

# The Jesse Tree

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A family tree of  
our religious  
ancestors



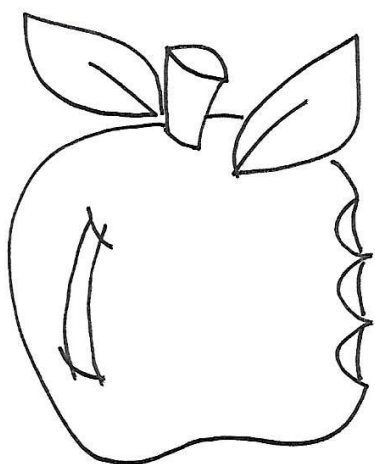
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An Advent Book.  
Waiting for JESUS

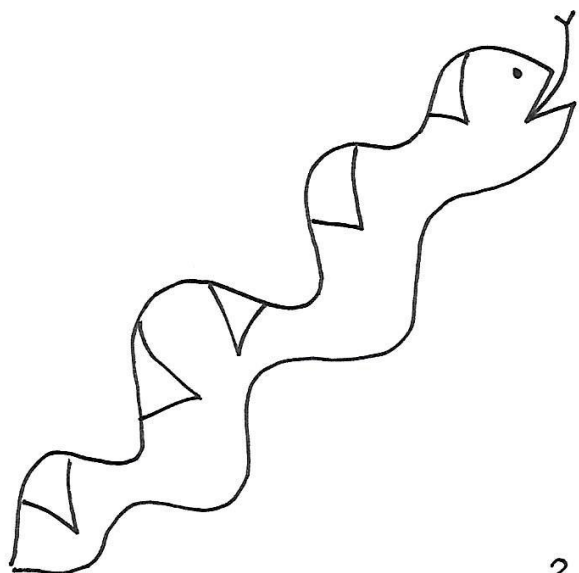
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A  
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from  
Jesse  
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Jesus

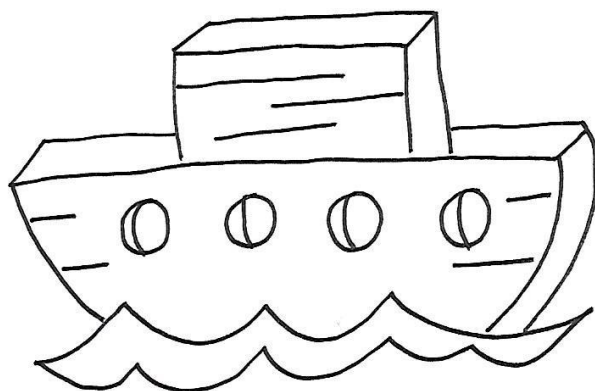
1. Adam and Eve
2. snake
3. Noah
4. Abraham
5. Isaac
6. Jacob
7. Joseph
8. Moses
9. Aaron
10. Joshua
11. Ruth
12. Jesse
13. David
14. Solomon
15. Jonah
16. Elizabeth + Zachary
17. John
18. Joachim
19. Ann
20. angel
21. star
22. Joseph
23. Mary
24. Jesus



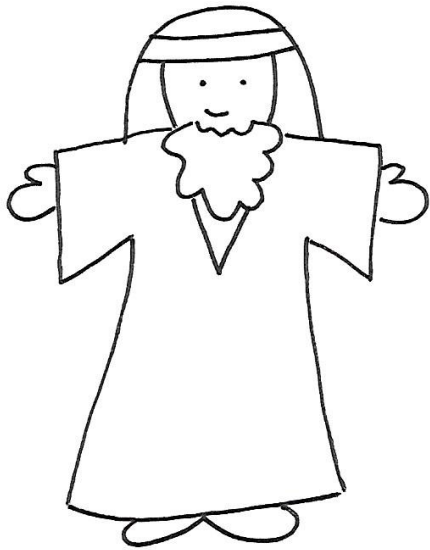
Adam and Eve lived in a garden with one rule. God told them not to touch the apple tree. After Adam and Eve ate a forbidden apple, God said they would have to wait for Jesus. So they waited and waited...



The snake told Adam and Eve to disobey God and eat the apple. He didn't want them to see God. The snake was very bad...

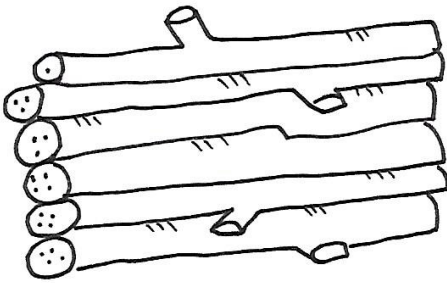


Noah's ark was a big boat that kept our family going during the flood. Noah saved a pair of all the animals. His family was safe on the boat while it rained and rained...



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Long after the big flood a good man named Abraham was chosen to lead his people. God called him "Father of the Chosen People" because He loved him very much...



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Abraham's son was Isaac. When he grew up, God tested Abraham to see if he would sacrifice Isaac. Isaac prepared his own altar with sticks. But God stopped the sacrifice just in time...

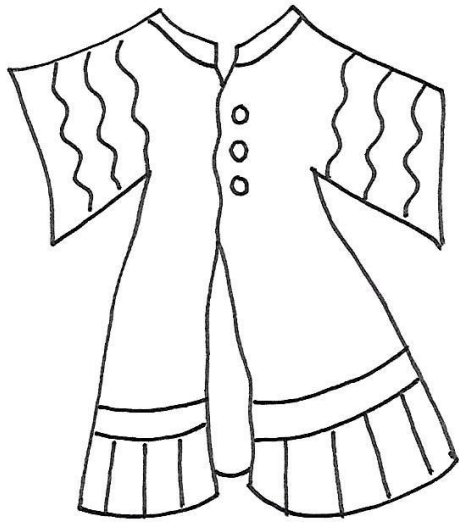


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Isaac's son was Jacob. When he grew up, he had a dream of angels going to heaven singing on a golden stairway. Jacob lead his people. He told them about the dream of "Jacob's Ladder"...

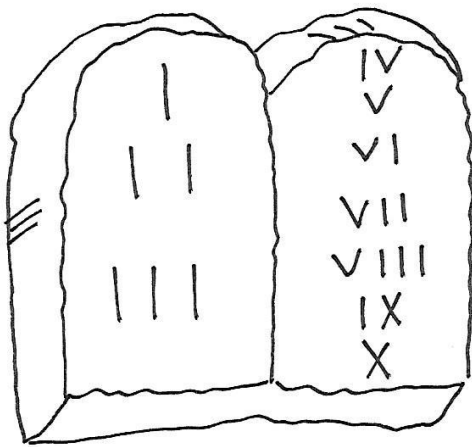
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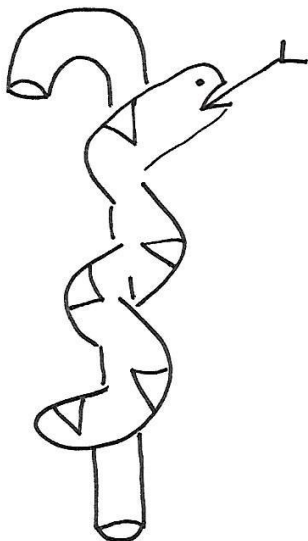
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Jacob had many sons and his favorite was Joseph. Joseph's brothers were jealous of him, sold him to Egyptians as a slave and took his beautiful coat. But Joseph survived and became a great leader...



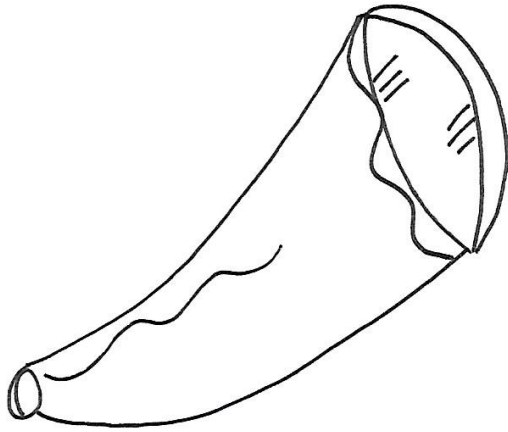
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One day the Egyptian King's daughter found baby Moses hidden in a marsh. The Princess took him and raised him. When Moses grew up, he helped his own people escape from Egypt. Moses gave them the 10 Commandments from God...



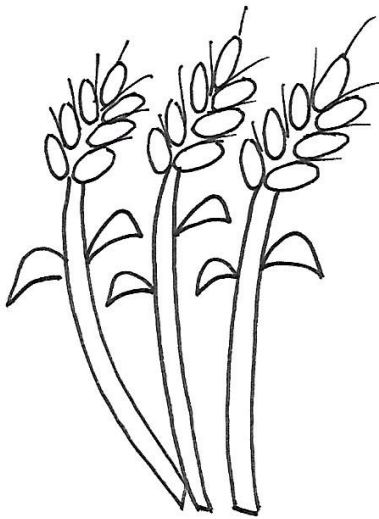
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Aaron was the leader after Moses died. He showed God's power by turning a walking cane into a snake as a sign from God that these Israelites were His people...



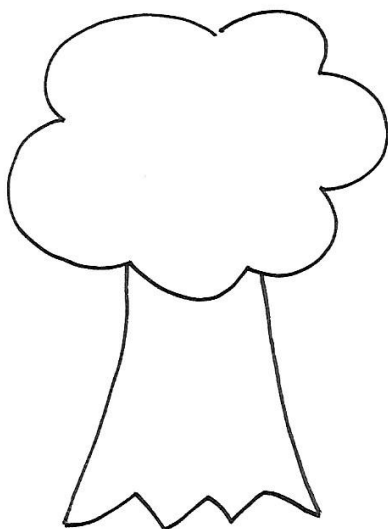
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When Joshua became the leader, he was a great warrior. He led The Chosen People to victories. One day Joshua said to blow the horns real loud. Soon the walls of Jericho came tumbling down...



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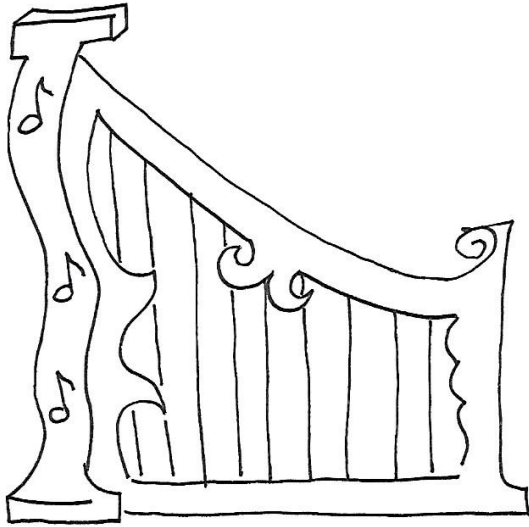
Many years after Joshua, Ruth led the Chosen People back to Bethlehem. She was kind and helped Boez. He saw her gathering grain in the field, was impressed by her goodness and married her. Ruth's grandson was Jesse...



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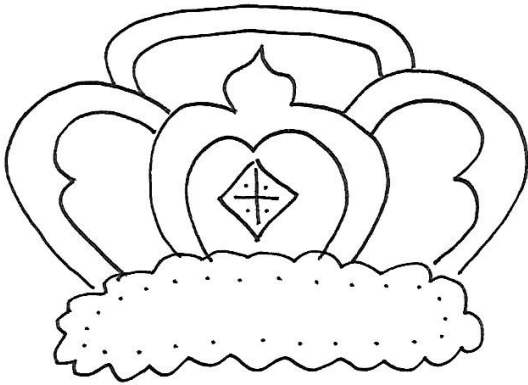
When Jesse grew up, the people made him the ruler of the many groups known as the Chosen People. Jesse's son, David, started the "house and family of David" written in the Christmas story...

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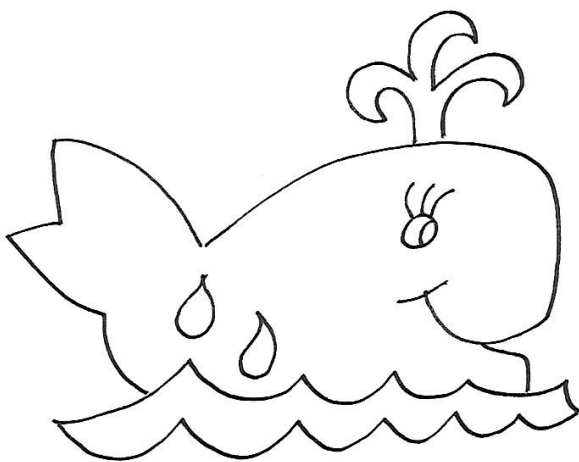
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David was a special leader. He sang well and played his harp. He even wrote songs about God called psalms. We still read and sing them...



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David's son, Solomon, was a wise ruler. When he was crowned king, he asked God for the gift of wisdom to rule the Chosen People...



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Years later Jonah told the people a strange story about being swallowed by a huge fish. The story was God's sign for Jonah to lead the Chosen People...

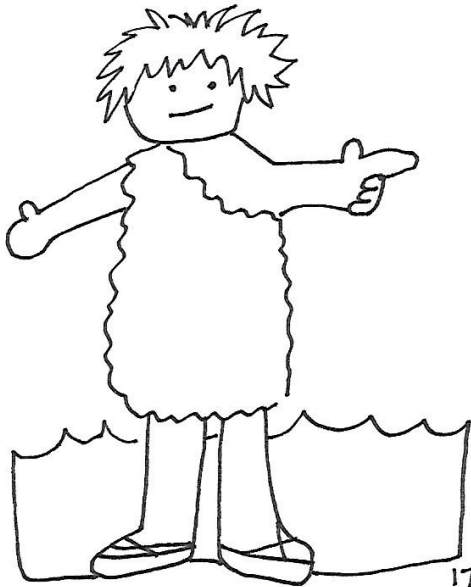
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Elizabeth was a cousin of Mary, Jesus' mother. Elizabeth and her husband Zachary were too old to have a baby. When Elizabeth told Zachary she was expecting, he didn't believe it and stopped talking...



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John prepared the people for the coming of Jesus. He baptized and preached and lived in the desert. He was called "the voice crying in the wilderness: Make way for Our Lord!"

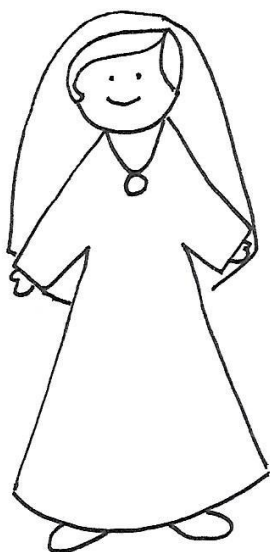


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Jesus had a grandpa just like you. He was the father of Mary and his name was Joachim...

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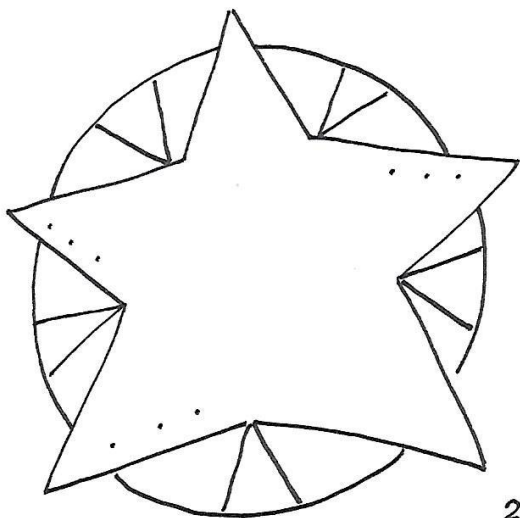
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Jesus also had a  
grandma, just like you.  
She was Mary's mother  
and her name was  
Ann...



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The Christmas angel  
told all the shepherds  
the good news that  
Jesus Our Savior was  
born...



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The star showed the  
Wise Men from the  
East how to get to  
Bethlehem to see the  
newborn King...

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Joseph was Mary's husband and took care of her and Jesus. He belonged to the "house and family of David"...



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Mary is the mother of Jesus. We all love her very much, just like Jesus did. Now every thing is ready for Jesus to come...

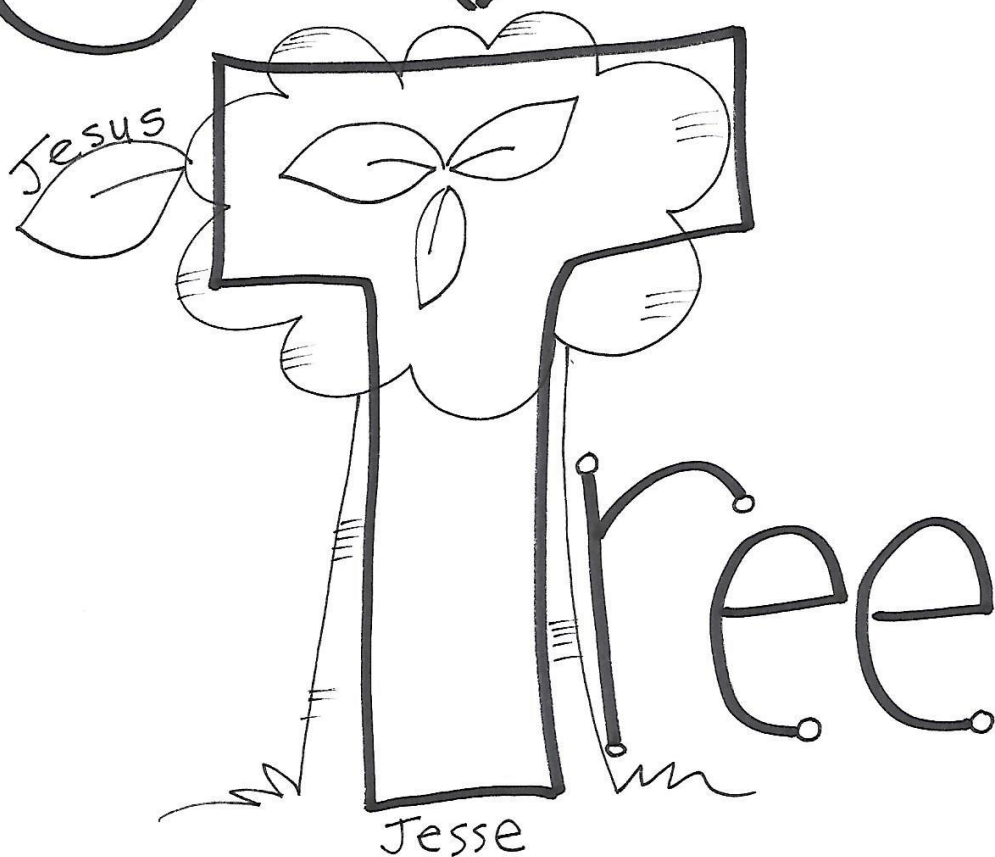


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Jesus is here! It is Christmas, the birthday of the One all these religious ancestors have been preparing for.

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The  
JESSE



Our Religious Ancestors

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