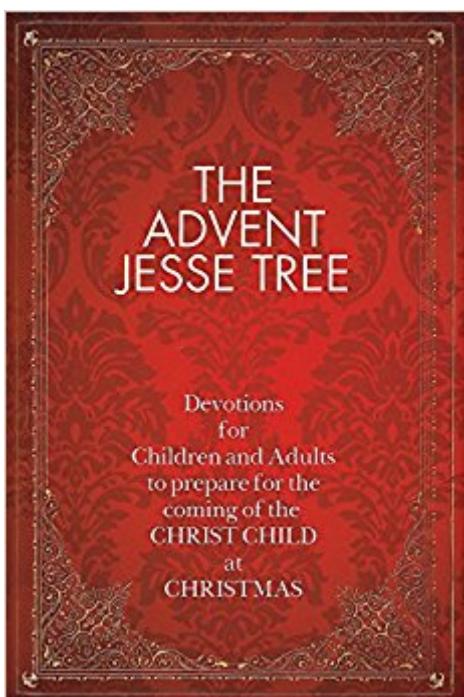


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# The Advent Jesse Tree: Devotions For Children And Adults To Prepare For The Coming Of The Christ Child At Christmas



## **Synopsis**

Bring Christ back to Christmas by giving your children a devotional experience that adorns your tree with Christian symbols. The Advent Jesse Tree offers 25 devotions for each day from December 1st to December 25th, Christmas Day... The day Christians celebrate that God's purpose was finally revealed in the coming of the savior, Jesus Christ. Each devotion traces the heritage of Jesus through the stories and prophecies of the Old Testament. This book enables individuals and families to engage in a more meaningful celebration of the Christmas season. These daily Advent devotions are written in two versions (one for children and one for adults) including a scripture, a story and commentary, questions to ask, a prayer, and a song. Each devotional story is paired with a representative symbol that traces the heritage of Jesus. Such as a lamb, a dove, a rainbow, a heart, a star, etc. Children and their parents can utilize the symbolic line art printed with each daily devotion to craft meaningful ornaments. These symbols coincide with the prayers, memory verses, questions for children, and songs found in the devotions for that day. Finally, on Christmas day, your tree will be filled with reminders of 25 Bible stories that led up to Christ's birth.

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## **Customer Reviews**

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Eddie Smith and has three daughters.

I bought this book last year after Christmas. I found it overwhelming to make or buy all the ornaments myself, so I created and hosted a Jesse Tree Ornament Exchange, which I HIGHLY recommend. 25 of us got together and each made 25 of the same ornament, one for each day of the Advent. Then we all got together and swapped, leaving each of us with a full set of gorgeous, hand-made ornaments. The stories in this book are perfect for Advent, going from Creation through the Birth of Jesus. For each day there is a kid story, and an adult story, with accompanying verses to read from your bible, a memory verse, questions for the kids about the story, and a prayer. It is very clear about the symbols for each day and what each ornament should be. This by far is my favorite Jesse Tree Advent book and my kids and whole family LOVED opening the ornaments each day to see what they were and then took turns hanging them on our advent tree (just a smaller tree we got like 24"). LOVE LOVE LOVE LOVE it and will do this every year with them. Great way to keep the focus on Christ during the Holiday season!!! I am attaching a photo of the ornaments we made to go along with the book...these match each days devotional.

This little book is the perfect way to start a Jesse Tree family tradition at Christmas time! It has devotionals for both children and adults, and goes through many important passages that point the way to our world's need for Christ. I bought a large roll of green felt and painted the outline of a Christmas tree. Then I printed out the images the book mentions & laminated them and put velcro on the backs of each. We had a really great time going through the tree each day and look forward to continuing our tradition in years to come!

I got this mid December so we were not able to read through the whole book but got through a good portion by doubling up and then jumping to the birth on Christmas. I love this book and my kids thoroughly enjoyed looking up the scripture and reading it to the family. My kids are 5, 9 and 12. I also found a Jesse Tree ornament set on Etsy which the kids loved finding the correct ornament and putting it on the tree. Highly recommend the book as you prepare your hearts for the true meaning of Christmas.

Been using this book for 2 years. I love the suggestions for praise songs. I just look up one on YouTube each morning and cast it to the TV while we eat breakfast. Then I have the kids (ages 6 and 8) look up the verses and we read the devotional. I like the review questions and how each

devotional points to Jesus. The prayers are wonderful too. We made our own ornaments for each day and it is greatly enriching our Advent season.

Just what I was looking for for a family advent tradition. We used it with our two year old and tailored it her attention span, but it will grow with us easily. I love the use of symbol and scripture; it makes the story of the Bible vivid for all of us. The questions are easy to engage with too. Highly recommended for a new family tradition!

This was our first year doing the Jesse tree, but this will be a lasting tradition for our family. The devotions were simply beautiful, not overly done, but practical, historical and focused on Christ. My kids enjoyed the children's section and my husband and I truly loved the adult section. Having three young kids, I greatly appreciated the two devotions. I made ornaments and my kids did corresponding crafts for fidgety hands. Update: 12/12/14 Last Christmas I held a Jesse Tree ornament exchange based on this book to share how much we loved it. This year we continue to look forward to this wonderful book and tradition. Of all the Christmas traditions, this is our favorite.

This devotional book is a wonderful aid for almost all age levels. The Faith Formation program in my parish has hung a large branch on a centrally located bulletin board where the Crismsons created by a local artist are hung. The students come out to see the ornaments and then go back to class to learn the stories about the ornaments and join in the prayers. Our adult RCIA candidates use the meditations and prayers for adults. This book helps all of us to observe a spiritual, joyful Advent in preparation for Christmas.

I love this book. We had a party to exchange homemade ornaments. Each day we hang one and read the devotional and prayer :) very good for remembering the reason for the season

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