

Jesse Tree

Come and make Jesus' family tree and learn some of the stories that are the roots of our faith.

Step 1

Choose a "tree" and a pot.

Step 2

Choose play-dough for base and plant your tree.

Step 3

Cover pot with burlap if you want.

Step 4

Pick up a Jesse Tree packet and look at the symbols in it. Read, or listen, to a story that appeals to you. Does this story make you think of a symbol? Will your symbol remind you of the story?

Step 5

Choose a "tree cookie" and draw your symbol on it. Practice on a piece of paper if you want. Tree cookies are precious.

Step 6

Repeat 4-5 if you want--today or Nov. 10 or 24th.

Finished?

When you are ready to move to your next workshop, decide if you want to take your story packet with you to read at home, or if you want to leave it at church.

Reflect!

Ephesians 3:17. "May your roots grow down deep into the soil of God's marvelous love." What does that mean? How can you encourage your roots? Be specific.

What are your favorite Jesse Tree stories? Why?

Which stories show God's love?

Is there a story you don't like? Why?

What do you know about your roots? What part do you play in God's plan?

Still curious?

Read Jesus' genealogy according to Matthew (Matt. 1:1-16) and Luke (3:23-38).

Do you know all these folks? Look up the ones you don't know.

What do Jesus' ancestors tell you about God?