

JESUS' FAMILY

Both the Gospels of Luke and Matthew give a lineage of Jesus, with some differences. According to Luke there are 75 generations between Adam and Jesus, so I shortened the list a bit. Find Jesse on this list. He is one of Jesus' ancestors.

God created Adam and Eve→

Seth→

Enosh→

many generations...→

Noah→

Shem→

many generations...→

Abraham→

Isaac→

Jacob→

Judah and Tamar→

many generations...→

Boaz and Ruth→

Obed→

Jesse→

David and Bathsheba→

Nathan (according to Luke) or

Solomon and Naamah (according to Matthew) →

many generations...→

Mary and Joseph→

JESUS

ORNAMENTS ON A JESSE TREE

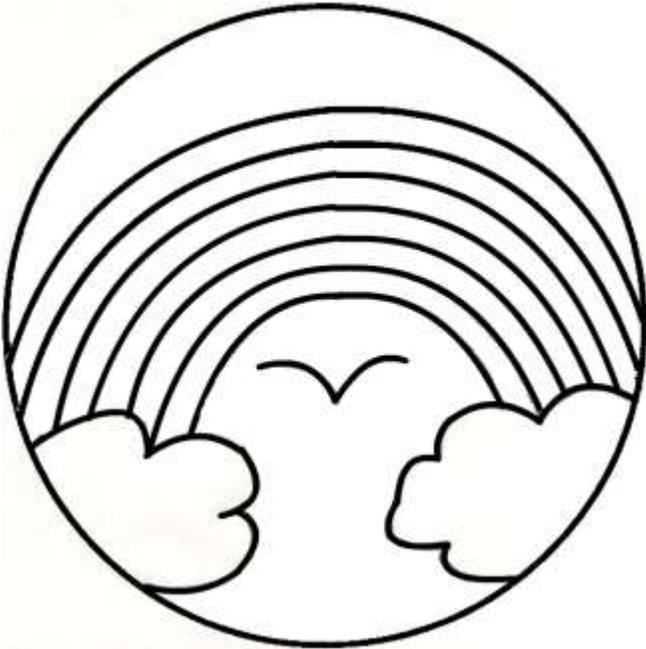
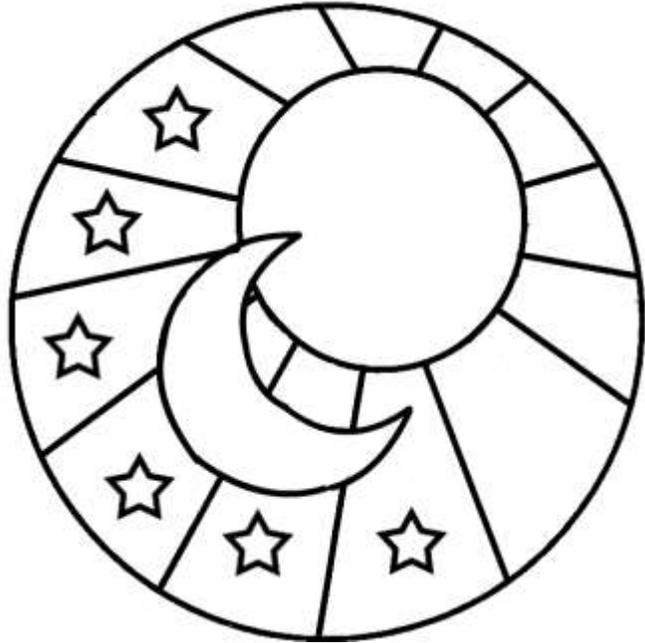
Each ornament represents a person or event in the Old Testament and together they tell the story of God's love in the world. Here are some traditional ornaments. Can you think of other people or stories from the Old Testament that you would include?

ORNAMENT	REPRESENTS
Globe	Creation: We know that God created all things.
Apple and Serpent	Adam and Eve: Sin divides us from God. But we know that God loves us still.
Ark	Noah was obedient to God—he built the Ark before it made any sense at all.
Dove	Noah: The dove that brought back the olive branch after the flood was over reminds us of God's love and care for us.

Rainbow	Noah: God put the rainbow in the sky to remind us that his promise to us will never be broken.
Field of Stars	Abraham: God promised Abraham that his family would be as numerous as the stars. Abraham's family includes all Jews, Muslims and Christians.
Lamb	Isaac: The lamb that God gave to Abraham to save Isaac reminds us of God's love for us all.
Ladder	Jacob dreamed of angels coming from and going to heaven.
Coat of Many Colors	Joseph saved the Hebrews from famine through his wisdom and devotion to God.
Burning Bush	Moses: God talked to Moses through the Burning Bush. We remember that God is always ready to talk with us.
Wheat	Naomi and Ruth gathered wheat in Boaz' field. Ruth and Boaz were great-grandparents of David.
Crown	Kings of Israel: King David and King Solomon were regular people who had successes and failures as kings. However, they tried to rule as God would want them to.
Harp	King David played the harp and wrote many of the Psalms.
Shepherd's Hook	King David was a shepherd before he was King.
Temple	King Solomon built the Temple in Jerusalem that was the home for the Ark of God.
Whale	Jonah spent three days in the belly of a fish. It reminds us of God's patience with us and Jonah's decision to follow God.
A Path	Isaiah prophesized that the people would return home. He wrote "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God."
Lion	Daniel was saved in the lion's den by God.
Carpenter's Tools	Joseph , the earthly father of Jesus, was a carpenter.
Rose	Mary: Isaiah wrote about "a rose blooming." We see the Rose as the Virgin Mary.
Camel	The Three Kings rode on camels to see Jesus. Their trip reminds us that we should be walking toward Jesus.
Star	Star of Bethlehem reminds us that all the hopes and dreams of the people are answered in Jesus and that Jesus is the Light of the World.

MAKE YOUR OWN JESSE TREE!

These are some ideas for more ornaments to get you started. You are limited only by your imagination! What other stories or people would you include? Why not make some ornaments that express your own family heritage and traditions.



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