The Jesse Tree: Symbols and Readings

There are many versions of the Jesse Tree symbols available online, or you can design your own. Some printable resources are available as here and here.

Advent Sunday, 29 November Jesse
Symbol: Tree
Reading: Isaiah 11:1-2

Monday 30 November Habakkuk
Symbol: Watchtower
Reading: Habakkuk 2:1-4

Tuesday 1 December Creation
Symbol: Dove or globe
Reading: Genesis 1:26-31

Wednesday 2 December The Fall
Symbol: Tree with fruit, apple
Reading: Genesis 3:6-7, 22-23

Thursday 3 December Noah
Symbol: Rainbow or Ark
Reading: Genesis 7:17-22

Friday 4 December Abraham’s call
Symbol: Tent and/or camel
Reading: Genesis 12:1-3

Saturday 5 December The promise to Abraham
Symbol: Starry sky
Reading: Genesis 15:5-6

Sunday 6 December Isaac
Symbol: Ram
Reading: Genesis 22:1-2, 9-14

Monday 7 December Jacob
Symbol: Ladder
Reading: Genesis 28:12-15

Tuesday 8 December Joseph
Symbol: Coat
Reading: Genesis 37:3-4, 23-24

Wednesday 9 December 10 Commandments
Symbol: Tablets of the Law
Reading: Deuteronomy 5:1-4

Thursday 10 December Rahab
Symbol: Red cord
Reading: Joshua 2:1-4a, 8-9a, 11b-12a, 14, 17, 21

Friday 11 December Ruth
Symbol: Grain
Reading: Ruth 3:1-5

Saturday 12 December David’s call
Symbol: Shepherd’s crook
Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1, 10-13a

Sunday 13 December David’s crowning
Symbol: Crown
Reading: 2 Samuel 5:2b-3

Monday 14 December Solomon
Symbol: Temple
Reading: 1 Kings 5:5; 6:11-14

Tuesday 15 December Elijah
Symbol: Fire and altar
Reading: 1 Kings 18:36-39

Wednesday 16 December Esther
Symbol: Sceptre
Reading: Esther 4:12-16

Thursday 17 December Isaiah
Symbol: Wolf and lamb
Reading: Isaiah 11:6-9

Friday 18 December Jonah
Symbol: Whale or fish
Reading: Jonah 3:1-5

Saturday 19 December Daniel
Symbol: Lion
Reading: Daniel 6:10-11, 16, 19-22

Sunday 20 December Bethlehem
Symbol: City
Reading: Micah 5:2-5a

Monday 21 December Zechariah
Symbol: Praying hands
Reading: Luke 1:11-13, 16-20

Tuesday 22 December John the Baptist
Symbol: Baptism shell
Reading: Matthew 3:1-6

Wednesday 23 December Mary
Symbol: Lily or picture of Mary
Reading: Luke 1:26-33

Thursday 24 December Joseph
Symbol: Angel or carpentry tools
Reading: Matthew 1:18-21

Christmas Day, Friday 25 December Jesus
Symbol: Manger
Reading: Luke 2:6-11, 16-18