

'Jesus' Big Family History' Advent Calendar

Wonder about the various characters in Jesus' family tree using this online advent calendar.

This link will take you to the Advent calendar.

[Advent Calendar 2022](#)

Or you can go via our [Diocese of Guildford website here](#).

In the event that the direct links stops working the one on the website will still work.

This Advent calendar does not contain pictures of elves and snowmen, instead each day takes you to a story from the Bible about one of Jesus' human ancestors. You can read a detailed list in Matthew 1:1-17

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an image;



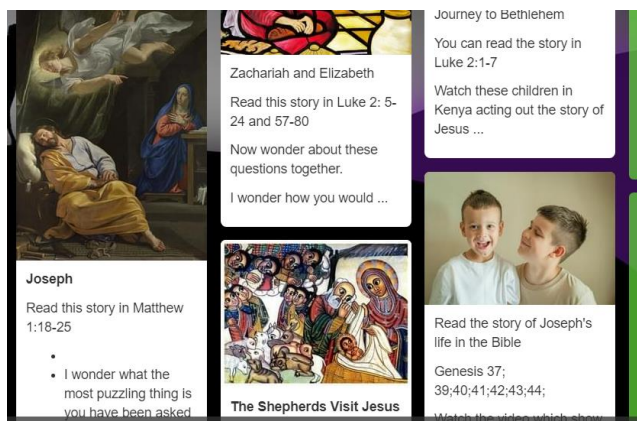
some wondering questions;



a video of the story or a song;



the Bible reference for the story.



This year the calendar ends on the last day of term, so that you celebrate Christmas together. On the next page is a summary grid showing the content for each day. You may wish to select questions according to the age of your pupils.

Using the Advent Calendar for collective worship in schools

The calendar would work well in 'class collective worship.

We suggest that on a Friday you could open the doors for both Friday and Saturday and choose one story to think about.





On a Monday you could open the doors for both Sunday and Monday, again choosing one story to think about.

Many videos are aimed at younger children, so you may prefer to read the story from a Bible with older pupils.



For each day to properly be an act of collective worship, spend a few moments together reflecting or praying about the things you've discussed. The questions are designed to establish some connections with the everyday lives of your pupils, so should help you to make this time appropriate and inclusive for all. You might want to ask a child to lead this.

'Jesus' Big Family History' Advent Calendar 2022 Overview – Primary Version

Date	Character/Story 	Bible Reference 	Video Source All on YouTube 	'Wondering' Questions..... 
1 st	Abraham & grains of sand	Genesis 18:1-15 and 21:1-7 22:17&18	Gideon Films Note stop at 2 mins 45 https://youtu.be/fXoKOKW0Kvw	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I wonder if you have ever had to wait a long time for something you were looking forward to? • What was that? • How long did you have to wait? • How did you feel as you waited? • How did you feel when the thing you were waiting for finally happened?
2 nd	Isaac & Rebecca	Genesis 24	Nomad Brickfilms https://youtu.be/Gb5aNdvz2k0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I wonder why Rebecca offered to give water to all of the servant's camels? It would have been hard work! • I wonder how Rebecca felt when she was asked to leave her family to marry Isaac? • What do you wonder about this story?
3 rd	Jacob's dream	Genesis 28:10-22	Sharefaith Videos https://youtu.be/gxBulcHFBTg	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If you found a ladder to heaven I wonder if you would climb it? • What do you think you would find at the top? • Have you ever made a promise to someone? • Was it easy or difficult to keep?
4 th	Joseph	Genesis 37, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45	Grace Mercy Nynaala 4 minute overview of Joseph's life! https://youtu.be/iq3iXjNPSuY	<p>If you've been using our collective worship this term, you'll know some of these stories!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Think back over all the events in Joseph's life. I wonder which event you think he found the most difficult? • I wonder how he knew God was with him? • Think back over your life what have you found difficult? • Who helped you?
5 th	Moses	Exodus 1 and 2	Faithkids Videos https://youtu.be/WYnpYFnylcA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I wonder who you think was the most brave in this story: Moses' mother, his sister or the princess? • I wonder if you have ever helped to care for a younger child? How did you feel? • What do you wonder about his story?
6 th	Ruth and Naomi	Book of Ruth	Nomad Brick Films https://youtu.be/31EiO3gbGJg	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I wonder if it was a difficult decision for Ruth to go with Naomi? • Why do you think Ruth made that choice? • I wonder if you have ever made a difficult decision to help a friend?
7 th	Samuel chooses David	1 Samuel 16:1-13	I Share https://youtu.be/AWi9qbtL4wQ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I wonder what 'God looks at the heart' means? • I wonder how the older brothers felt when Samuel chose the youngest? • What do you wonder about this story?

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8 th	Solomon	1 Kings 3:1-15	Life Kids https://youtu.be/Zt69TIZzA4c	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I wonder who is the wisest person you know? Why do you think they are wise? • What has more influence; wisdom or money?
9 th	Zechariah and Elizabeth	Luke 1:5-24 & 57-80	Tailrace Kids https://youtu.be/o1JzbiUpi6s	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I wonder how you would react if you saw an angel? • Do you know if your name means anything? • What do you wonder about this story?
10 th	John the Baptist	Mark 1:1-8	Faithkids Videos https://youtu.be/p_ivfj2x8mQ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I wonder why John chose to live in the desert and only eat locusts (insects) and honey? • I wonder why people chose to go into the desert to hear John's message from God? • John was preparing for Jesus, how are you preparing for Christmas?
11 th	Mary and the Angel	Luke 1:26-38	The Nativity Story by Kids on the Move CCM Worship https://youtu.be/HH6xG7DjbV8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In this song they sing 'a baby changes everything'. How did this baby change everything for Mary? • I wonder if everything changed for anyone else because of the birth of Jesus? • Many people will say they believe in angels. Have you ever seen an angel? What sort of messages might they bring? • Do you think it is possible to believe in angels but not to bother with God?
12 th	Joseph	Matthew 1:18-25	Forest Park Studios https://youtu.be/YmgW-LloLsc	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I wonder what the most puzzling thing is you have been asked to do? • I wonder how Joseph knew that he should obey his dream? • What questions do you think Joseph might have had about his dream?
13 th	Journey to Bethlehem	Luke 2:1-7	Compassion International https://youtu.be/KX_5dPONEWw	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What do you think was on Joseph's mind during the long, slow journey? • I wonder what is the most uncomfortable journey you have been on? • Talk about a time when you have been stuck for ages in traffic. How did you cope? • Which is worse, worrying about yourself or worrying about a friend? • I wonder which of the stories you have read so far in this advent calendar took place in Bethlehem?
14 th	Jesus is Born	Luke 2:1-7	Bible Builders https://youtu.be/Xefo5SP6fI0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What was Mary thinking? • What was Joseph thinking? • All babies are special but Christians believe that Jesus is God's son. I wonder how people knew that Jesus was a special baby? • I wonder what you would give to Jesus?
15 th	Shepherds visit Jesus	Luke 2:8-20	Maynards Groovy Bible Tunes https://youtu.be/hoO3UHgbjb4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I wonder why the first people God told about the birth of Jesus were shepherds? • What do you think surprised them most: the angels or the news the angels brought? • I wonder who the shepherds told first about the special baby that they had seen? • Can you remember a story about another shepherd who was looking after his sheep near Bethlehem?

16 th	Visit of the Wise Men and the Journey to Egypt	Matthew 2:1-14	Sharefaith Kids https://youtu.be/lhuhUBbXFYo Stop at 2.40 for youngest children, before Herod gets busy!	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What do you think the wise men were expecting to find in Bethlehem? • How close do you think the danger came before Joseph and Mary decided to run for it? • How hard must it have been for Mary and Joseph to leave their own native country? • Which part of this story made the biggest impression on you? • I wonder if you can think of any other Bible stories that took place in Egypt? • Which of the stories in our Advent Calendar has been your favourite? • Why is that?
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We reserve the right to change the videos because, our experience is that people release new Christmas materials in December so if we come across something exciting, we may insert that video!