

Making a Family Jesse Tree

Here is a great [step-by-step guide](#) from Wikihow with easy instructions and great ideas. The table below gives you some ideas for symbols to be used and the associated reading from Scripture.

You can organize a day before Advent to make the ornaments (*...you can also purchase stickers and such online to help the process*). When the day comes, gather the family, say the Advent Prayer, and then an adult (or older child) might tell the story in their own words as the younger kids hang the ornament for the day.

Date	Persons	Events/Themes	Scripture	Symbols
First Sunday	Introduction of the Jesse Tree		1 Sam 16:1-13 Isa 11:1-10	The Tree
Mon Wk 1	Adam and Eve	The First Sin	Gen 2:4-3:24	Apple with two bites gone
Tues Wk 1	Noah	The Flood	Gen 6:11-22, 7:17-8:12, 20-9:17	Rainbow or Ark
Wed Wk 1	Abraham	The Promise	Gen 12:1-7, 15:1-6	Field of Stars
Thur Wk 1	Isaac	Offering of Isaac	Gen 22:1-19	Ram
Fri Wk 1	Jacob	Assurance of the Promise	Gen 27:41-28:22	Ladder
Sat Wk 1	Joseph	God's Providence	Gen 37, 39:1-50:21	Sack of Grain or Coat
Second Sunday	Moses	God's Leadership	Exod 2:1-4:20	Burning Bush
Mon Wk 2	Israelites	Passover and Exodus	Exod 12:1-14:31	Lamb
Tues Wk 2	Moses & Aaron	Giving the Torah at Sinai	Exod 19:1-20:20	Tablets of the Torah
Wed Wk 2	Joshua	The Fall of Jericho	Josh 1:1-11, 6:1-20	Ram's Horn Trumpet
Thur Wk 2	Gideon	Unlikely Heroes	Judg 2:6-23, 6:1-6, 11-8:28	Clay Water Pitcher or a Sword

Fri Wk 2	Ruth	Loyalty and Perseverance	The Book of Ruth	Wheat
Sat Wk 2	Samuel	The Beginning of the Kingdom	1 Sam 3:1-21, 7:1-8:22, 9:15-10:9	Crown or scrolls
Third Sunday	David	A Shepherd for the People	1 Sam 16:1-23-17:58, 2 Sam 5:1-5, 7:1-17	Shepherd's Crook or Harp
Mon Wk 3	Elijah	The Threat of False Gods	1 Kings 17:1-16, 18:17-46	Stone Altar
Tues Wk 3	Josiah	Faithfulness and Deliverance	2 Kings 22 and 23	A very young king
Wed Wk 3	Isaiah	The Call to Holiness	Isa 1:10-20, 6:1-13, 8:11-9:7	Burning Hot Coal
Thur Wk 3	Jeremiah	The Exile	Jer 1:4-10, 2:4-13, 7:1-15, 8:22-9:1-11	Tears
Fri Wk 3	Habakkuk	Waiting	Hab 1:1-2:1, 3:16-19	Scales of Justice
Sat Wk 3	Nehemiah	Return and Rebuilding	Neh 1:1-2:8, 6:15-16, 13:10-22	City Wall
Fourth Sunday	John the Baptist	Repentance	Luke 1:57-80, 3:1-207:18-30	Scallop Shell
Mon Wk 4	Elizabeth	Joy	Luke 1:39-56	Mother and Child
Tues Wk 4	Zechariah	Anticipation	Luke 1:57-80	Pencil and Tablet
Wed Wk 4	Mary	The Hope for a Future	Luke 1:26-38	White Lily
Thurs Wk 4	Joseph	Trust	Matt 1:19-25	Carpenter's Square or Hammer

Fri Wk 4	The Nativity	Worship	Matt 2:1-12	Star or Candle
Dec 24	Jesus	Birth of the Messiah	Luke 2:1-20	Manger
Dec 25	Christ	The Son of God	John 1:1-18	Chi-Rho Symbol