

# What Child is This?

## Advent Family Devotional



*“What child is this, who, laid to rest,  
On Mary’s lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,  
While shepherds watch are keeping?  
This, this is Christ the King,  
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing:  
Haste, haste to bring him laud,  
The babe, the son of Mary.”*

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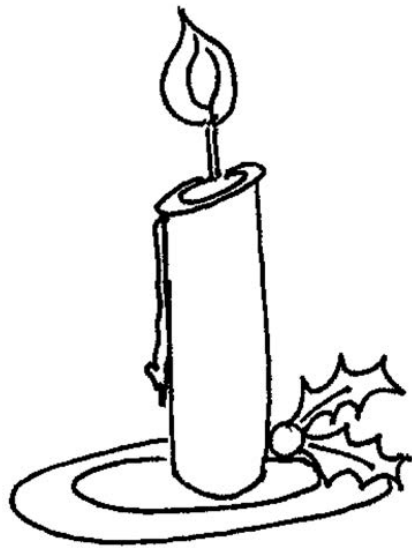
***What Child is This?*** is a family devotional, designed to help your family to wait with great anticipation and orient your hearts toward Jesus this advent season. Advent simply means “coming” or “waiting.” Included is a Jesse Tree ornament activity. Each day you will spend time in the Old Testament prophecies and then turn to the New Testament to read of the fulfillment in Jesus. You may then use the ornaments provided to color and string on the burlap as garland to hang on your tree, or in your home.

In this season, we remember how the Hebrews waited for God’s promised one, Jesus. Like the Hebrews we also are waiting, only now we wait for Jesus to return in full glory, at His promised second coming!

***Jesse or Jesus Tree***

*There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. Isaiah 11:1-2a.*

Isaiah’s prophecy of a stump shows how the family of David had been “cut down.” Jesus would be like a new growth and a new hope for the kingdom that was once strong and worshiped God as one. As we consider the prophecy in Isaiah, of Jesse, we will be reminded “What Child is This?” that came from the root of Jesse! That child is Jesus!



## **Day One: Light**

Old Testament - Genesis 1:1-4

New Testament – John 1:1-5, 9-10

Did you know that in the beginning, God created the heavens and earth? He had an incredibly special plan when He created the world, and you are part of His great plan! We learn in our New City Catechisms that there are three persons in one God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. They were all there in the beginning during creation. Jesus was there in the beginning! Jesus created light from darkness. Jesus is the light of the world!

## **Jesus is the Light!**

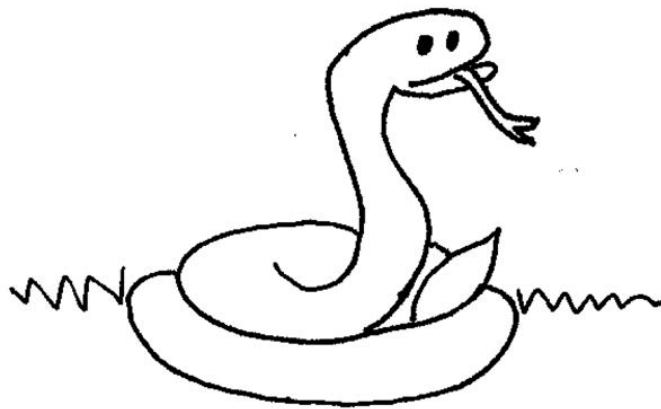
### **Song: Jesus Bids Us Shine**

Jesus bids us shine,  
With a clear, pure light,  
Like a little candle burning in the night;  
In this world of darkness, we must shine,  
You in your small corner,  
And I in mine.

Jesus bids us shine, first of all for Him  
Well He sees and knows it if our light grows dim;  
He looks down from Heaven to see us shine  
You in your small corner,  
And I in mine.

### **Prayer:**

Dear Jesus, you are the light of the world! Thank you for shining your light into our dark world to bring us hope! Amen!



## **Day Two: The Serpent**

Old Testament: Genesis 3:1-6

New Testament: Romans 5:12-14

God created man in his own image and all of his creation was very good. God gave man dominion over all his creation. But Adam and Eve, the first man and woman disobeyed God in the garden and listened to the serpent instead! Sin began in the garden with Adam and continues with us when we disobey God. But, Jesus, who is sinless, offers us forgiveness when we repent and follow Him.

### **Jesus is Sinless!**

#### **Song: Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!**

Jesus! what a Friend for sinners!

Jesus! Lover of my soul;

Friends may fail me, foes assail me,

He, my Savior, makes me whole.

Hallelujah! what a Savior!

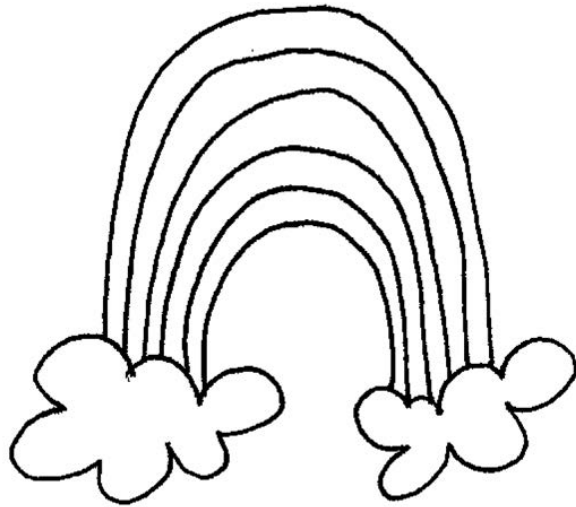
Hallelujah, what a Friend!

Saving, helping, keeping, loving,

He is with me to the end.

### **Prayer:**

Dear Jesus, you are without sin! Thank you for being my friend and making me whole even when I sin. Thank you for the promise that you will be with me to the end! Amen!



## **Day Three: The Ark**

Old Testament: Genesis 9:8-13

New Testament: Hebrews 9:15, Hebrews 11:7

Have you ever been angry? Unlike us, God's anger is always righteous and good. Well, God was very angry with the people he created because they were sinning and would not come back to God! So, he sent a flood! God told a righteous man, Noah, to build an ark and God saved him and his family from the flood. He made a covenant with Noah, promising never to flood the earth again. When we see a rainbow, we can be reminded of this promise. God offers the same salvation to us through faith in Jesus! Jesus is the greater Noah when we follow him by faith, we will be saved from the flood of God's anger.

### **Jesus is our Savior!**

#### **Song: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear,  
Now to his temple draw near,  
Join me in glad adoration.  
Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,  
Shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!  
Hast thou not seen  
How thy desires e'er have been, Granted in what he  
ordaineth?

#### **Prayer:**

Dear Jesus, You are a powerful Savior that is in control over all things! Thank you for being an ark of salvation. We praise you for the hope you offer through your Son, Jesus! Amen!



## **Day Four: Night Sky**

Old Testament: Genesis 15:5-6, 22:17-18

New Testament: Galatians 3:6-9

Do you have a big family? Well, Abraham has a really big family! God made a promise to Abraham that he would make his offspring as many as the stars of the heavens and as many as the grains of sand on the beach. Wow! Abraham believed God. He had faith in God. When we have faith in Jesus, we are part of Abraham's family too and heirs of all his promises.

## **Jesus is the Son of the Promise!**

### **Song: O Little Town of Bethlehem**

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie;  
Above Thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light;  
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in Thee tonight.  
For Christ is born of Mary and, gathered all above,  
While mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wondering love  
O morning stars, together proclaim the Holy birth  
And praises sing to God the King and peace to men on earth  
How silently, how silently the wondrous gift is given;  
so God imparts to human hearts the blessings of His heaven.  
No ear may hear His coming but in this world of sin,  
Where meek souls will receive Him still the dear Christ enters in.

### **Prayer:**

Dear Jesus, You are the Son of the promise to Abraham. Thank you that you that you bring us into your family when we place our faith in you! Amen!



## **Day Five: Ram**

Old Testament: Genesis 22:1-2, 9-14

New Testament: John 3:16, Hebrews 11:17-19

Abraham was a faithful servant of God! He trusted God! God tested that faith and told Abraham to take his only son, Isaac, and offer him as a burnt offering. Can you imagine? Even though he didn't fully understand God's command, Abraham obeyed the word of the Lord. When God saw his faith on display, he provided a ram for the sacrifice instead of Isaac. Does this remind you of someone else? God sacrificed his one and only Son, our perfect substitute, so that whoever believes and has faith in Jesus will have everlasting life!

## **Jesus is our Substitute!**

### **Song: Nothing But the Blood of Jesus**

What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.  
Oh! precious is the flow That makes me white as snow;  
No other fount I know, Nothing but the blood of Jesus.  
For my pardon, this I see, Nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
For my cleansing this my plea, Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

### **Prayer:**

Dear Jesus, You are our substitute! Thank you for the sacrifice in our place that you made on the cross that cleanses us from us from our sins, so that we may live an everlasting life worshipping and glorifying you! Amen!





## **Day Six: The Ladder and the Angels**

Old Testament: Genesis 28:10-13

New Testament: John 1:51, 14:6

Do you remember your dreams? Well, Jacob, Isaac's son, had a dream worth remembering! He dreamed about a ladder that started on earth and reach all the way up to the heavens! Can you imagine a ladder that big? On the ladder were angels of God ascending and descending on it, with the Lord above it! Jesus is like the ladder; he is the only way to meet the holy one of Israel. And instead of us needing to climb up to get to God, God climbed down the ladder to come to us.

## **Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life!**

### **Song: Holy, Holy, Holy**

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;  
Holy, holy, holy merciful and mighty,  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!  
Holy, holy, holy; all the saints adore Thee,  
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,  
who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

### **Prayer:**

Dear Jesus, You are the way, the truth, and the life. You climbed down from heaven to be with us.! Thank you for being that ladder that connects us here on earth to the Father in heaven! Help us to seek your holiness in all that we do! Amen!



## **Day Seven: The Coat**

Old Testament: Genesis 37:12-14, 23-28, Genesis 45:5 and 50:20

New Testament: Romans 8:28, Acts 2:23-24 and 4:27-28

Do you know what it means to be jealous? Well, Joseph had eleven brothers, but Joseph was his Dad's favorite son! Jacob gave Joseph a special coat of many colors and his brothers were jealous! So, they sold Joseph into slavery! But, what the brothers meant for evil God meant for good! Joseph loved God and God used Joseph powerfully to rescue all his brothers during the famine. Jesus works all things together for good for those who love him.

## **Jesus is Sovereign!**

### **Song: This Is My Father's World**

This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears  
All nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.

This is my Father's world,

I rest me in the thought, Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas,  
His hand the wonders wrought. This is my Father's world.

O let me ne'er forget, That though the wrong seems oft so strong,  
God is the ruler yet.

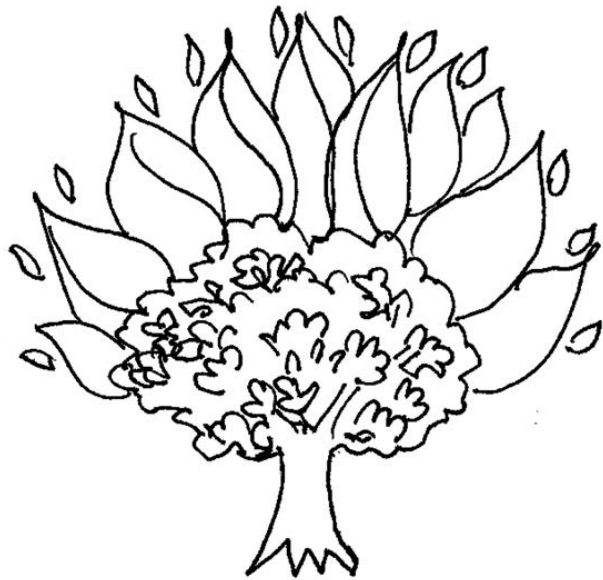
This is my Father's world, why should my heart be sad?

The Lord is King, let the heavens ring!

God reigns, let the earth be glad!

### **Prayer:**

Dear Jesus, You are sovereign! You work all things together for good! Thank you for reigning as our king! Help us to praise you. Amen!



## **Day Eight: Burning Bush**

Old Testament: Exodus 3:1-6, 10-15

New Testament: John 8:58, 18:4-6

Did you know that God calls himself, “I am”? Moses encountered God in a burning bush. God sent Moses on a special mission to free the Israelites and God wanted them to remember who they are and who He is: the Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the “I am Who I Am”. Jesus used this same phrase when he talked about himself!

### **Jesus is “I Am”!**

#### **Song: O Worship the King**

O worship the King, all glorious above  
O gratefully sing His wonderful love  
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days  
Pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise  
O tell of His might, O sing of His grace  
Whose robe is the light and canopy space  
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form  
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm  
O measureless might, ineffable love  
While angels delight to worship above  
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end  
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend

#### **Prayer:**

Dear Jesus, You are “I Am”, you are Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days, our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend! We praise you for who you are! Amen!

## **Day Nine: The Passover Lamb**

Old Testament: Exodus 12:21-27

New Testament: Matthew 26:26-28 and Hebrews 9:22

Have you ever not wanted to listen? Pharaoh did not want to listen and let God's people, the Israelites, go! Moses instructed the elders of Israel to choose a lamb and sacrifice it and then place the blood of the lamb on two doorposts as a sign to God. When God saw this, he would pass over the home of the Israelites so that no plague would harm the Israelites when he struck the land of Egypt. Jesus is our Perfect Sacrifice. He shed his blood on the cross for us so that our sins could be forgiven.



### **Jesus is our Perfect Sacrifice!**

#### **Song: Jesus, What a Friend for Sinners**

Jesus! What a friend for sinners Jesus, lover of my soul,  
Friends may fail me, foes assail me He, my savior, makes me whole.  
Hallelujah! What a savior, Hallelujah! What a friend,  
Saving, helping, keeping, loving He is with me to the end.  
Jesus! What a strength in weakness, let my hide myself in Him,  
Tempted, tried, and often failing, He my strength, my victory wins.  
Hallelujah! What a savior, Hallelujah! What a friend,  
Saving, helping, keeping, loving, He is with me to the end.

#### **Prayer:**

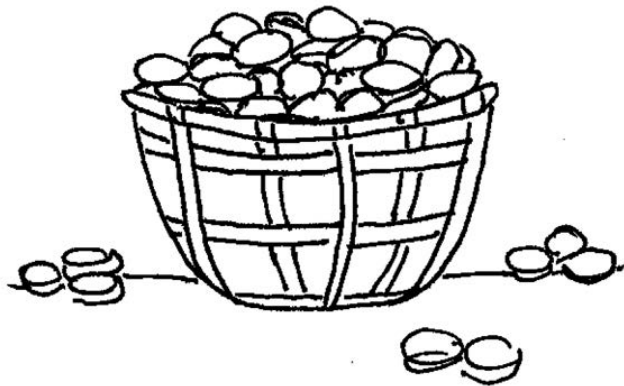
Dear Jesus, you are our perfect sacrifice! Thank you for the sacrifice you made on the cross so when we place our faith in you and repent, we are forgiven! Amen!

## Day Ten: Manna

Old Testament: Exodus 16:4, 14-15

New Testament: John 6:31-35, 48-51

Do your Mom and Dad give you all the food you need? When the Israelites were in the desert wandering for 40 years, they were hungry. The Lord always provided food for the Israelites to eat. Some of this food was called manna and the Lord sent it to them like rain from heaven. Can you imagine? Jesus gives us a different kind of bread. He calls it the bread of life, which gives us an eternal life.



## Jesus is the Bread of Life!

### Song: O Come, O Come Emmanuel

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,

That mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear

Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel, shall come to thee, O Israel

O come, Thou Day- Spring, come and cheer, our spirits by Thine  
advent here

Disperse the gloomy clouds of night and death's dark shadows put  
to flight

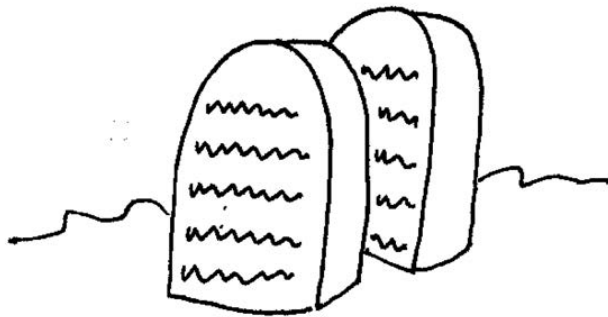
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### Prayer:

Dear Jesus, You are the Bread of Life. Thank you for making a way for us to have everlasting life with you, in eternity. You are the food that our souls crave. Amen!



## **Day Eleven: The Law**

Old Testament: Exodus 20:1-17

New Testament: Galatians 3:21-24

Do your parents have rules at home to keep you safe? Well, after God rescued the Israelites from Egypt, he gave them rules, which we refer to as the Ten Commandments. There were lots of other commandments that God gave to the Israelites to obey. Due to our sin, the Israelites were never able to obey perfectly. But, by his grace, Jesus came to fulfill the law for us so that our relationship with God would not rest on our law keeping, but on his. God made a way through our faith in Jesus to be in relationship with him. Jesus was the sacrifice for our sin so that we may, by his grace, be saved through our faith.

## **Jesus Fulfilled the Law!**

### **Song: Hark The Herald Angels Sing**

Hark the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!  
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled"  
Joyful, all ye nations rise, Join the triumph of the skies  
With the angelic host proclaim: "Christ is born in Bethlehem"  
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

### **Prayer:**

Dear Jesus, You are the fulfillment of the law! Thank you for giving us your perfect record of achievement. Help us to grow in our faith and trust you more each and every day! Amen!



## Day Twelve: Trumpets

Old Testament: Joshua 2:1-2, 8-15 and Joshua 6:15-17, 25

New Testament: Hebrews 11:30-31 and Romans 15:8-12

Do you trust the plans your Mom and Dad have for you are the best plans? Well, God had a really great plan to rescue a woman named Rahab, she was a foreigner from Jericho. So, when two men came to Jericho to spy on the city, she hid them in her house so they would not be caught by the King of Jericho. She asked these spies to spare the lives of her and her family, for she knew the Israelites would cause destruction on Jericho and surely by faith of the Israelites, the walls of Jericho fell down to the sounds of trumpets! God showed mercy to Rahab and rescued her and her family. Jesus offers salvation to people not just from Israel, but from all nations.

## Jesus is Faithful!

### Song: Come All Ye Faithful

O come, all ye faithful, joyful, and triumphant! O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem, Come and behold Him, Born the King of Angels  
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord! Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation, Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above! Glory to God, All glory in the highest. O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him  
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

### Prayer:

Dear Jesus, You are faithful to all of your promises! Thank you that you are trustworthy. Help us to adore you this advent season and always! Amen!



## Day Thirteen: Family Tree

Old Testament: Ruth 2:2-3, 8-12 and Ruth 4:13-17

New Testament: Matthew 1:1-5

Have you ever made your family tree? Well, today we will learn about some of Jesus' family. Ruth, a widow from Moab, believed in the One True God! After her husband died, she decided to follow her mother-in-law, Naomi, back to the land of Bethlehem. There Ruth met Boaz. Boaz promised to take care of Ruth and her mother-in-law, Naomi. Ruth and Boaz were married. Boaz was Ruth's redeemer; he gave her land and a family when she had none. They had a baby together named Obed, he was the father of Jesse, and Jesse was the father of David, who are all ancestors of Jesus, our redeemer.

## Jesus is our Redeemer!

### Song: What Child is This?

What child is this, who, laid to rest,  
On Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,  
While shepherds watch are keeping?  
This, this is Christ the King,  
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;  
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,  
The babe, the son of Mary.

### Prayer:

Dear Jesus, You are the Redeemer! Thank you for dying to give us a family and an eternal home with you. Help us to follow your ways always! Amen!



## Day Fourteen: Tree Stump

Old Testament: Isaiah 11:1-2

New Testament: Romans 15:4-13

Does Jesus give you hope? Today, in our reading, the prophet Isaiah, wants to give us hope through a special message. He wanted us to know that there shall come forth a shoot from Jesse. Do you remember from yesterday that Jesse is an ancestor of Jesus? Jesus is that shoot, the new growth as Israel had once felt cut off. God promised a savior would come through Jesse to bring us hope!



## Jesus is our Hope!

### Song: Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

Come, Thou long expected Jesus  
Born to set Thy people free;  
From our fears and sins release us,  
Let us find our rest in Thee.  
Israel's strength and consolation,  
Hope of all the earth Thou art;  
Dear desire of every nation,  
Joy of every longing heart.  
Born Thy people to deliver,  
Born a child and yet a King,  
Born to reign in us forever,  
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.

### Prayer:

Dear Jesus, You are our hope! Help us to always be encouraged by your promises and be filled with joy and peace as we trust in you even when everything feels hard! Amen!



## **Day Fifteen: The Shepherd**

Old Testament: 1 Samuel 16:1, 10-13

New Testament: John 10:11-16

Have you ever wondered if Jesus uses boys and girls like you to do His work? Today we will read how God chose a shepherd boy named David, son of Jesse, to be king over Israel. Jesus is our king and he calls himself our good shepherd. Just like a shepherd watches over his flock, so Jesus watches over us.

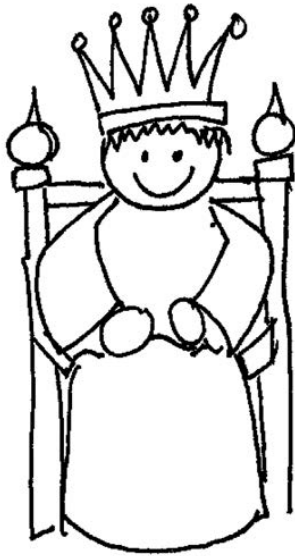
## **Jesus is the Good Shepherd!**

### **Song: The First Noel**

The first Noel the angels did say  
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay:  
In fields where they lay, keeping their sheep  
On a cold winter's night that was so deep  
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, Born the king of Israel.  
They looked up and saw a star, Shining in the east beyond them far  
And to the earth ,it gave great light, And so it continued both day  
and night.  
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, Born is the King of Israel!  
And by the light of that same star, Three Wise men came from  
country far, To seek for a King was their intent  
And to follow the star wherever it went  
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, Born is the King of Israel!

### **Prayer:**

Dear Jesus, You are a good shepherd! Thank you for always watching over us and drawing us back to yourself when we stray!



## **Day Sixteen: Throne**

**Old Testament: 2 Samuel 7:16 and Isaiah 9:6-7**

**New Testament: Luke 1:31-33**

Do you keep all of your promises? Well, God made a promise to David, that his kingdom would last forever. Later, Isaiah the prophet tells us about our future king and the promise that he will one day reign as king, forever! Finally, Gabriel the angel comes to Mary and tells her that she will give birth to a baby and call him Jesus and his kingdom will reign forever! What great promises!

## **Jesus is King Forever!**

### **Song: Little Drummer Boy**

Come they told me  
Pa rum pum pum pum  
A newborn king to see  
Pa rum pum pum pum  
Our finest gifts we bring  
Pa rum pum pum pum  
To lay before the king  
Pa rum pum pum pum,  
Rum pum pum pum,  
Rum pum pum pum  
So to honor him  
Pa rum pum pum pum  
When we come

### **Prayer:**

Dear Jesus, You are King, forever!! Thank you for coming to this earth, fully man to bring us the good news of your kingdom, so that we may one day live with you glorifying you forever. Amen!



## Day Seventeen: Coal

Old Testament: Isaiah 6:1-7

New Testament: Romans 3:23-25 and Hebrews 9:12

Do you sin? Well, Isaiah the prophet knew he was a sinner. He had a vision and saw Jesus in all of his glory and holiness in heaven, When Isaiah saw this vision, he exclaimed, “Woe is me, For I am Lost!; a man of unclean lips!” but, a seraphim--a heavenly creature with wings--came from heaven to purify Isaiah! He took a coal from the altar of sacrifice and purified Isaiah’s lips. Jesus came to purify us from our sins and be our sacrifice!

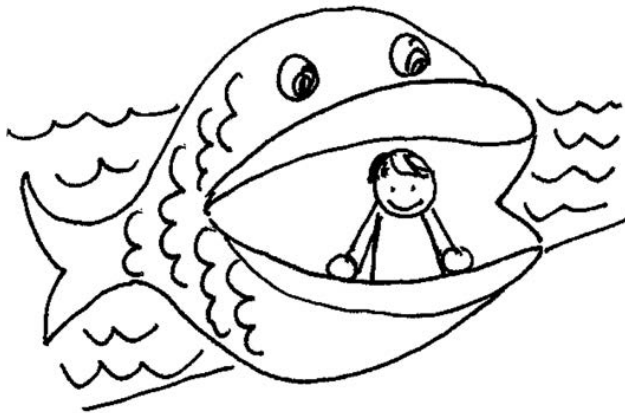
## Jesus is Holy

### Song: Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;  
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!  
Holy, holy, holy; all the saints adore Thee,  
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,  
which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

### Prayer:

Dear Jesus, You are Holy! Thank you for being our sacrifice once and for all. Help us to trust and obey you because you are holy! Help us to see our sin and repent! Amen!



## **Day Eighteen: Great Fish**

Old Testament: Jonah 1:1-6, 11-17

New Testament: Matthew 12:38-41

Jonah, the Hebrew prophet, was disobedient to God! His disobedience landed Jonah in the belly of a great fish for three days and three nights! But then, God rescued Jonah! Like Jonah, Jesus was in the tomb for three days and three nights. Yet it wasn't for his disobedience, but for ours. When he rose again from the dead, he rescued us from the darkness of our sin! So Jesus' resurrection is like Jonah's rescue!

## **Jesus is our Risen Savior!**

### **Song: Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!**

Jesus! what a Friend for sinners!  
Jesus! Lover of my soul;  
Friends may fail me, foes assail me,  
He, my Savior, makes me whole.  
Hallelujah! what a Savior!  
Hallelujah, what a Friend!  
Saving, helping, keeping, loving,  
He is with me to the end.  
Jesus! I do now receive him,  
More than all in him I find,  
He hath granted me forgiveness,  
I am his, and he is mine.

### **Prayer:**

Dear Jesus! You are our risen Savior! Thank you for rescuing us from our sins through your death and resurrection! Help us to always obey your commands! Amen!



## **Day Nineteen: Zechariah the Priest**

Old Testament: Isaiah 40:3

New Testament: Luke 1:11-20, 57-68

What are some things you need to prepare for? Maybe school or church? Through the prophet Isaiah, the Lord called the people of Israel to prepare themselves. He used the son of Zechariah the priest and Elizabeth to do so, and when their baby was born, they named their son John. This man would one day grow and live in the wilderness speaking of Jesus, the promised one!

### **Jesus is the Promised One!**

#### **Song: O Come All Ye Faithful**

O come, all ye faithful  
Joyful and triumphant  
O come ye, o come ye to Bethlehem  
Come and behold Him  
Born the King of Angels!  
O come, let us adore Him  
O come, let us adore Him  
O come, let us adore Him  
Christ the Lord  
O come, all ye faithful  
O come, all ye faithful  
O come, all ye faithful to Bethlehem

#### **Prayer:**

Dear Jesus, You are the promised one! Thank you that your promises are trustworthy! Help us always to turn to your promises for hope in times of need! Amen!



## Day Twenty: River

Old Testament: Malachi 3:1 and 4:5

New Testament: Mark 1:1-8, John 1:19-23

Wouldn't it be cool if we could predict the future the way the prophets once did? Today, we hear from TWO of our prophets about this baby John we learned about yesterday. You may recognize him as John the Baptist! In today's reading, he is all grown up and he is telling of the one to come and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. The one to come was Jesus. He is our new beginning.

## Jesus is a New Beginning!

### Song: O Come, O Come Emmanuel

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear  
Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel, shall come to thee, O Israel  
Oh, come, Desire of nations, bind  
In one the hearts of all mankind;  
Oh, bid our sad divisions cease,  
And be yourself our King of Peace.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to you, O Israel!  
Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel, shall come to thee, O Israel  
Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel, shall come to thee, O Israel

## Prayer

Dear Jesus, You are forgiveness! Thank you that when we repent of our sins and put our faith in you that you are faithful and just to forgive us of our sins! Amen!



## **Day Twenty-One: Virgin Mary**

Old Testament: Isaiah 7:14

New Testament: Luke 1:26-38, Galatians 4:4-7

Can you imagine being an heir of a kingdom? Isaiah the prophet tells us of the virgin who would one day bear a son and call his name Immanuel--God with us. Over 700 years later, an angel appeared to Mary, a virgin who was soon to marry Joseph. This angel told Mary how she would conceive a son and call his name Jesus and he would be the Son of the Most High. We are like sons and daughters of the Most High which means we are heirs of God and his kingdom!

### **Jesus is Son of the Most High!**

#### **Song: Silent Night**

Silent night! Holy night!

All is calm, all is bright

Round yon virgin mother and Child.

Holy infant, so tender and mild,

Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night! Holy night!

Shepherds quake at the sight!

Glories stream from heav'n afar,

Heavenly hosts sing: Alleluia,

Christ, the Saviour, is born!

#### **Prayer:**

Dear Jesus, You are the Son of The Most High! Thank you that you have adopted us as your sons & daughters into your family! Amen!



## Day Twenty-Two: Carpenter

Old Testament: Jeremiah 33:14-15

New Testament: Matthew 1:1, 16-25, Ephesians 2:10

Isaiah the prophet said, "God will cause a righteous branch to spring up for David. It is through his family that God shall execute justice and righteousness in the land." Joseph, Mary's husband, was in this family. Joseph was a carpenter, but Jesus is our Master Craftsman and he created us in Christ for good works.

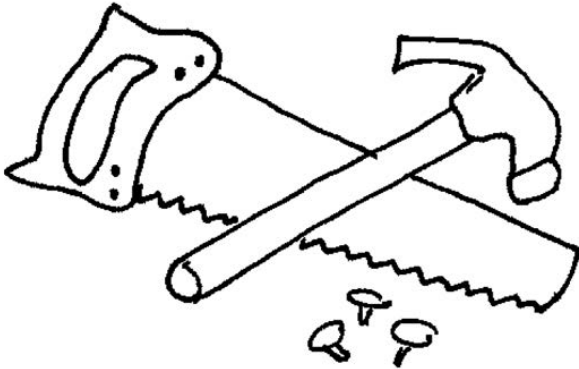
### Jesus is our Master Craftsman!

#### Song: While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks

While shepherds watched their flocks by night,  
All seated on the ground,  
The angel of the Lord came down,  
And glory shone around.  
"Fear not," said he—for mighty dread  
Had seized their troubled mind—  
"Glad tidings of great joy I bring  
To you and all mankind.  
"To you in David's town this day,  
Is born of David's line,  
The Savior, who is Christ, the Lord,  
And this shall be the sign.

#### Prayer:

Dear Jesus, You are our Master Craftsman! Thank you for creating us with a special purpose that you designed. Amen!





## **Day Twenty-Three: Angel**

Old Testament: Micah 5:2

New Testament: Luke 2:1-20 and Matthew 2:1-6

Do you like to hear good news? Isaiah speaks of the ruler of Israel that is to come, he will come from the town of Bethlehem. This ruler is the "Good News". The birth of Jesus is here, the good news is here! The angels rejoiced along with the shepherds glorifying and praising God for this "Good News".

### **Jesus is the Good News!**

#### **Song: Hark The Herald Angels Sing**

Hark! the herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn King;  
Peace on earth, and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled!"  
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,  
Join the triumph of the skies;  
With th'angelic host proclaim,  
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"  
Hark! the herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn King."

#### **Prayer:**

Dear Jesus, You are the Good News! Thank you for bearing the penalty of our sin on the cross so that we may be cleansed! Help us to repent and follow you! Amen!



## **Twenty-Four: Baby Jesus**

Old Testament: Isaiah 7:14

New Testament: Matthew 1:21-23, Luke 2:25-33 and John 3:17

Did you know that Immanuel means God with us? The prophet Isaiah tells us that the Lord will give us a sign that a virgin will conceive and give birth to a son and his name will be Immanuel, God with us. Jesus is Immanuel, God with us! It is through Jesus that God has saved the world! Hallelujah!

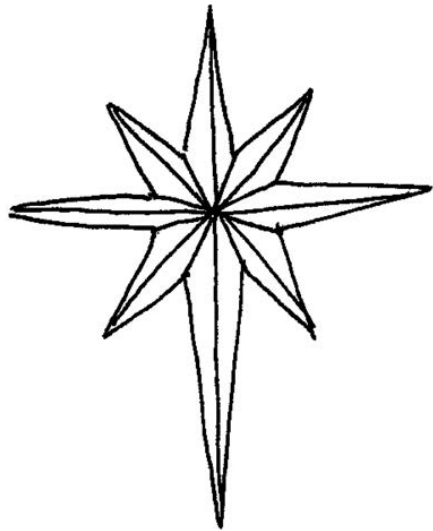
## **Jesus is Immanuel-God with Us!**

### **Song: Joy To The World**

Joy to the world! the Lord is come:  
Let earth receive her King;  
Let every heart prepare him room,  
And heaven and nature sing.  
Joy to the earth! the Savior reigns:  
Let men their songs employ;  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy.  
No more let sins and sorrows grow,  
Nor thorns infest the ground;  
He comes to make his blessings flow  
Far as the curse is found.

### **Prayer:**

Dear Jesus, You are Immanuel, God with us! Thank you for the Holy Spirit to help guide us each and every day! Lead us in the path of righteousness! Amen!



## **Day Twenty-Five: Star**

Old Testament: Isaiah 601-:3

New Testament: Matthew 2:1-2, 9-11

Do you know what it means to worship God? To worship God is to give him honor and glory. When we think of God's glory, often we think of a bright light just like the prophet Isaiah mentions. Jesus is that promised light of the world. The wise men, looking for the baby, who was born King of the Jews, saw his star when it rose and followed it rejoicing. When they found the baby with his mother, Mary, they bowed down and worshipped him.

## **Jesus is Worthy of Worship!**

### **Song: We Three Kings**

We three kings of Orient are  
Bearing gifts we traverse afar.  
Field and fountain, moor and mountain,  
Following yonder star.  
O star of wonder, star of night,  
Star with royal beauty bright,  
Westward leading, still proceeding,  
Guide us to thy perfect Light.  
Born a king on Bethlehem's plain,  
Gold I bring to crown Him again,  
King forever, ceasing never  
Over us all to reign.

### **Prayer:**

Dear Jesus, You are worthy of worship! May we always bow down in worship of you and glorify you in all that we do! Amen!

