

What is a Jesse Tree?

A Jesse Tree is an advent project. Each day you color an ornament that represents a bit of the lineage of Christ. The tree begins with creation and stretches through the Old and New Testaments until we reach the wonderful story of the birth of Jesus.



The tree gets its name from Jesse, the father of David. The first day's scripture is Isaiah 11:1-2 - "A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit. The Spirit of the Lord will rest on him - the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of might, the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the Lord." This branch came in the form of a babe, and through the scriptures for each ornament, you can see God weaving the stories into place to ready the world for the coming Messiah.

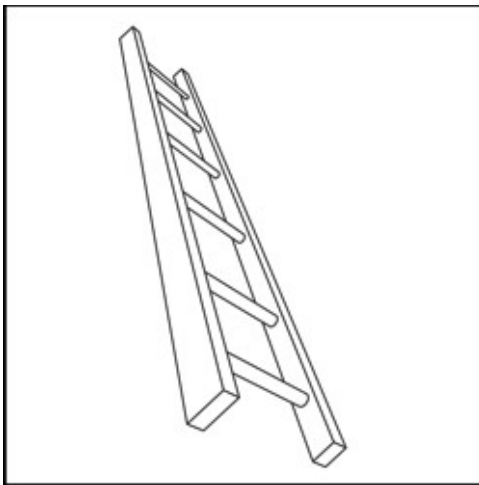
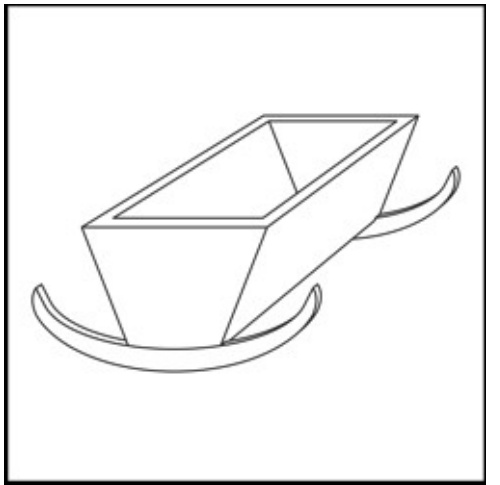
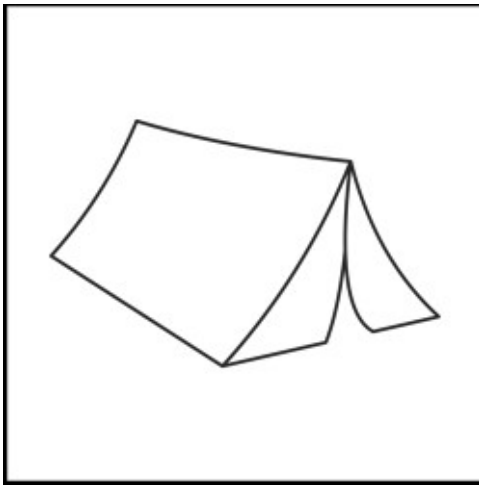
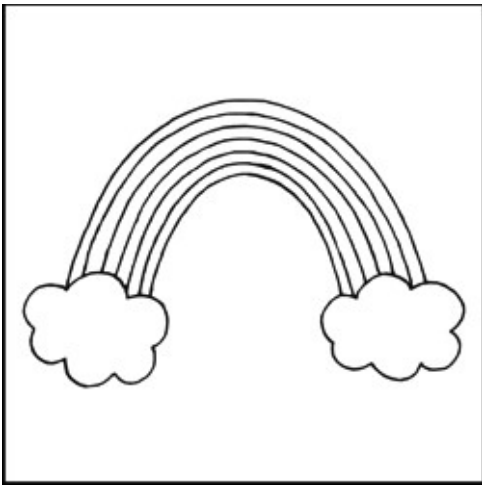
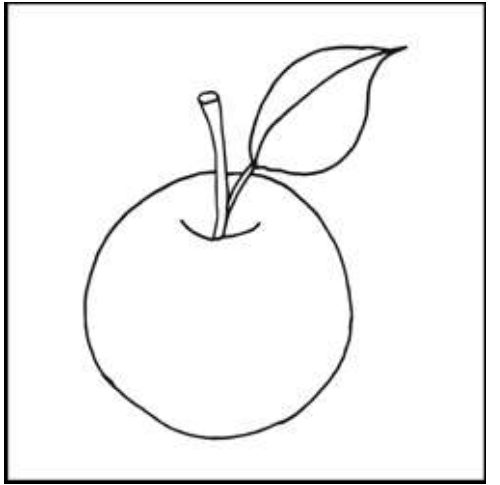
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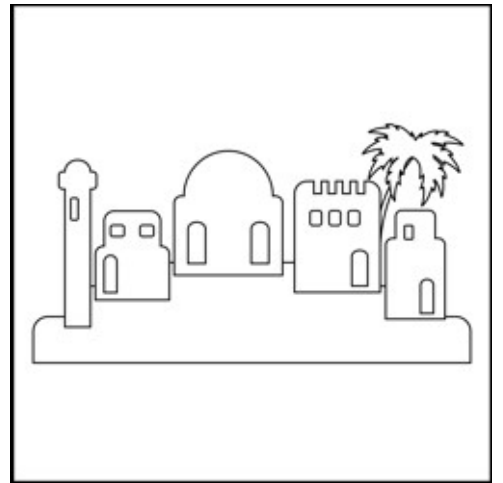
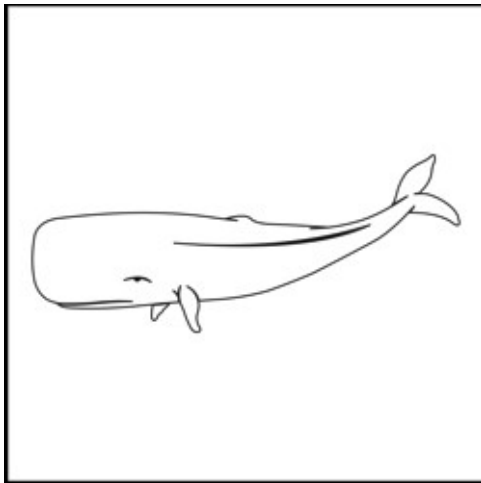
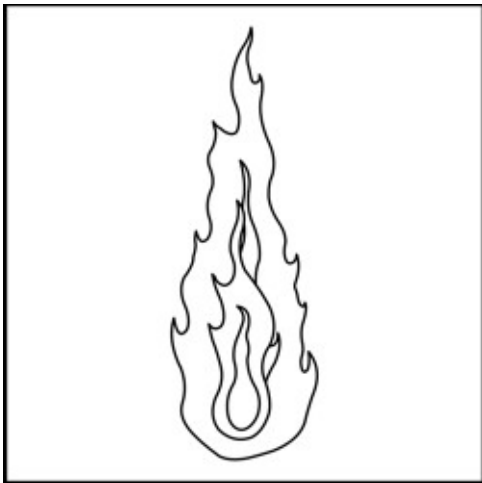
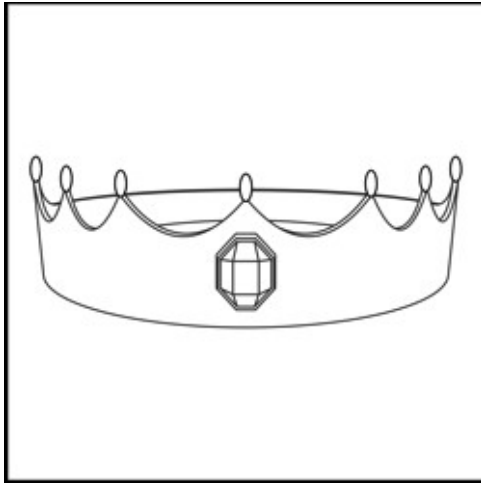
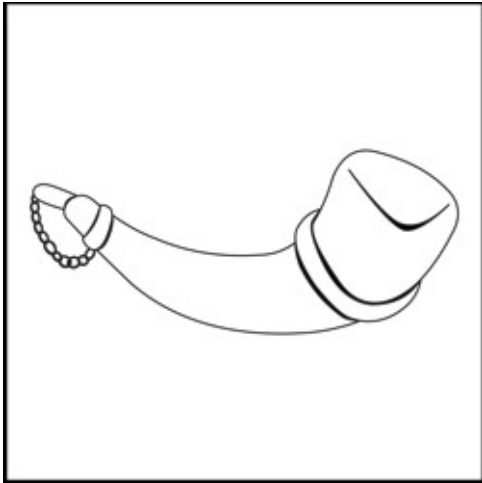
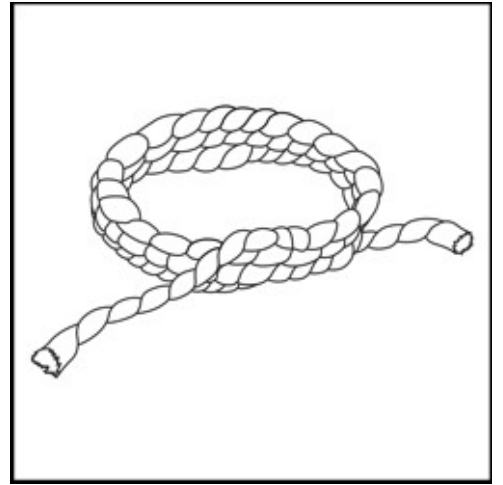
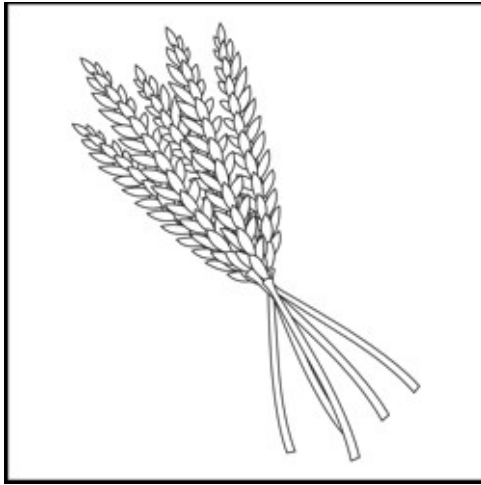
The Jesse Tree project takes place December 1 through 25. It's similar to an advent calendar, but it's more about tracing the history of the coming of Jesus.

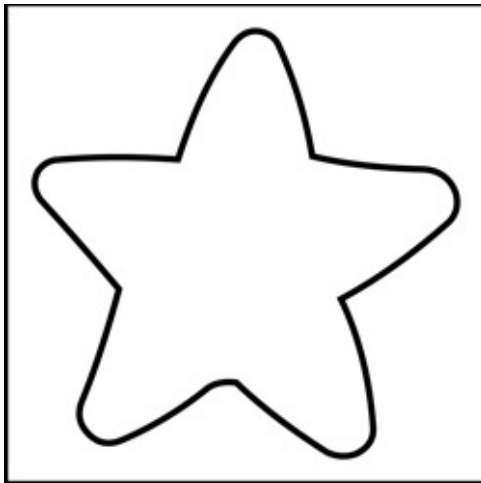
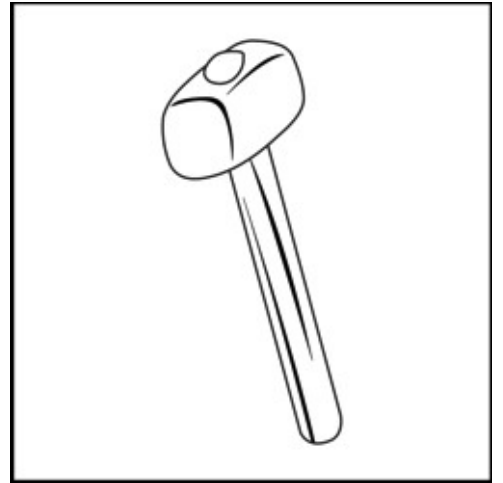
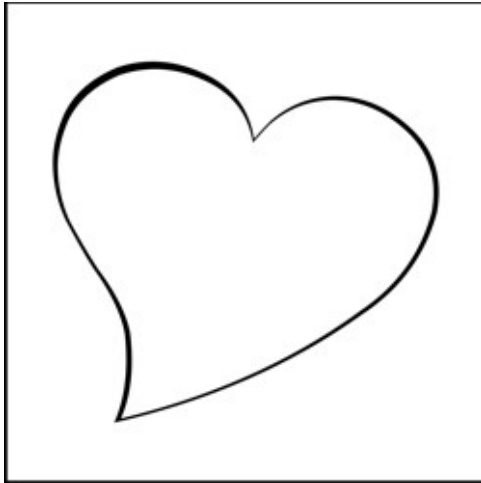
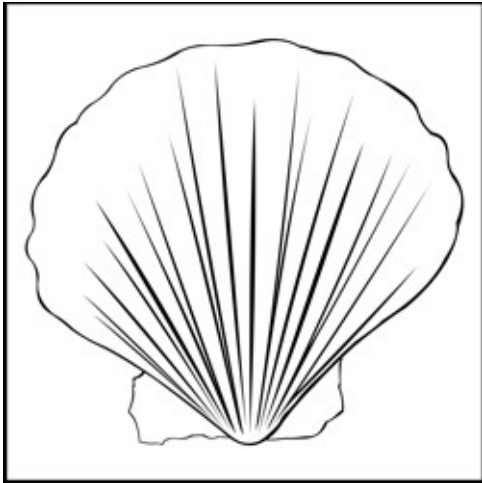
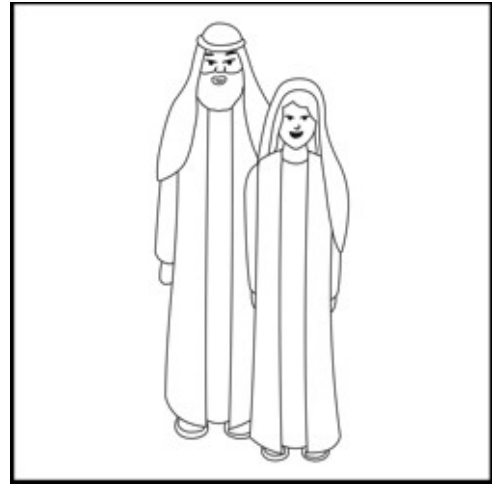
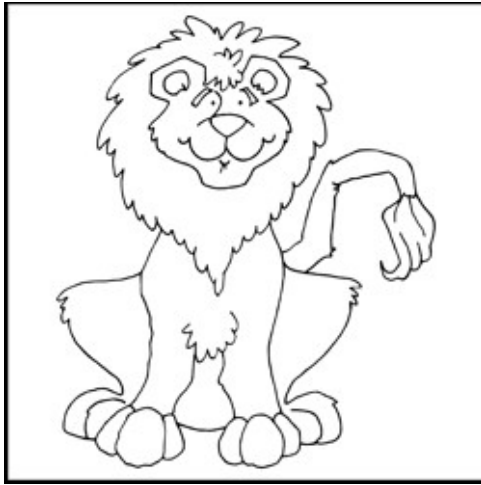
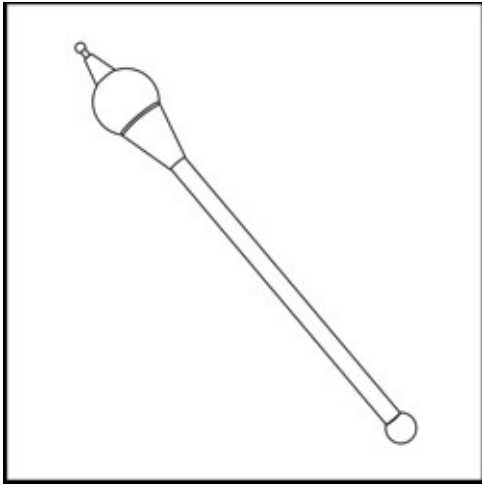
For this particular set of ornaments, you'll need to cut 25 squares (3 inches x 3 inches) that can be used as backers for the coloring ornaments. These backers could be made from cardstock or scrapbook paper. Print the ornaments found in this document.

Each day read the scripture and color the corresponding ornament picture. Cut out the picture, and attach it to one of the square backers that you cut. Punch a little hole in the backer paper, and thread a ribbon through it. Hang your ornaments on a small tree, some branches in a vase, or whatever works for you. There's no right or wrong way to do it.

The final day's scripture tells of the journey to Bethlehem and the birth of Christ. You may want to begin your Christmas day by placing this final ornament on your Jesse Tree.







Jesse Tree Ornament Scriptures

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| December 1 | Isaiah 11:1-2 | The Branch from Jesse (Tree stump) |
| December 2 | Genesis 1:24-31 | Creation of the World (Globe) |
| December 3 | Genesis 3:1-19 | The Fall (Apple) |
| December 4 | Genesis 6:9-22; 7:17-24, Genesis 8 | Noah (Rainbow) |
| December 5 | Genesis 12:1-7 | Abram (Tent) |
| December 6 | Genesis 21:1-7 | Isaac (Cradle) |
| December 7 | Genesis 22:1-14 | God Provides the Sacrifice (Ram) |
| December 8 | Genesis 28:10-22 | Jacob (Ladder) |
| December 9 | Genesis 37: 3-36 & Geneis 50:15-21 | Joseph (Coat) |
| December 10 | Deuteronomy 5:1-22 | Moses (Tablets) |
| December 11 | Ruth 1:1 - 2:3 | Ruth (Grain) |
| December 12 | Joshua 2:1-21 | Rahab (Rope) |
| December 13 | 1 Samuel 16:1-13 | David Anointed (Oil Horn) |
| December 14 | 11 Samuel 5:1-15 | David Becomes King (Crown) |
| December 15 | Isaiah 9:2-7 | Unto Us (Sunrise) |
| December 16 | 1 Kings 18:17-39 | Elijah (Fire) |
| December 17 | Jonah 3 | Jonah (Whale) |
| December 18 | Micah 5:2-5 | Bethlehem (City) |
| December 19 | Esther 4 | Esther (Scepter) |
| December 20 | Daniel 6:1-23 | Daniel (Lion) |
| December 21 | Luke 1:5-25 | Elizabeth & Zechariah (People) |
| December 22 | Matthew 3:1-6 | John the Baptist (Shell) |
| December 23 | Luke 1:25-38 | Mary (Heart) |
| December 24 | Matthew 1:18-25 | Joseph (Hammer) |
| December 25 | Luke 2:1-21 | Jesus is Born (Star) |