

ADVENT PROJECT THE JESSE TREE

INCLUDED:

Air dry clay pack
Ornament Hangers
Wood ornament inserts
Tree base
Green rock base weights
Jesse tree book



USE YOUR OWN:

Sticks from outside



ISAIAH 11:1-3



But a shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse, and from his roots a bud shall blossom. The spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him: a spirit of wisdom and of understanding, A spirit of counsel and of strength, a spirit of knowledge and of fear of the LORD, and his delight shall be the fear of the LORD.

The Jesse Tree is a tradition dating back to the medieval times. It is a way to remember people in the Bible who led up to the birth of Christ using symbols to represent the people who were part of salvation history and Jesus' ancestors! The shoots growing from the stump represent new life. The first Jesse Trees were made in stained glass or tapestries. We'll make ours with branches from your own backyard or nearby park and air dry clay ornaments. You usually make one ornament for every day of Advent leading up to Christmas day. You have enough materials to make a could make a few extra ornaments or versions too. You can make them all on one day or a few days and hang them up each day, or make one a day leading up to Christmas!



1. Who are your favorite people in the Bible?
2. Who are some of the important people in your family tree?

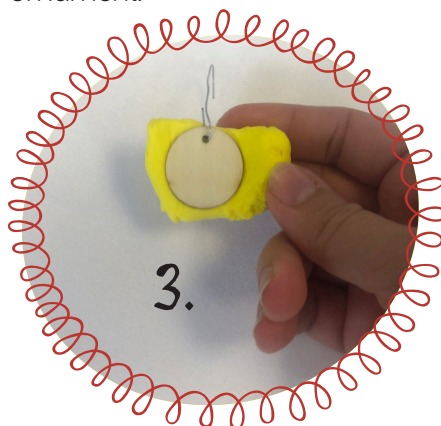
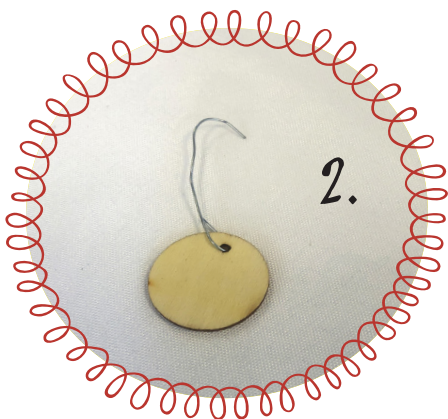
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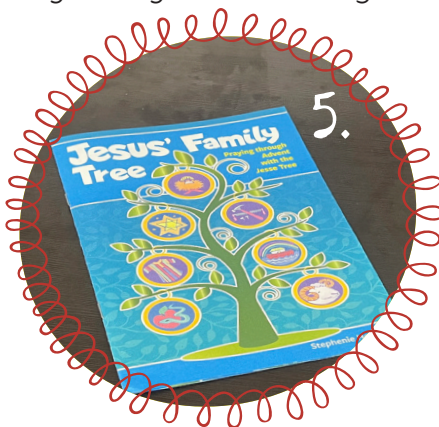
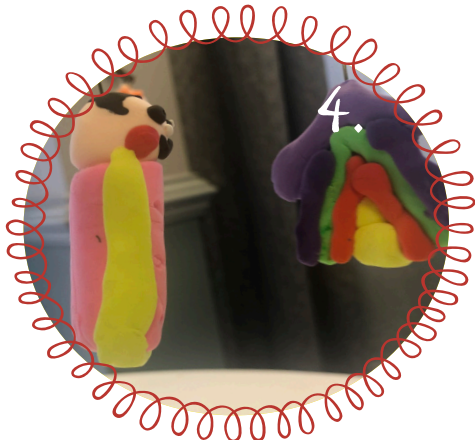
1. Pick some sticks with lots of small branches from your yard or a local park. Stick them into the tree base. Try to spread them out to balance weight and only push down once. Then add the rocks around the base.

2. Before you make each ornament, put the hanger through the wood ornament.



3. Use the wooden ornament as the inside for your air dry clay ornament to help give it strength.

4. Make each ornament for the tree (all at once or one a day). Make sure to seal up each bag of air dry clay when you are not using them.



5. Use your Jesus' Family Tree book for each day's devotional and ornament inspiration! Each day has a picture of a symbol you can make as an ornament.