

ADVENT JESSE TREE

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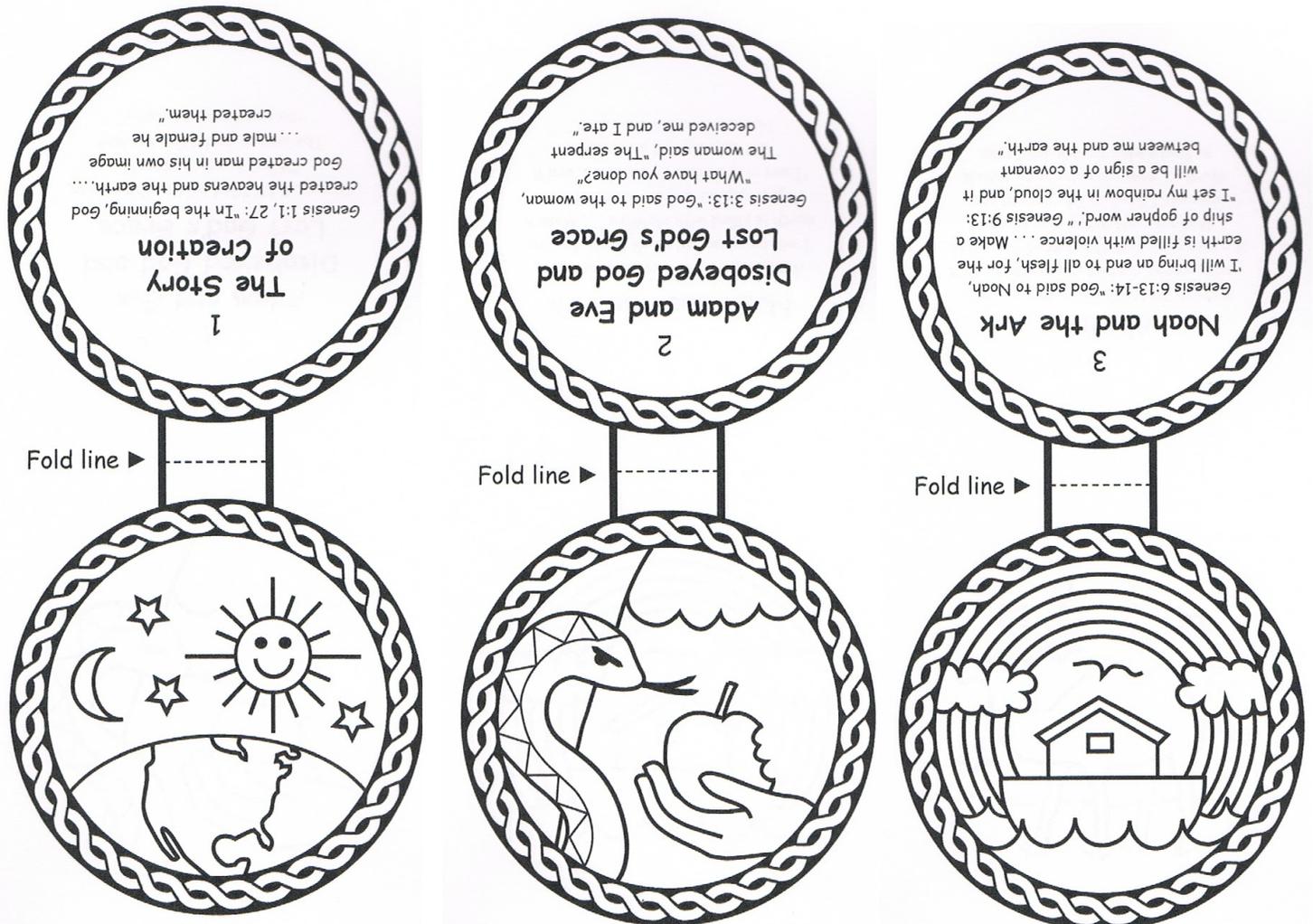
THE FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT

The symbols for our Jesse Tree start with the first stories found in the Bible - God's creation of the world out of nothing, and of the fall of Adam and Eve. Next is the wonderful story of Noah and his ark full of animals. The saga of God's chosen people begins with the promises he made to Abraham, Isaac, son of Abraham and Jacob, son of Isaac. God's concern for his people is expressed again through the story of Joseph, son of Jacob and his coat of many colours.

THE GOD WHO SPEAKS – THE YEAR OF THE WORD

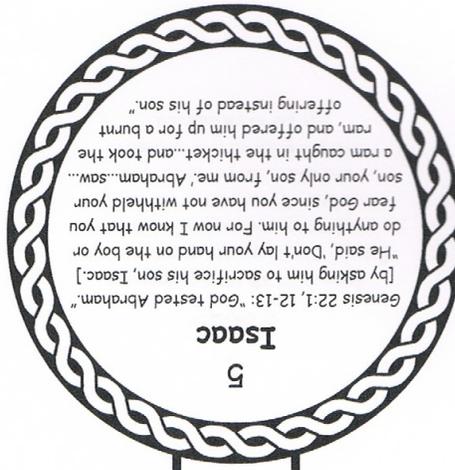
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Your word is our path and your truth is our light. This day and every day.

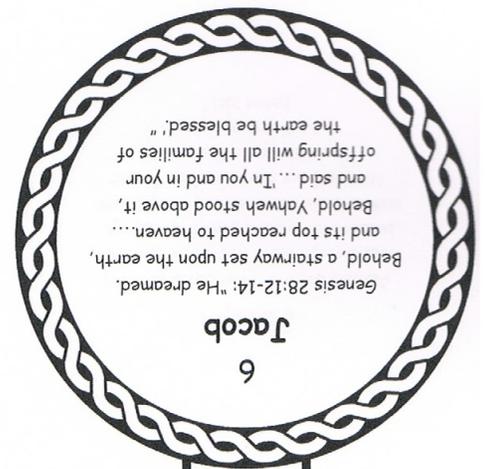




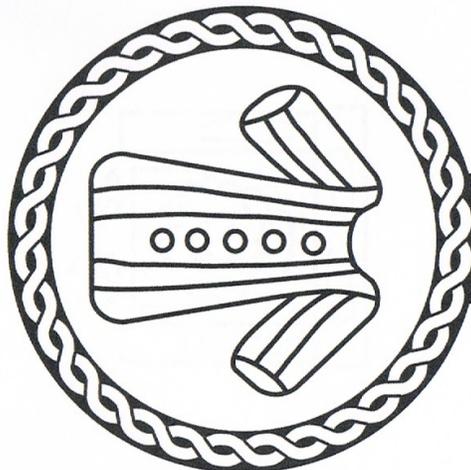
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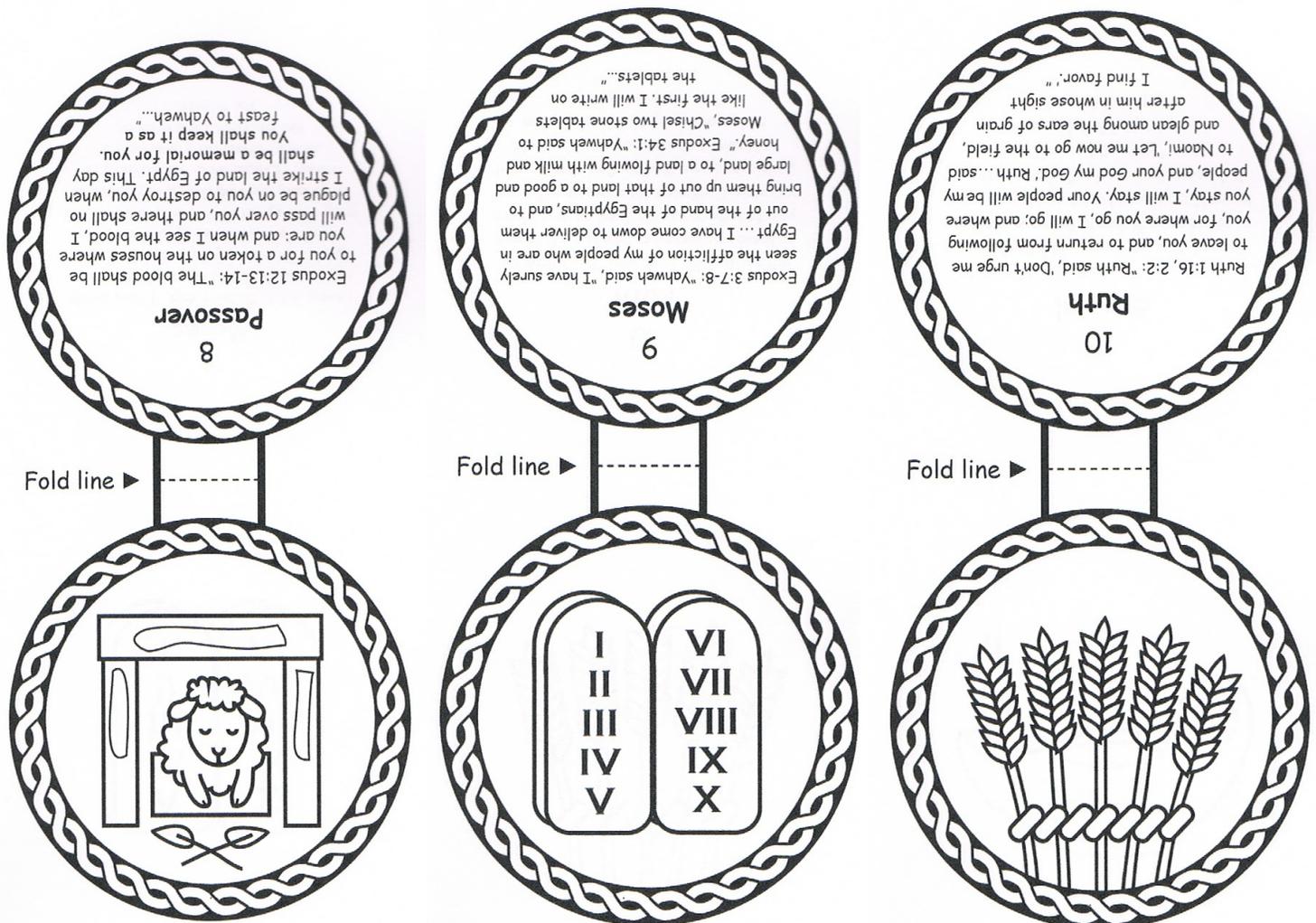
The Second Week of Advent

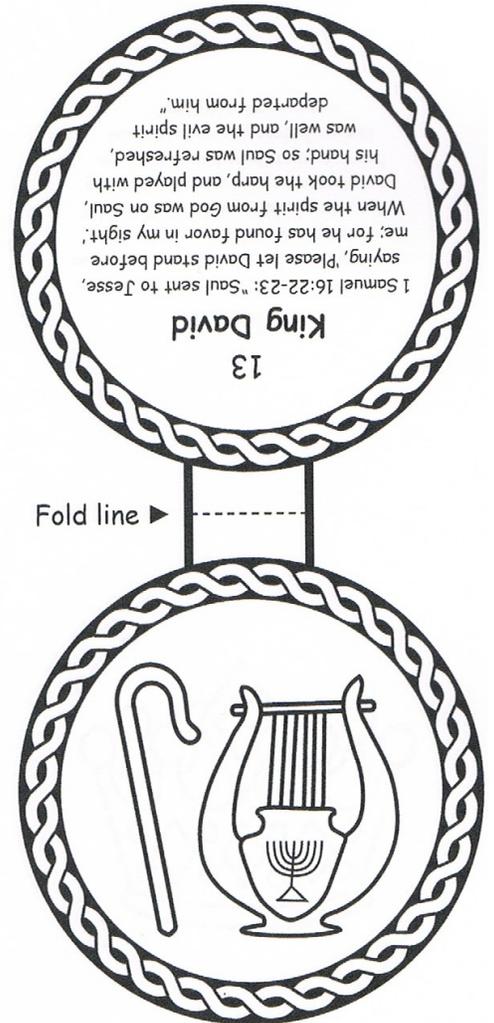
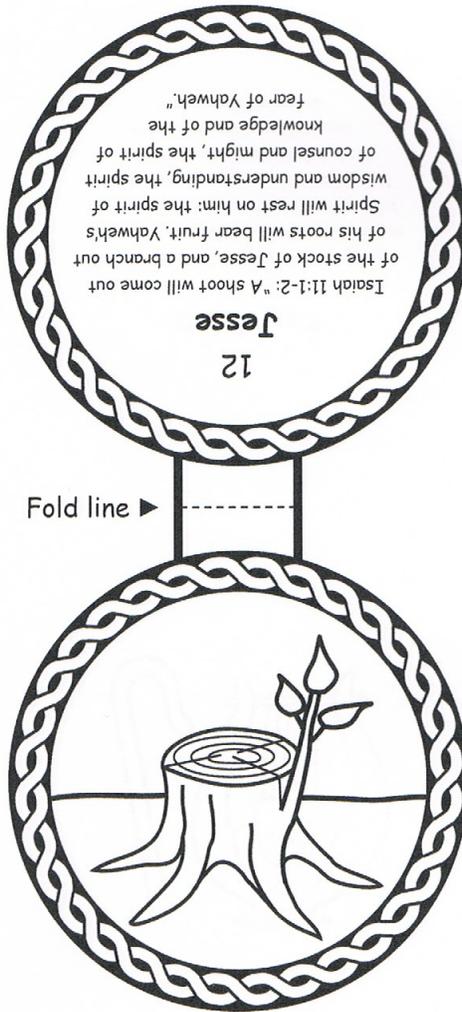
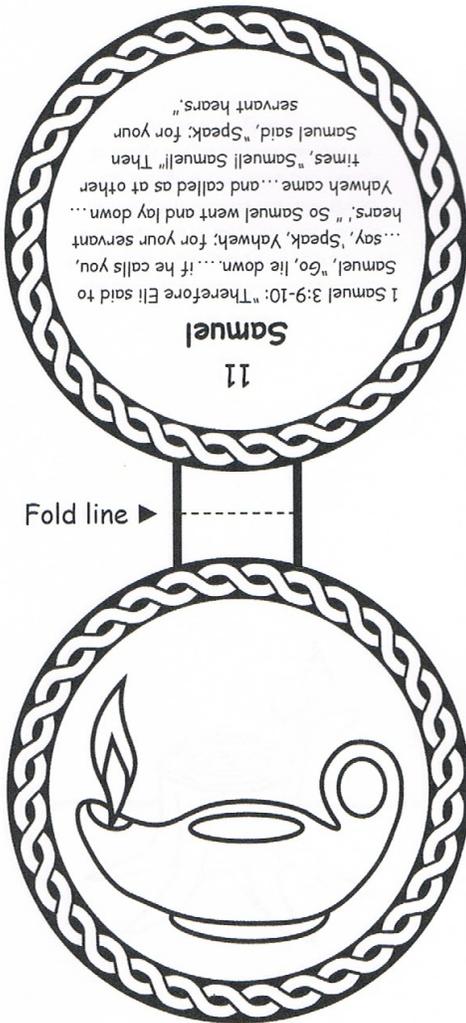
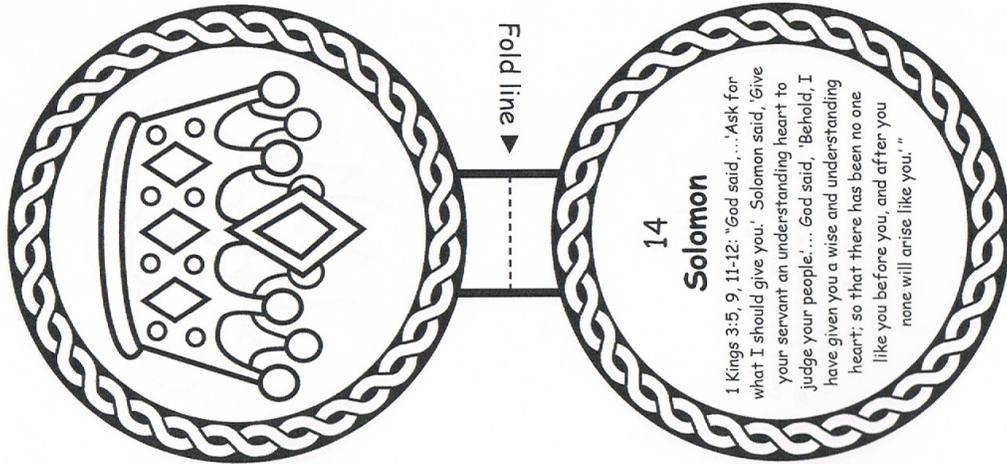
Our first two symbols for the second week of Advent represent Moses, the leader of the Jewish people during their great exodus from slavery in Egypt and the giving of the Ten Commandments. The symbols for our tree continue with the beautiful story of Ruth and her grandson Jesse, after whom this tree is named. This is followed by Samuel the Prophet, and with the symbol of the greatest Jewish king, David, in whose line Jesus was to be born. The final symbol is that of the wise king Solomon.

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