



The Jesse Tree

A beautiful Advent Tradition.

The Jesse Tree is a resource for Advent and Christmas (from 1st - 25th December).

The Early Church adopted the idea of Jesse Trees to help people link decorating Christmas trees with the events and prophecies leading to Jesus' birth.

A Jesse Tree depicts the relationship of Jesus with Jesse and other biblical figures who were the ancestors of Jesus. Jesse was the father of King David and is looked upon as the first person in the genealogy of Jesus. A Jesse Tree is an artistic and biblical family tree.

What can we do?

Follow the Scripture

Each day read the Bible quotation and reflect on the Jesse Tree bauble image. Journey with Jesse throughout Advent from the 1st to 25th December and prepare for the birth of Christ.

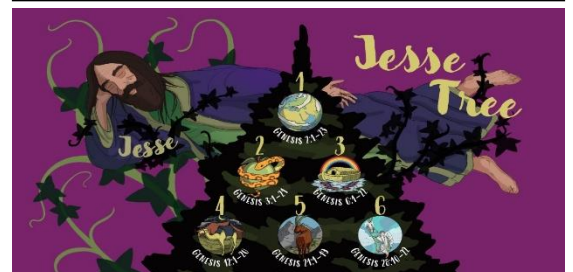


Who was Jesse?

According to the Bible, Jesse was the son of Obed and the grandson of Ruth and Boaz. He lived in Bethlehem in Judah, and was of the Tribe of Judah; he was a farmer, breeder and owner of sheep. Jesse is important in Judaism because he was the father of the most famous King of Israel, David. He is important in Christianity because he is in the Old Testament and is mentioned in the genealogy of Jesus in both Matthew and Luke's Gospels.

Why is Jesse floating above the Tree?

The visual representations of the Jesse Tree interpret the biblical prophecy from Isaiah 11:1 which states, "A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a branch will bear fruit". In artwork, Jesse is often shown asleep at the bottom of the picture with a tree growing out of him, representing his lineage and the history of the people leading to the birth of Jesus. Or as in our picture, we see him floating at the top of the picture as though he is asleep and dreaming of all his descendants until the birth of Christ.



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