



Coming Home Catholic



Bringing religious education back where it belongs

The Jesse Tree is an old tradition which helps us focus on the promised Messiah. We decorate an artificial table-top tree. Each day of Advent we put the special home made ornament on the tree and read the corresponding Bible story. Some days we feel creative, so we draw our own pictures on the ornaments. Other days we use ornaments that are already decorated.

First Week of Advent

	Story	Bible Reference	Ornament suggestion
Sunday	The root of Jesse	1 Samuel 16:1-13	Tree
Monday	Creation	Genesis 1:1-31; 2:1-4	Sun, mountains, etc
Tuesday	Adam & Eve	Genesis 3:1-24	Apple
Wednesday	Noah	Genesis 6:11-22; 8:6-12	Rainbow or dove
Thursday	Abraham	Genesis 12:1-7; 13:2-18	Camel or tent
Friday	Isaac	Genesis 22:1-14	Ram
Saturday	Jacob	Genesis 27:41 - 28:22	Ladder

Second Week of Advent

	Story	Bible Reference	Ornament suggestion
Sunday	Isaiah's prophecy	Isaiah 9:2-7	Candle
Monday	Joseph	Genesis 37:1-36	Cloak or tunic
Tuesday	Moses	Exodus 2:1-10, 3:1-10, 20:1-17	Burning bush or stone tablets
Wednesday	Blessing of Israelites	Numbers 6:22-27	Hand or pine bough
Thursday	Revelation to Samuel	1 Samuel 3:1-21	Lamp or sleeping child
Friday	David the harpist	1 Samuel 16:14-23	Harp
Saturday	Psalm of David	Psalm 23	Sheep or shepherd



Bringing religious education back where it belongs

Third Week of Advent

	Story	Bible Reference	Ornament suggestion
Sunday	Solomon	1 Kings 3:3-28	Crown
Monday	Elijah	1 Kings 17:1-16	Bird
Tuesday	Elisha	2 Kings 5:1-27	Chariot or cloak
Wednesday	Isaiah	Isaiah 6:1-8	Scroll
Thursday	Jeremiah	Jeremiah 3:31-34	Bible
Friday	Son higher than angels	Hebrews 1:1-14	Angel
Saturday	Nehemiah	Neh 2:17 -20	City Wall

Fourth Week of Advent

	Story	Bible Reference	Ornament suggestion
Sunday	The Annunciation	Lk 1:26-38	Lily or angel
Monday	Elizabeth	Lk 1:39-56	Mother and child
Tuesday	Joseph's Trust	Matthew 1:18-24	Hammer or Carpenter's Square
Wednesday	Magi	Matthew 2:1-12	Star
Thursday	The Incarnation	John 1:1-18	Manger or Nativity