

Jesus' Family Tree

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.

--Isaiah 11:1-2

Growing in God's Story: The Genealogy of Jesus & Family Trees

watch on YouTube: <https://youtu.be/TyLIIdVPOCzI>

Watch "The Story of Christmas" by Saddleback Kids

<https://youtu.be/v3656G6tWuI>

Watch "Matthew's Begats" by Andrew Peterson

<https://youtu.be/vKo1wv2LXkQ>



Sometimes during the Advent season, we use a Jesse Tree to pray and learn about Jesus' family tree to get ready for Christmas. Jesus' story is our story, too!

The Jesse Tree represents the family tree, or genealogy, of Jesus Christ. It tells the story of God's salvation plan, beginning with creation and continuing through the Old Testament, to the coming of the Messiah. ... The "shoot" that grew from the "stem of Jesse," that is, the royal line of David, is Jesus.

There are 25 ornaments, each with a symbol of a person or event from the Old Testament. Every evening in December, you hang an ornament on the tree that symbolizes that biblical event and do a small reading or prayer about that Bible story.

This might be a fun project that you can do with your grandparents or grandparent-like figure. Summer is a great time to make the ornaments so they are all ready for Advent. (Ideas here: <http://images.rca.org/docs/discipleship/jessepatterns.pdf>)

Read Matthew 1:1-11

(many of these names are tough to pronounce, take turns trying to say them; have fun with it!)

This is the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah the son of David, the son of Abraham:

Abraham was the father of **Isaac**,
Isaac the father of **Jacob**,
Jacob the father of **Judah** and his brothers,
Judah the father of **Perez** and **Zerah**,
whose mother was Tamar,
Perez the father of **Hezron**,
Hezron the father of **Ram**,
Ram the father of **Amminadab**,
Amminadab the father of **Nahshon**,
Nahshon the father of **Salmon**,
Salmon the father of **Boaz**,
whose mother was Rahab,
Boaz the father of **Obed**,
whose mother was Ruth,
Obed the father of **Jesse**,
and Jesse the father of **King David**.

David was the father of **Solomon**,
whose mother had been Uriah's wife,
Solomon the father of **Rehoboam**,
Rehoboam the father of **Abijah**,
Abijah the father of **Asa**,
Asa the father of **Jehoshaphat**,
Jehoshaphat the father of **Jehoram**,
Jehoram the father of **Uzziah**,
Uzziah the father of **Jotham**,
Jotham the father of **Ahaz**,
Ahaz the father of **Hezekiah**,
Hezekiah the father of **Manasseh**,
Manasseh the father of **Amon**,
Amon the father of **Josiah**,
and Josiah the father of **Jeconiah** and his
brothers at the time of the exile to Babylon.

After the exile to Babylon:
Jeconiah was the father of **Shealtiel**,
Shealtiel the father of **Zerubbabel**,
Zerubbabel the father of **Abihud**,
Abihud the father of **Eliakim**,
Eliakim the father of **Azor**,
Azor the father of **Zadok**,
Zadok the father of **Akim**,
Akim the father of **Elihud**,
Elihud the father of **Eleazar**,
Eleazar the father of **Matthan**,
Matthan the father of **Jacob**,
and Jacob the father of **Joseph**, the
husband of Mary, and **Mary** was the
mother of **Jesus** who is called the Messiah.

Thus there were fourteen generations in
all from Abraham to David,
fourteen from David to the exile to
Babylon,
and fourteen from the exile to the
Messiah.



'I WONDER?'

I wonder if Jesus was able to name all the people who are in his family tree?

I wonder if Jesus had a chance to spend time with his grandfather Jacob and his grandmother Rachel?

I wonder if his grandfather Joachim was a carpenter?

I wonder if his grandmother Anna taught Jesus any prayers?

I wonder what you think Jesus might have liked doing with his grandparents?

I wonder if you have ever made a family tree?

I wonder if you have any special names for your grandparents?

I wonder if there are older people in your life that are like grandparents to you?

I wonder what you would like to ask your grandparents or someone who is like a grandparent about their family tree?

I wonder if you have any great great grandparents?

I wonder if you know who is in your family tree?

I wonder if we are part of Jesus' family tree?

Read along with the book:
Me & My Family Tree by Joan Sweeney
<https://youtu.be/O-sls-CzzlQ>

St. Joachim

Pronounced yo-come

St. Joachim is the father of the Virgin Mary, the mother of Jesus. St. Joachim was married to St. Anne. When both of them were getting older, they had no children so they prayed every day to ask God to send them a child. The story is told that an angel appeared to St. Joachim in a vision one day when he was away from home. The angel promised that the holy couple's prayers would be answered. When St. Joachim returned home, his wife told him that an angel had also appeared to her to tell her the same good news. And God blessed them with their daughter, Mary, who became the Mother of Jesus!

St. Joachim is the patron saint of fathers, grandfathers, grandparents, and married couples. He is often pictured in art as an older man with St. Anne and the Virgin Mary at his side. His name in Hebrew means "God Prepares"



Make a Family Tree

Maybe your grandparents or parents can help you fill in a family tree and tell you about people in your family who lived a long, long time ago.

Have some fun doing a family tree.

I wonder if you will have as many people as Jesus did!