



The Jesse Tree

PACKET 2



RESURRECTION

B R O O K L Y N

www.resurrectionbrooklyn.org

DAY 9 - JOSHUA AND THE PROMISED LAND

SYMBOL: A CLUSTER OF GRAPES

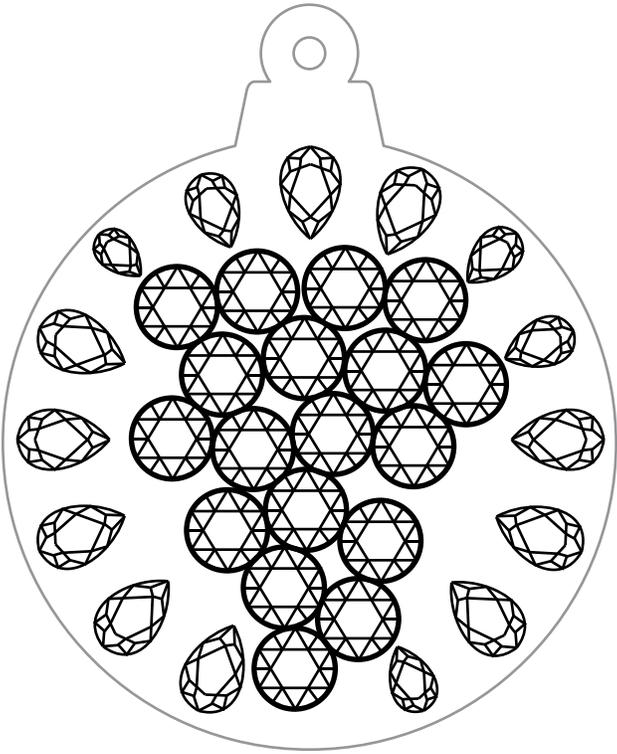
MAIN READING: Numbers 13:1-2, 17-23, 27

ADDITIONAL READING: Psalm 103:2, Matthew 4:1-11

ARTIST: Chi Ling Moy

Before entering Canaan, the Promised Land, Moses sent Joshua and 11 other spies to survey the land and its inhabitants. They saw how wonderful the land was, and as proof, they brought back a harvest of grapes and other fruit never seen before. Yet despite the fruit and God's promise to care for them, the people of Israel were afraid to enter the land because they feared the inhabitants and turned away from God. As a result, they wandered in the wilderness outside of Canaan for a total of 40 years. God remained faithful to his people and brought them into the Promised Land.

In Matthew 4:1-11 (and Luke 4:1-13), we see Jesus in the wilderness for 40 days, fasting and being tempted to turn away from his Father. Because of this, Jesus knows fully our frailty, but unlike us, Jesus did not sin. He is the perfect Lamb of God who can atone our sin and bring us to God.



DAY 10 - RUTH AND BOAZ

SYMBOL: A SHEAF OF WHEAT

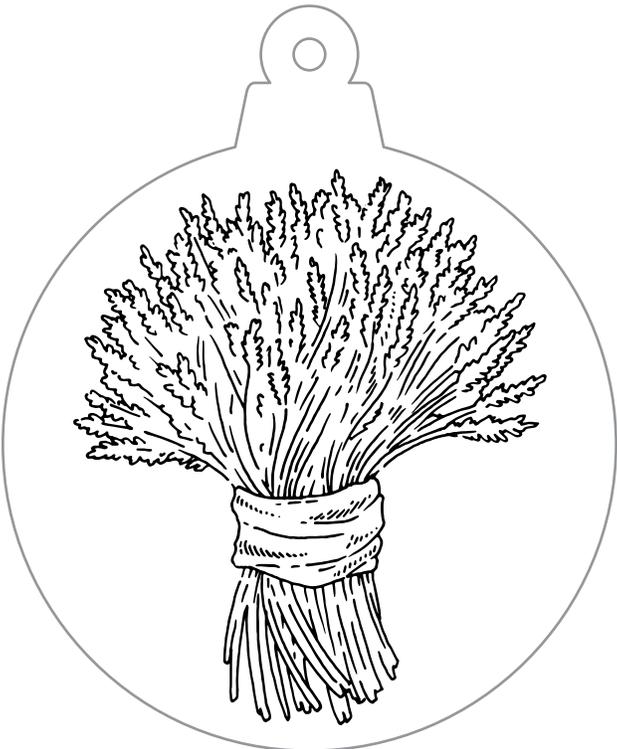
MAIN READING: Ruth 1:1-10, 4:13-17

ADDITIONAL READING: Matthew 1:5

ARTIST: David Sankey, davidsankey.net

Many years after Joshua led God's people into the Promised Land and they became the nation of Israel, a Jewish man married a foreign woman named Ruth. After he died, she chose to follow her mother-in-law to the town of Bethlehem. There she met Boaz, a descendent of Abraham, and became his wife. Ruth would become the grandmother to Jesse and the great grandmother to King David.

Ruth is one of the few women named in the Jesus's genealogy. In her story we continue to see God preserving his people and fulfilling his first and promise to Abraham. We also see the wonderful ways God's desire to include all people in his plan of redemption. Jesus's own life and ministry embodied this radical welcome.





DAY 11 - THE STUMP OF JESSE

SYMBOL: A STUMP WITH A BRANCH EMERGING

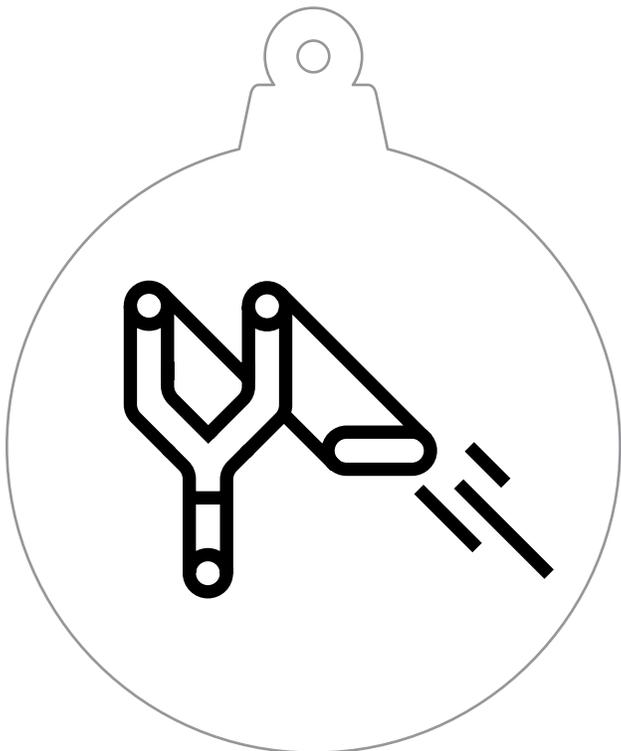
MAIN READING: Isaiah 11:1-10

ADDITIONAL READING: 1 Samuel 16:1-3;
Romans 15:7-13

ARTIST: David Sankey, davidsankey.net

Ruth's grandson, Jesse, had many sons. God told a prophet named Samuel that one of Jesse's sons would become king of Israel. To everyone's surprise, Jesse's youngest son, David, was chosen. A thousand years later, Jesus would be born into this royal family.

In this symbol, Jesse is the stump and Jesus is the emerging branch. It's a sign of God's faithfulness and the new royal kingdom Jesus brings.



DAY 12 - THE PROMISE TO KING DAVID

SYMBOL: A SLINGSHOT

MAIN READING: 1 Chronicles 17:7-15

ADDITIONAL READING: Matthew 21:9

ARTIST: Logan Emser, loganemser.com

King David was the 2nd king of Israel. Though the Bible records several of his (shocking) sins, he is considered a man and king after God's own heart because he repented of his sin when was confronted with them. One of the most well known stories about David is how he, as a child, defeated the giant Goliath with a slingshot. His greatest gift to God's people is arguably the many Psalms he wrote.

God promised David that one of his descendents would become king and rule forever. This promise is about Jesus.

DAY 13 - JONAH & THE FISH

SYMBOL: A GIANT FISH

MAIN READING: Jonah 1:1-6; 11-17

ADDITIONAL READING: Luke 11:29-32

ARTIST: Katie Story, thefrisby.com

Many years after David, God asked the prophet Jonah to go to Nineveh, a city outside of Israel that had a reputation for great evil. God wanted Jonah to tell the people of Nineveh about God's love and desire to forgive and invite them into relationship with him. Jonah refused and fled from God on a boat. During a storm, Jonah was thrown overboard and swallowed by a giant fish. He remained in its belly for three days until he asked God to forgive him and agreed to go to Nineveh.

This story points to two important things: First, God's love is for everyone! The people of God cannot hoard God's love, but instead, must share it with all those around them, even the most unlikely. Second, the story foreshadows Jesus's own death, the three days he spent in the tomb, and his resurrection. In fact, Jesus himself used this story as an analogy for his death and resurrection.



DAY 14 - THE PROPHECY OF THE LION AND THE LAMB

SYMBOL: A LION AND LAMB TOGETHER

MAIN READING: Isaiah 11:6-10

ADDITIONAL READING: Matthew 5:8-9, James 3:17-18

ARTIST: Katie Story, thefrisby.com

Recall that in the beginning, God intended everything to reflect his goodness. He also intended his people to enjoy perfect friendship with him and one another. Sin, unfortunately, brought chaos to everything. God's promised that his Messiah, Jesus, would heal all things and bring peace: peace between God and his people, peace between people and peace to all creation. This symbol points to the peace of God in Jesus.

