



# ***The Jesse Tree***

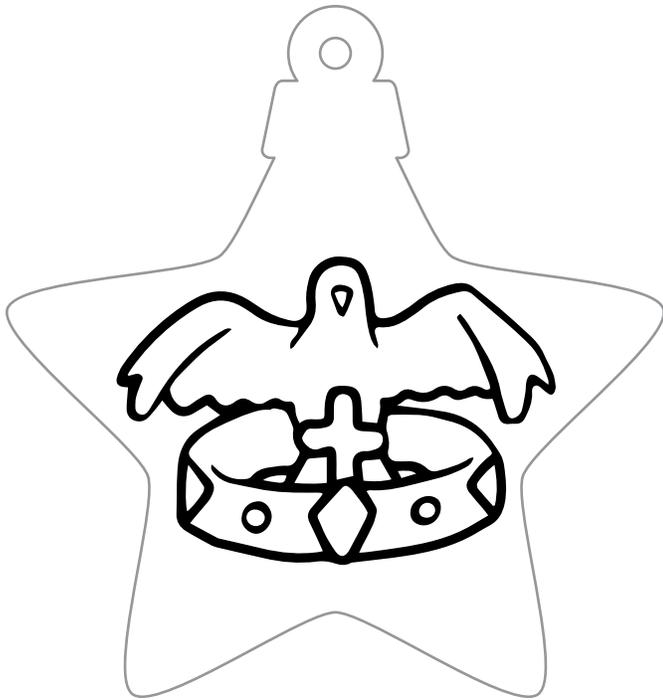
PACKET 3



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## **DAY 15 - THE PROMISED PRINCE OF PEACE**

**SYMBOL:** A CROWN AND A DOVE

**MAIN READING:** Isaiah 9:6-7

**ADDITIONAL READING:** Acts 10:36, Revelation 19:11

**ARTIST:** Katie Story, thefrisby.com

*Those with power are often tempted to use their power to abuse or take advantage of those who are weaker. History is riddled with examples of such rulers and how their selfishness leads to instability, conflict, and violence. Our God is different. God's desire is to use his power to bless his people with peace, and this involves bringing justice to all who abuse their power. His Kingdom is motivated by love, not by selfishness. We see this in Jesus Christ. He is the Prince of Peace who overcomes sin to reconcile us to God and us to one another. And in Revelation, we have the promise that Jesus will one day come again and establish his justice and peace completely for all eternity.*



## **DAY 16 - THE PROMISED GOOD SHEPHERD**

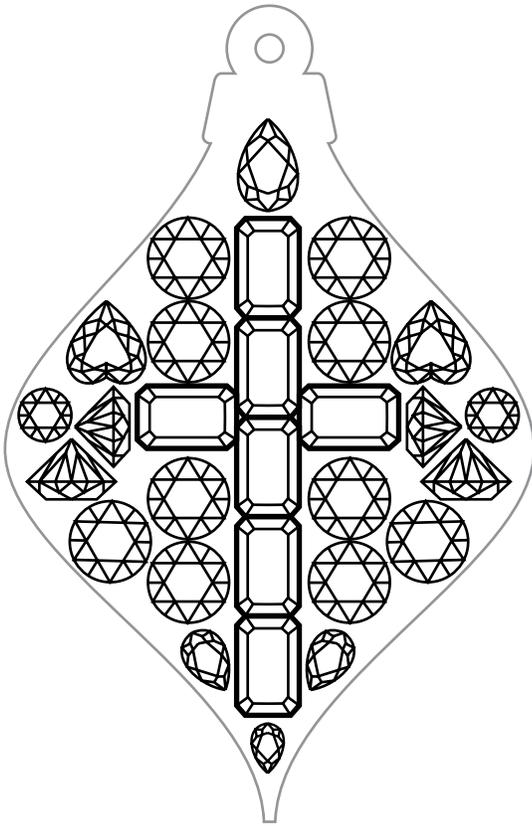
**SYMBOL:** A STAFF AND A LAMB

**MAIN READING:** Isaiah 40:9-11, Psalm 23:1

**ADDITIONAL READING:** John 10:11-18

**ARTIST:** David Sankey, davidsankey.net

*Sheep are not aggressive animals and against predators they have few defenses. Because of this, sheep need the constant care and attention of a shepherd. Like sheep, we are very needy creatures. It doesn't always seem that way, but we are! We each need a good shepherd to protect us from evil and to lead us to safe places where we can rest, be nourished and flourish. Jesus calls himself the Good Shepherd. With love and grace, he calls us to him, saves and protects us from evil, and leads us to our true home with God.*



## DAY 17 - THE PROMISED SERVANT OF ALL

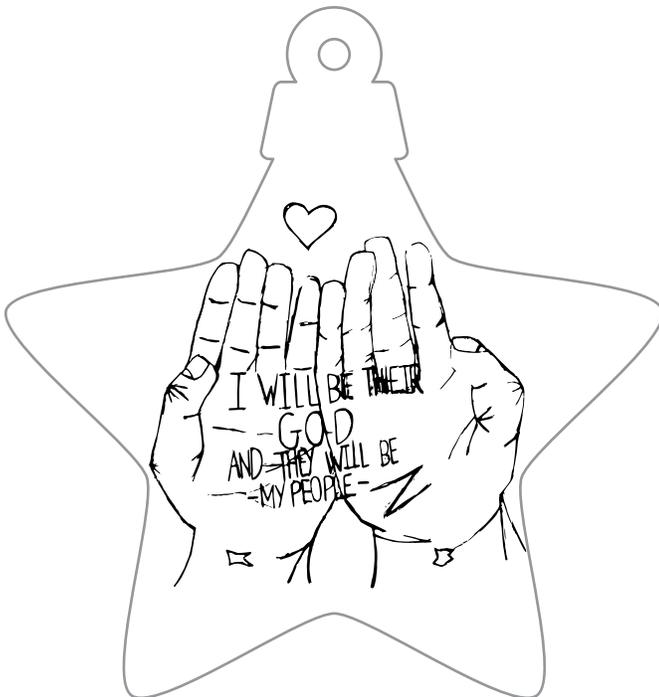
**SYMBOL:** A CROSS

**MAIN READING:** Isaiah 53:1-6

**ADDITIONAL READING:** John 13:1-5, Philippians 2:5-9

**ARTIST:** Chi Ling Moy

*After Adam and Eve sinned, God promised to send a Messiah to overcome sin and all of its consequences. Even before time began, God's desire was for us to know his love and our sin did not change that! And how would the Messiah overcome sin? Not by violence, but through suffering and humility. This passage points us to the death of Jesus Christ, the moment Jesus took all our sins. He loved us so much that he gave up his life on a cross so that we could live.*



## DAY 18 - THE PROMISE OF A NEW COVENANT

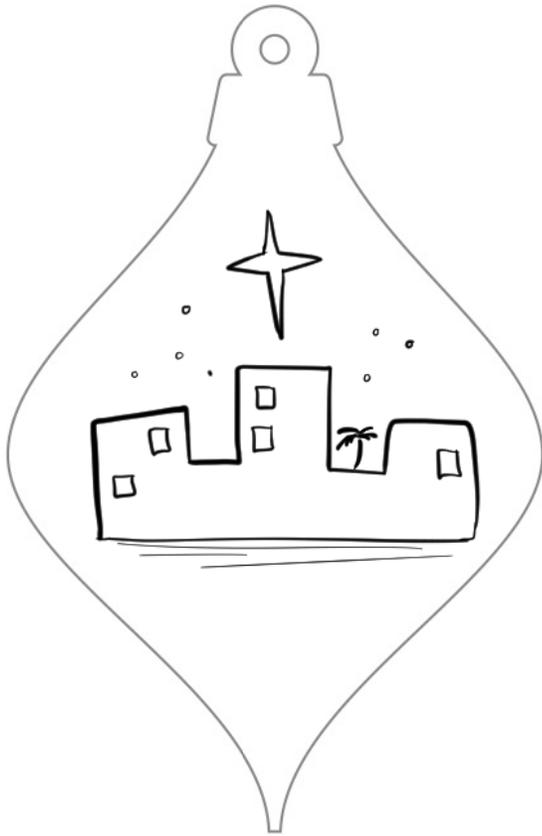
**SYMBOL:** THE OPEN HANDS OF THE MESSIAH

**MAIN READING:** Jeremiah 31:31-34

**ADDITIONAL READING:** John 1:14, Romans 8:15

**ARTIST:** Georgia Steadman, Freshman, LaGuardia H.S.

*When God gave his people the 10 Commandments through Moses, he made a covenant (or promise or agreement) with them. God said that as long as they obeyed, he would be faithful to them. Even though God's people broke his law over and over again, God did not turn away from them. He wanted his people to know his love and faithfulness in such a deep and intimate way that he promised to one day to write the law on their hearts, to live inside of them. In Jesus, we see God coming close to us, and if we put our faith in Jesus, he sends his Spirit to live inside of us to seal us with his love.*



## **DAY 19 - THE TOWN OF THE SAVIOR**

**SYMBOL:** A TOWN SILHOUETTE

**MAIN READING:** Micah 5:2

**ADDITIONAL READING:** Luke 2:1-7

**ARTIST:** ARTIST: Tom Eaton, [goodeaton.com](http://goodeaton.com)

*It's no accident Jesus is born in Bethlehem. It was his ancestral home, the town of King David. Though it was the town of royalty, it was also a very small and insignificant town: it wasn't at the center of anything. Yet years before Jesus was born, God chose this town to be the birthplace of his Son. It's fitting that the servant King, Jesus, would come from such a humble place. And in this little town, we continue to see a pattern in God's story: he never despises the small or lowly.*



## **DAY 20 - ELIZABETH, ZECHARIAH & GABRIEL**

**SYMBOL:** ELIZABETH

**MAIN READING:** Luke 1:5-25

**ADDITIONAL READING:** Isaiah 54:1-3

**ARTIST:** Matt Choi, [mattchoi.com](http://mattchoi.com)

*Jesus's mother, Mary, had an older cousin, Elizabeth. Elizabeth and her husband, Zechariah, loved God. They knew God's promises and were waiting for the Messiah. Little did they know that their family would play an important part in the Messiah's story, let alone be related to him! After many years of waiting for their own child and giving up hope, the angel Gabriel visited them and told them that they would have a son, John. This son would help prepare the way for Jesus.*