



Jesus' Family Tree
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Jesus had parents and grand-parents and great-grandparents—just as we do! His family began with Adam and Eve, and it continues through all generations to us today. By pointing out key people in the Bible, this sweet picture book tells the story

of Jesus' ancestors and of God's plan for our salvation. Learning about our Savior's family tree helps us see how God kept His promise to redeem us all and make us His children—a promise kept and sustained over thousands of years.

Away in the Manger – Piano Solo

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The Processional Hymn: Joy to the World

LSB 387

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King;
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!
Let men their songs employ,
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and
plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow
Far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found,
Far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness
And wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders, wonders of His love.

The Invocation

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Responsive Reading

P: The Jesse Tree, Christ's fam'ly tree,

C: **Points us the way to Jesus.**

P: From Eden down to Calvary,

C: **Our loving Savior frees us.**

P: The promise is for you and me

C: **And points the way to Jesus.**

The Christmas Meditation

The Message

P: There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from His roots shall bear fruit.

C: **And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon Him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.**

P: And His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what His eyes see, or decide disputes by what His ears hear, but with righteousness He shall judge the poor. . . .

C: **In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples—of Him shall the nations inquire, and His resting place shall be glorious.** *Isaiah 11:1–4, 10*

P: For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulder, and His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

C: **Of the increase of His government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over His kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.** *Isaiah 9:6–7*

Hymn: What Hope! An Eden Prophesied

LSB 342:1–2

1 What hope! An E - den proph - e - sied Where tame live with the wild;
2 A shoot will sprout from Jes - se's stem, A branch from Da - vid's line,
The lamb and li - on side by side, Led by a lit - tle child!
A Prince of Peace in Beth - le - hem: The fruit of God's de - sign.

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P: Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God actually say, ‘You shall not eat of any tree in the garden?’” And the woman said to the serpent,

Women: **“We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.’”**

P: But the serpent said to the woman,

Men: **“You will not surely die. For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”**

C: **So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. . . .**

P: The LORD God said to the serpent,

C: **“Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel.”** *Genesis 3:1–6, 14–15*

Recitation:

1. Now Eve and Adam were the first,
And through their sin, the world was cursed.

2. But by God's love, these two were blessed,
And through their fruit, we, too, find rest.

Song: O Jesse Tree

Sunday School Students

O Jesse Tree—Christ's fam'ly tree—point us the way to Jesus.

God's promise shows His love for all, and with His Son, He frees us!

When Eve and Adam took that bite, God promised to make all things right.

O Jesse Tree—Christ's fam'ly tree—point us the way to Jesus.

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P: Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him,

Women: "Behold, I establish My covenant with you and your offspring after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the livestock, and every beast of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark; it is for every beast of the earth.

Men: I establish My covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth."

P: And God said,

C: "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between Me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set My bow in the cloud, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between Me and the earth. *Genesis 9:8–13*

Recitation:

1. The world was sinful, mean, and bad.
The people made God very sad.

2. The waters made the world anew—
Like Noah's fam'ly, me, and you!

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God's promise shows His love for all, and with His Son, He frees us!

God cleansed the world from evil sin;

Another promise would begin.

O Jesse Tree—Christ's fam'ly tree—point us the way to Jesus.

Hymn: What Hope! An Eden Prophesied

LSB 342:3–4



3 As ban - ner of God's love un-furled, Christ came to suf - fer loss,
4 Come, Je - sus, come, Mes - si - ah Lord, Lost Par - a - dise re - store;



That by His death a dy - ing world Would ral - ly to the cross.
Lead past the an - gel's flam - ing sword—Come, o - pen heav - en's door.

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Recitation: *Genesis 12:1–3*

1. To Abraham and Sarah now,
The Lord would give a special vow.

2. Their home would be the Promised Land
With children numbered as the sand.

Song: O Jesse Tree

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O Jesse Tree—Christ’s fam’ly tree—point us the way to Jesus.
 God’s promise shows His love for all, and with His Son, He frees us!
*God promised Abraham a son;
 His line would bring the Chosen One.*
 O Jesse Tree—Christ’s fam’ly tree—point us the way to Jesus.

Recitation: *Genesis 22:6–8*

1. **God’s promise of a son came true!**
This joy—through Isaac—Sarah knew.

2. **This boy—this gift—for Abraham**
Was saved by God, who sent a ram.

Song: O Jesse Tree

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O Jesse Tree—Christ’s fam’ly tree—point us the way to Jesus.
 God’s promise shows His love for all, and with His Son, He frees us!
*Through Abr’am’s line came sacrifice;
 But it was God who paid the price!*
 O Jesse Tree—Christ’s fam’ly tree—point us the way to Jesus.

Hymn: What Child Is This**LSB 370:1**

What child is this, who, laid to rest, On Mary’s lap is sleeping?
 Whom angels greet with anthems sweet While shepherds watch are keeping?
 This, this is Christ the king, Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
 Haste, haste to bring Him laud, The babe, the son of Mary!

Recitation: *Genesis 28:10–14*

1. **Now Jacob always liked to scheme!**
But far from home, he had a dream.

2. **Though Jacob had to hide and flee,**
He’d have a mighty fam’ly tree!

Song: O Jesse Tree

Sunday School Students

O Jesse Tree—Christ’s fam’ly tree—point us the way to Jesus.
 God’s promise shows His love for all, and with His Son, He frees us!
*When Jacob’s planning fell apart,
 God granted him a brand-new start.*
 O Jesse Tree—Christ’s fam’ly tree—point us the way to Jesus.

P: Ruth said,

Women: “Do not urge me to leave you or to return from following you. For where you go I will go, and where you lodge I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your God my God. *Ruth 1:15–16*

Recitation:

1. At first, Ruth didn’t know the Word.
 But through her marriage, she had heard

2. About the Lord, the one true God,
 And in His ways, through life, she trod.

Song: O Jesse Tree

Sunday School Students

O Jesse Tree—Christ's fam'ly tree—point us the way to Jesus.
 God's promise shows His love for all, and with His Son, He frees us!
God helped Ruth follow faithfully; She's now part of Christ's family!
 O Jesse Tree—Christ's fam'ly tree—point us the way to Jesus.

Hymn: O Little Town of Bethlehem**LSB 361:1–2**

O little town of Bethlehem,
 How still we see thee lie!
 Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
 The silent stars go by;
 Yet in thy dark streets shineth
 The everlasting light.
 The hopes and fears of all the years
 Are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary,
 And, gathered all above
 While mortals sleep, the angels keep
 Their watch of wond'ring love.
 O morning stars, together
 Proclaim the holy birth,
 And praises sing to God the king
 And peace to all the earth!

Recitation: 1 Samuel 16:1, 10–13

**1. This David, shepherd, lowly boy,
 Was blessed by God to sing with joy!**

**2. He ruled, he conquered—he still
 sinned—
 But God still loved him to the end.**

Song: O Jesse Tree

Sunday School Students

O Jesse Tree—Christ's fam'ly tree—point us the way to Jesus.
 God's promise shows His love for all, and with His Son, He frees us!
Though Jesse's son was frail and small, His offspring would be King of all!
 O Jesse Tree—Christ's fam'ly tree—point us the way to Jesus.

Recitation: 1 Kings 5:2–5

**1. King Solomon had wisdom, fame,
 A giant kingdom, wealth to claim.**

**2. So people traveled far to see
 The gifts God gave abundantly!**

Song: O Jesse Tree

Sunday School Students

O Jesse Tree—Christ's fam'ly tree—point us the way to Jesus.
 God's promise shows His love for all, and with His Son, He frees us!
The temple of King Solomon Prepared God's people for His Son.
 O Jesse Tree—Christ's fam'ly tree—point us the way to Jesus.

Hymn: Angels from the Realms of Glory**LSB 367:1, 4**

**1. Angels from the realms of glory,
 Wing your flight o'er all the earth;
 Ye who sang creation's story,
 Now proclaim Messiah's birth.**

**4. Saints before the altar bending,
 Watching long in hope and fear,
 Suddenly the Lord, descending,
 In His temple shall appear. *Refrain***

Refrain:

Come and worship, come and worship;
 Worship Christ, the newborn King.

Recitation: *Luke 1:11–16*

1. **Messenger to Zechariah:**
Time was near for the Messiah.

2. **His son, John, would spread the story**
Of God’s coming grace and glory!

Song: O Jesse Tree

Sunday School Students

O Jesse Tree—Christ’s fam’ly tree—point us the way to Jesus.
God’s promise shows His love for all, and with His Son, He frees us!
*Though dear Elizabeth was old,
Her boy—a prophet—was foretold.*
O Jesse Tree—Christ’s fam’ly tree—point us the way to Jesus.

Recitation: *Matthew 3:1–6*

1. **John the Baptist by the river**
Told of Jesus, true life-giver.

2. **What a story! What a blessing!**
What a joy to be confessing!

Song: O Jesse Tree

Sunday School Students

O Jesse Tree—Christ’s fam’ly tree—point us the way to Jesus.
God’s promise shows His love for all, and with His Son, He frees us!
*And God gave John the pow’r to say:
“The Lord is near; prepare the way!”*
O Jesse Tree—Christ’s fam’ly tree—point us the way to Jesus.

Hymn: Little Baby Jesus - Sunday School Students

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Recitation: *Luke 1:26–33*

1. **Young maiden Mary, mild and meek,**
Would bear the child that prophets seek.

4. **For he would raise the Chosen One—**
Our Savior, Lord, God’s only Son!

2. **God’s loving favor came to rest**
On Mary so that all are blessed.

5. **Since Adam, Eve, and through the**
years—
Through sin and triumph, joy and
tears—

3. **Now Joseph, righteous, kind, and just,**
Would look to God with awe and trust.

6. **God kept His Word, His family;**
The Christ has come for you, for me!

Song: O Jesse Tree

Sunday School Students

O Jesse Tree—Christ's fam'ly tree—point us the way to Jesus.
God's promise shows His love for all, and with His Son, He frees us!

*The virgin Mary, servant blessed,
Would raise a Son unlike the rest.*

O Jesse Tree—Christ's fam'ly tree—point us the way to Jesus.

O Jesse Tree—Christ's fam'ly tree—point us the way to Jesus.
God's promise shows His love for all, and with His Son, He frees us!

*Joseph the carpenter was true;
He cared for Jesus—Mary too!*

O Jesse Tree—Christ's fam'ly tree—point us the way to Jesus.

O Jesse Tree—Christ's fam'ly tree—point us the way to Jesus.
God's promise shows His love for all, and with His Son, He frees us!

*The promise of the Jesse Tree:
Our Savior came for you and me!*

O Jesse Tree—Christ's fam'ly tree—point us the way to Jesus.

The First Noel

Erin Singh

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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364 Away in a Manger

Sunday School Students

1 A - way in a man - ger, no crib for a bed,
 2 The cat - tle are low - ing, the ba - by a - wakes,
 3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask Thee to stay

The lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down His sweet head.
 But lit - tle Lord Je - sus, no cry - ing He makes.
 Close by me for - ev - er and love me, I pray.

The stars in the sky — looked down where He lay,
 I love Thee, Lord Je - sus! Look down from the sky,
 Bless all the dear chil - dren in Thy ten - der care,

The lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.
 And stay by my cra - dle till morn - ing is nigh.
 And take us to heav - en to live with Thee there.

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Benediction

P: Our promised Savior is born, and we are made children of God! May the peace of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be with you today and every day.
 C: Amen.

Recessional Hymn: O Come, All Ye Faithful

LSB 379

O come, all ye faithful, Joyful and triumphant! O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem; Come and behold Him Born the king of angels:	Son of the Father Now in flesh appearing! <i>Refrain</i>
<i>Refrain:</i> O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!	Sing, choirs of angels, Sing in exultation, Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above! Glory to God In the highest: <i>Refrain</i>
Highest, most holy, Light of Light eternal, Born of a virgin, a mortal He comes;	Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, Born this happy morning; Jesus, to Thee be glory giv'n! Word of the Father Now in flesh appearing! <i>Refrain</i>

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