

A Jesse Tree Advent Project

Under this section of Advent resources are two different suggested projects for making ornaments for your family's Jesse Tree.

One project, entitled, "Jesse Tree Project People Ornaments," contains graphics which symbolize people in Jesus' genealogy, or persons who were important in Jewish history, and who helped to bring about the coming of the Messiah. A scripture reference tells something of each person and their part in Preparing the Way for the Messiah.

The graphics of the other project is entitled, "Jesse Tree Project Symbol Ornaments." The Symbols represent a person, place, action, or, an object which has a significant part in preparing the Way for the Messiah.

There is a chart of scripture references for each set of ornaments.

There is also a face sheet, which explains what a Jesse Tree is and how to use it in your daily devotions. It also gives suggested instructions on making your ornaments. Our own experience suggests that simple coloring works best for younger children. Of course, every parent knows at what level or degree of artistic expression their individual child/ren is ready to work and you may wish to incorporate other artistic expressions, such as glue, sequins, fabric, etc. Simple 110 lb. cardstock works great for printing out the ornaments.

The ornaments can then be glued onto various colors of construction paper, a bit larger than the ornaments, or left on only the cardstock. A hole is punched in the top of each ornament and ribbon run the hole and tied off for hanging on the tree.

It is our hope that you and your family will enjoy this Jesse Tree Advent Project, and that it will assist you in deepening your faith as we all "Prepare the Way of the Lord," and eagerly await the Coming of the Messiah on Christmas Day.

Happy New Year in Jesus!