

## Advent

As week 2 of Advent begins, we light the 2nd candle on our Advent wreath.

Along with the Advent wreath, we have another special symbol in the church that helps us get ready for Jesus' birth. That symbol is the **Jesse Tree**. If you visit the church you will see one in our Children's Corner.



# What is a Jesse Tree?

The Jesse Tree is a type of Christmas tree with decorations relating to the birth of JESUS and the people & stories about Him from the old part of the Bible, called the Old Testament. It takes its name from Jesse, who was the first one of Jesus' relations to settle in Bethlehem.

You will find the following symbols on our **Jesse Tree** this week:



## The apple – from the story of Adam & Eve (Book of Genesis)

The rainbow – from the story of Noah and the Ark  
(Book of Genesis)



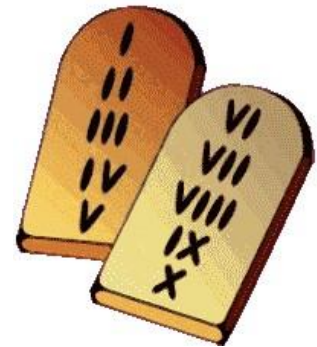
You will find the following symbols on our **Jesse Tree** this week:

Abraham – from the story of Abraham, our father in faith  
(Book of Genesis)



A ram – from the story of Abraham's son, Isaac (Book of Genesis)

The tablets of stone – from the story of Moses and the  
10 Commandments (Book of Exodus)



A house – representing Bethlehem and Jesse, father  
of King David (Book of Isaiah)

### FOR YOU TO DO:

If you have a Bible at home or a book of Bible stories, you could read all these stories for yourself.

You could also make your own Jesse Tree – the one in the church is just a branch from a tree in the garden AND you could make your own symbols like I did! Here is a website with ideas of how to do just that.....

<http://www.catholicinspired.com/2015/11/printable-jesse-tree-ornaments-free-and.html>