

'Jesus' Big Family History Advent Calendar *Secondary*

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

When you click on the door you will find:



an image.



some wondering questions.



a video of the story or a song.



the Bible reference for the story.

Using the Advent Calendar for collective worship in schools

The calendar would work well in tutor group collective worship.

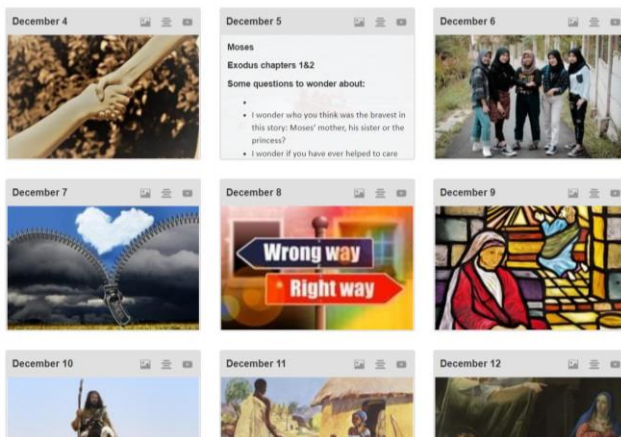
We suggest that on a Friday you could open the doors for both Friday and Saturday and choose one story to think about.

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

You will need to read the story from a Bible. Occasionally the video tells the story but on most days the videos link to the theme that we explore in the wondering questions.



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 pupil to lead this.







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.

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'Jesus' Family Tree' Advent Calendar 2022 Overview – Secondary 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	Compassion Meeting the sponsor 20 years on https://youtu.be/OJn5rWu_hu0	<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	You love me like I am For King and Country https://youtu.be/FhpOA7YvmSl	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This story is so different to the way that people decide who to marry in modern Britain that it can feel a bit uncomfortable to us. • I wonder how Rebecca felt when she was asked to leave her family to marry Isaac? • I wonder why Rebecca agreed to leave her family to marry a man she had never met? • What questions do you want to ask about this story?
3 rd	Jacob's dream	Genesis 28:10-22	Holy as the Day is Sent Song Carrie Newcomer https://youtu.be/pxzO8DyY9e8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I wonder if you have a special place? • I wonder if it is easier to experience God in some places than in others? • I wonder if it is easier for a rich person or a less well-off person to give away a tenth of all that they have?
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	<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	Chorale of the Baby Moses https://youtu.be/n6ggStpi90M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I wonder who you think was the bravest 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? • I wonder why Moses was saved but many other boys were not? • What do you wonder about his story?
6 th	Ruth and Naomi	Book of Ruth	Pastor Landon https://youtu.be/TWjRdjFdiR4	<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	Rich: The Barista https://youtu.be/pxVJx6010so	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I wonder what 'God looks at the heart' means? I wonder who you know who has a kind heart? How do you know this? Is it by their words or their actions, or both? I wonder how the older brothers felt when Samuel chose the youngest?
8 th	Solomon	1 Kings 3:1-15	Josh and Webbles discuss wisdom https://youtu.be/c-0BecwaTbQ or Bible Project ? https://youtu.be/WJgt1vRkPbl	<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? I wonder how you decide what is the 'right' thing to do?
9 th	Zachariah and Elizabeth	Luke 1:5-24 & 57-80	Discover Jesus https://youtu.be/mE_GrwvoaW0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I wonder how you would react if you saw an angel? Why do you think God chose to make Zachariah unable to speak as a sign to him that the message was true? What do you wonder about this story?
10 th	John the Baptist	Mark 1:1-8	Prepare Ye The Way of the Lord Godspell (very old) https://youtu.be/c1SiaCV26aQ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I wonder why John chose to live in the desert and only eat locusts and honey? I wonder why people chose to go into the desert to hear John's message from God? John was preparing for Jesus, what are you preparing for? This week? next week? next year?
11 th	Mary and the Angel	Luke 1:26-38	Discover Jesus https://youtu.be/ehiR_FGSsdw	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I wonder what Mary thought after the angel left? 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	You can do this hard thing Carrie Newcomer https://youtu.be/PRGnftH_g4I	<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?
13 th	Journey to Bethlehem	Luke 2:1-7	Paperless Christmas Episode 3 https://youtu.be/chDwyePPyV8	<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	Dan Stevers Nativity Story out of paper https://youtu.be/892ubtt5A4Q	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What was Mary thinking? What was Joseph thinking?

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15 th	Shepherds visit Jesus	Luke 2:8-20	Three Shepherds Trent Vinyard https://youtu.be/T9niaNdZfD8	<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	Visit of the Magi Seth Michael https://youtu.be/3DSvPnN-9Pw	<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?