



## JESSE TREE SCRIPTURES

**These symbols are only suggestions. If your students are able, they may be creative with their designs, but the designs should be grounded in scripture.**

**December 1** *Creation*: Gen. 1:1-31; 2:1-4 *Symbols*: sun, moon, stars, animals, earth

**December 2** *Adam and Eve*: Gen. 2:7-9, 18-24 *Symbols*: tree, man, woman

**December 3** *Fall of Man*: Gen. 3:1-7 and 23-24 *Symbols*: tree, serpent, apple with bite

**December 4** *Noah*: Gen. 6:5-8, 13-22; 7:17, 23, 24; 8:1, 6-22 *Symbols*: ark, animals, dove, rainbow

**December 5** *Abraham*: Gen. 12:1-3 *Symbols*: torch, sword, mountain

**December 6** *Isaac*: Gen. 22:1-14 *Symbols*: bundle of wood, altar, ram in bush

**December 7** *Jacob*: Gen. 25:1-34; 28:10-15 *Symbols*: kettle, ladder

**December 8** *Joseph*: Gen. 37:23-28; 45:3-15 *Symbols*: bucket, well, silver coins, tunic

**December 9** *Moses*: Ex. 2:1-10 *Symbols*: baby in basket, river and rushes

**December 10** *Samuel*: 1 Sam. 3:1-18 *Symbols*: lamp, temple

**December 11** *Jesse*: 1 Sam. 16:1-13 *Symbols*: crimson robe, shepherd's staff

**December 12** *David*: 1 Sam. 17:12-51 *Symbols*: slingshot, 6-pointed star

**December 13** *Solomon*: 1 Kings 3:5-14, 16-28 *Symbols*: scales of justice, temple, two babies and sword

**December 14** *Joseph*: Matt. 1:18-25 *Symbols*: hammer, saw, chisel, angle

**December 15** *Mary*: Matt. 1:18-25; Luke 1:26-38 *Symbols*: lily, crown of stars, pierced heart

**December 16** *John the Baptist*: Mark 1:1-8 *Symbols*: shell with water, river

On December 17, the Church begins to intensify the preparation for Christmas with the use of the "O" Antiphons during the Liturgy of the Hours. The symbols for the Jesse Tree from December 17 to 23 are based on the "O" Antiphons.

**December 17** *Jesus is Wisdom*: Sirach 24:2; Wisdom 8:1 *Symbols*: oil lamp, open book

**December 18** *Jesus is Lord*: Ex. 3:2; 20:1 *Symbols*: burning bush, stone tablets

**December 19** *Jesus is Flower of Jesse*: Isaiah 11:1-3 *Symbols*: flower, plant with flower

**December 20** *Jesus is Key of David*: Isaiah 22:22 *Symbols*: key, broken chains

**December 21** *Jesus is the Radiant Dawn*: Psalm 19:6-7 (in older Bibles this will be Psalm 18) *Symbols*: sun rising or high in sky

**December 22** *Jesus is King of the Gentiles*: Psalm 2:7-8; Ephesians 2:14-20 *Symbols*: crown, scepter

**December 23** *Jesus is Emmanuel*: Isaiah 7:14; 33:22 *Symbols*: tablets of stone, chalice and host

**December 24** *Jesus is Light of the World*: John 1:1-14 *Symbols*: candle, flame, sun

