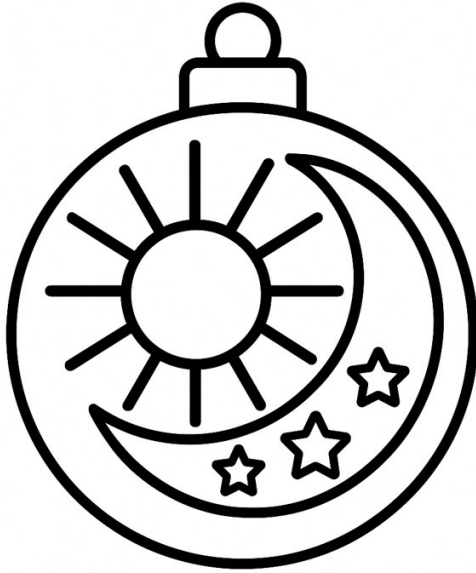


The Jesse Tree: 25 Ornaments & Readings

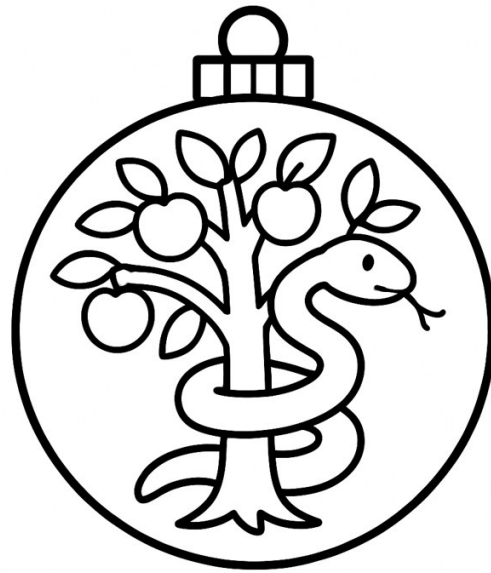
Hang one ornament a day from December 1 to 25 and read the passage it stands for — the whole story of the Bible, from Creation to the manger, an evening at a time. Color the ornaments, cut them out, and hang them on a small tree or a branch in a jar. Free to print and copy for your family, class, or church.

Day	Ornament	Reading	The story
Dec 1	Light of Creation	Genesis 1:1-5	God creates light and the world begins — the story that ends at Bethlehem starts here.
Dec 2	The Tree and the Fall	Genesis 3:1-15	Adam and Eve disobey, and God makes the first promise that a Rescuer will come.
Dec 3	Noah's Ark	Genesis 6:11-22; 9:8-17	God saves Noah's family and hangs a rainbow as a promise of mercy.
Dec 4	Abraham's Stars	Genesis 12:1-3; 15:1-6	God promises Abraham a family as countless as the stars — and that through it the whole world will be blessed.
Dec 5	The Ram for Isaac	Genesis 22:1-14	God provides a ram in Isaac's place — a picture of the substitute God will one day provide.
Dec 6	Jacob's Ladder	Genesis 28:10-17	Jacob dreams of a stairway between heaven and earth; Jesus will BE that bridge.
Dec 7	Joseph's Coat	Genesis 37:3-4; 50:15-21	Joseph is betrayed and sold, yet God uses it to save many — evil turned to rescue.
Dec 8	The Burning Bush	Exodus 3:1-10	God calls Moses from the burning bush to lead His people out of slavery.
Dec 9	The Passover Lamb	Exodus 12:1-13	The lamb's blood on the doorframe saves Israel — the sign John will echo: 'Behold, the Lamb of God.'
Dec 10	The Ten Commandments	Exodus 19:16-20:17	God gives His law at Sinai and makes Israel His covenant people.
Dec 11	The Trumpet at Jericho	Joshua 6:1-20	God brings the walls down — He wins battles His own way.
Dec 12	Ruth's Wheat	Ruth 1:15-18; 4:13-17	Ruth's loyalty is woven into the family line of David — and of Jesus.
Dec 13	Samuel's Lamp	1 Samuel 3:1-10	The boy Samuel hears God's voice in the night: 'Speak, for your servant is listening.'
Dec 14	The Stump of Jesse	Isaiah 11:1-5	The prophecy that names the tree: from Jesse's stump, a Branch will bear fruit.
Dec 15	David's Harp	1 Samuel 16:1-13	God chooses the shepherd-singer David — the king whose greater Son is coming.
Dec 16	Solomon's Temple	1 Kings 6:11-14; 8:27-30	Solomon builds God a house; one day God will come to dwell with us Himself.
Dec 17	Elijah's Altar	1 Kings 18:30-39	Fire falls on Carmel and the people cry: 'The LORD — he is God!'

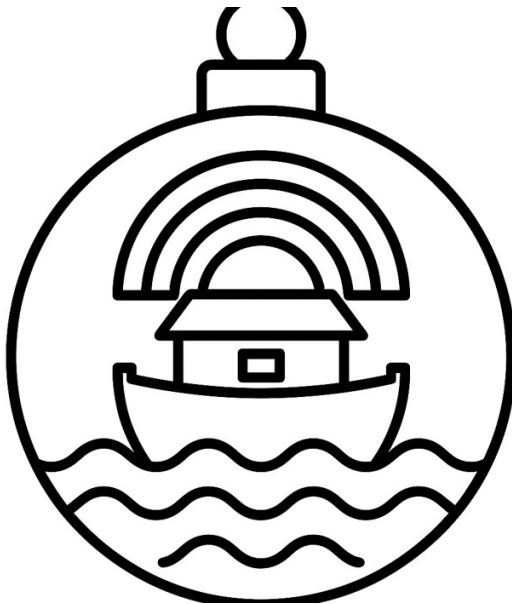
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Dec 18	Isaiah's Promise	Isaiah 9:2-7	'For to us a child is born' — seven hundred years early, the birth announcement is written.
Dec 19	The New Covenant	Jeremiah 31:31-34	God promises a new covenant — His law written on hearts, sins remembered no more.
Dec 20	Daniel and the Lion	Daniel 6:16-23	God shuts the lions' mouths — faithful trust in a foreign land.
Dec 21	Jonah's Great Fish	Jonah 1:15-2:10	Three days inside the fish, then out alive — the sign Jesus claimed for Himself.
Dec 22	The Voice in the Desert	Mark 1:1-8	John prepares the way: 'After me comes one more powerful than I.'
Dec 23	Mary's Lily	Luke 1:26-38	Mary says yes: 'I am the Lord's servant. May your word to me be fulfilled.'
Dec 24	The Star of Bethlehem	Micah 5:2; Matthew 2:1-2	The star rises over the little town the prophet named seven centuries before.
Dec 25	The Manger	Luke 2:1-20	The Branch from Jesse's stump arrives: Christ the Lord, asleep on the hay.



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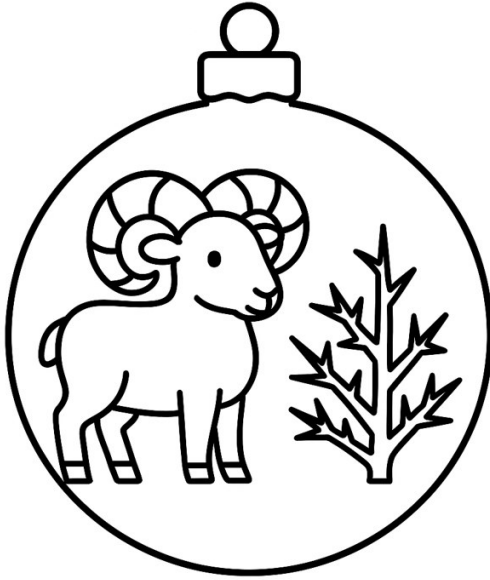
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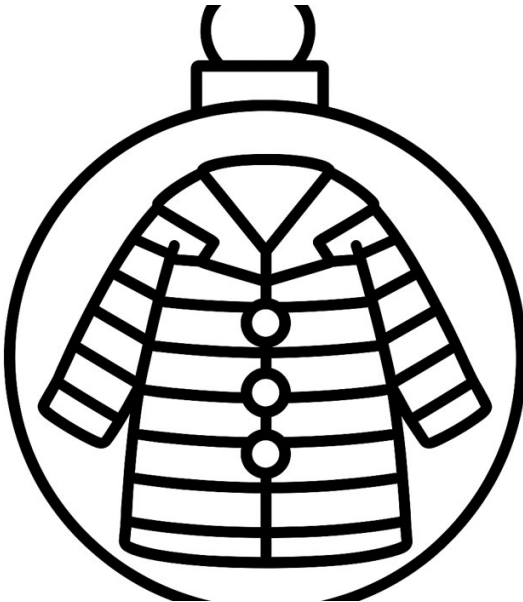
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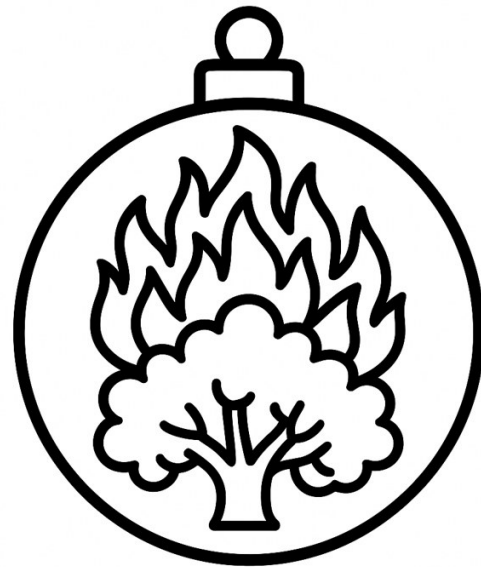
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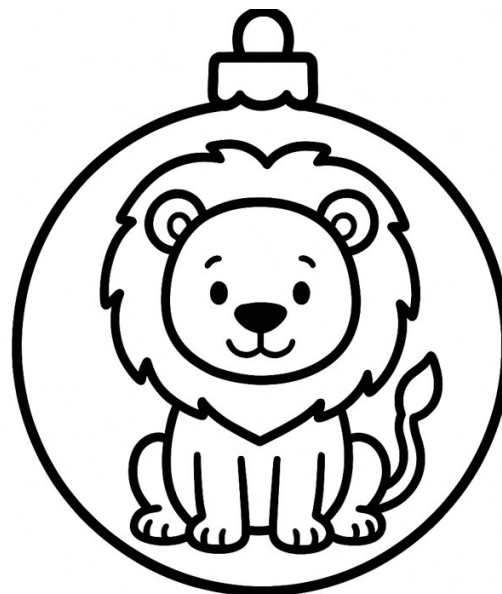
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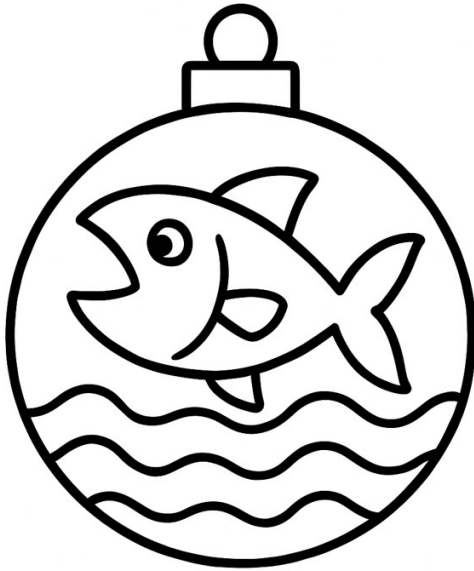
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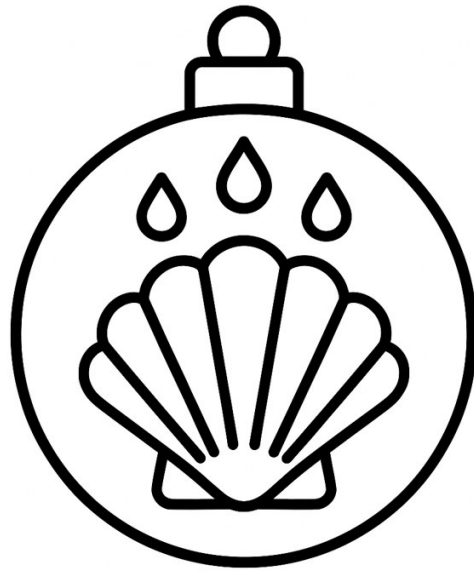
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