, but God said, "No, your son Solomon will build it instead." God promised David that a great grandchild would come from his family to help everyone, and when Solomon became King, he asked God for wisdom, and God gave him that and more! *What do you think a Temple looks like?*



## **Day 19 - Whale: JONAH**

God told Jonah to go to Nineveh and tell the people to stop being bad, but Jonah was scared and tried to run away on a ship. A big fish swallowed Jonah, and after he prayed and said sorry, the fish spit him out, and Jonah went to Nineveh to share God's message. *How do you think Jonah felt in the whale?*



## **Day 20 - Lion: DANIEL 6:1-28**

God sent a special helper named Daniel who could understand dreams, just like Joseph. When some mean people told lies about Daniel, the King put him in a den with lions, but God sent an angel to keep Daniel safe, and the lions didn't hurt him at all! *Why do you think the lions didn't hurt Daniel?*



## **Day 21- Angel: LUKE 1: 39-80**

An angel told Zachary that his wife Elizabeth would have a baby named John, who would help people get ready for the Lord. When John was born, Zachary could talk again and shared the good news that God was keeping His promise to love the people. *What do you think John did to help people get ready for the Lord?*



## **Day 22 - Mary: LUKE 1: 39-80**

Mary was a young girl who loved God very much, and one day, an angel named Gabriel told her she would be the mother of a special baby named Jesus. When Mary visited her cousin Elizabeth, Elizabeth's baby, John, jumped with joy because he knew Jesus would be someone very special! *Can you think of a time when you felt really happy to see someone?*



## **Day 23 – Joseph, Carpenter: MATTHEW 1:18-25**

Once upon a time, there was a kind man named Joseph who loved Mary very much. One night, an angel told Joseph that Mary was going to have a special baby named Emmanuel, so he decided to take care of them both. "Emmanuel means God is with Us" *What do you think it means that the baby is named Emmanuel?*



## **Day 24 - Jesus: MATTHEW 1:18-25**

A long time ago, Mary and Joseph traveled to Bethlehem to have their baby, Jesus, but they had to stay in a stable because there was no room anywhere else. Excitingly, shepherds and wise people followed a bright star to see baby Jesus, who was the new king that God promised to everyone! *What do you think baby Jesus looked like?*



*Is that the end of the story of God's love for us?*

Of course not! Jesus grew up and did something very special. He died on a cross but then came back to life! After that, he told his friends that God would send the Holy Spirit to be with us always. The Holy Spirit is like a warm hug that helps us feel better and shows us how much God loves us. We just need to listen to feel that love!

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