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Waiting for the Coming Savior





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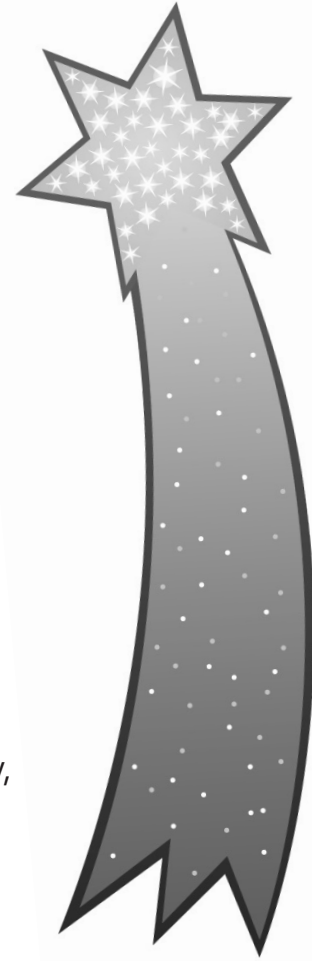
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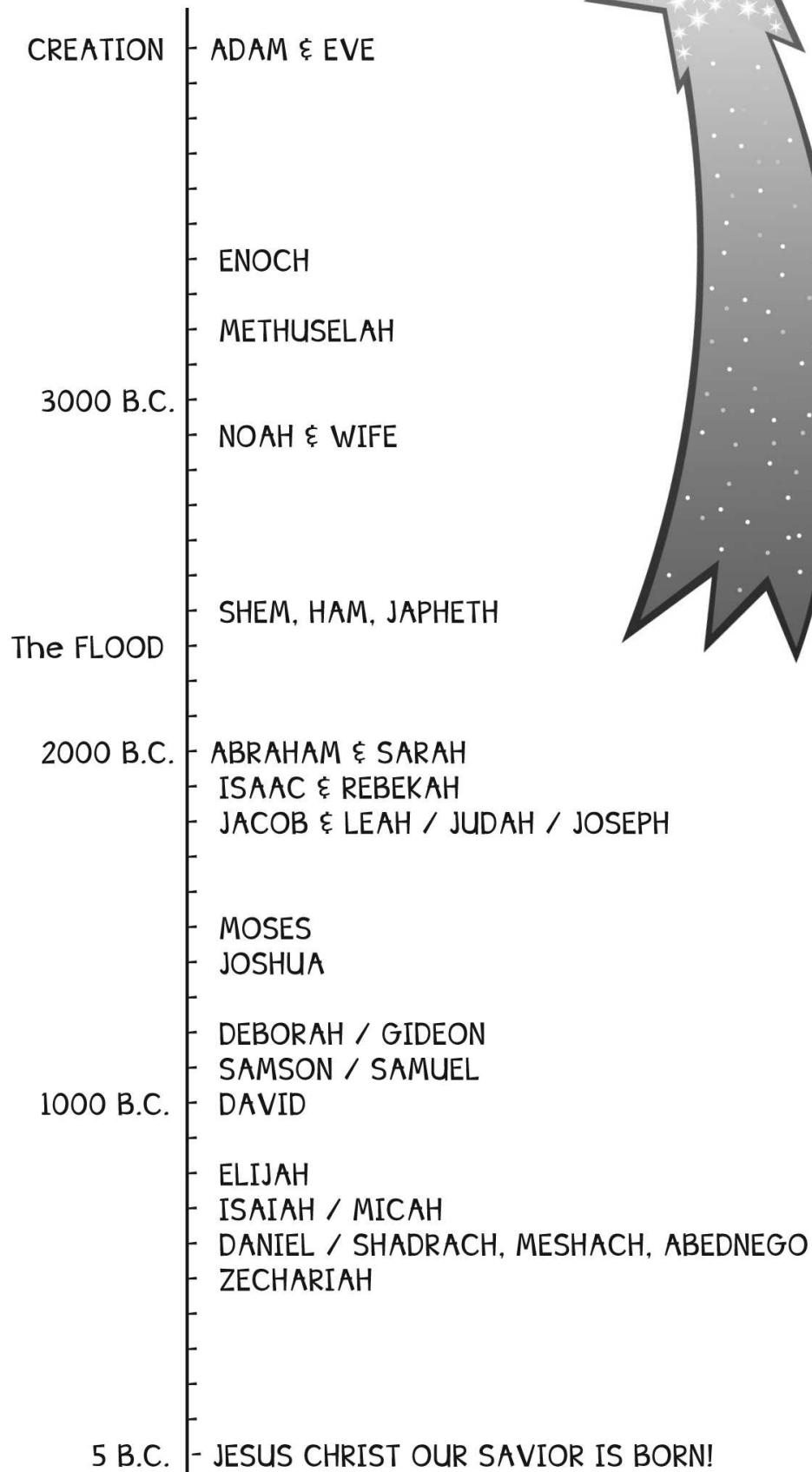
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Sunday – The First Week of Advent – Advent Adam

“God created man in His own image.” Genesis 1:27a

God created Adam and Eve. They were perfect. They had peace with God. Then Adam and Eve sinned. They disobeyed God’s command. Their punishment was going to be terrible—separation from God and His love forever. But God still loved Adam and Eve. He promised to send them a Savior. The Savior would crush sin’s power. Then they could live with God in peace forever. Adam and Eve believed God promise. They waited patiently for the Savior to come.

Advent Adam

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God created Adam strong
In body, mind and heart.
But Adam sinned and did the wrong.
God’s perfect world was torn apart.

CREATION - ADAM

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God loved Adam still each day,
And God loved you and me.
He’d send a Savior just to pay
For all our sins and set us free.

2000 B.C.

Adam trusted in God’s Word
To send a Savior too.
And joy within his heart was stirred,
The promise one day would come true.

1000 B.C.

Did Adam know so long ago,
Or did he wonder some?
He waited too like me and you,
For Jesus Christ our Lord to come.

The Prayer:

Thank You, God, for Adam,
For he believed in You.
Thank You that the promise
Of the Savior has come true. Amen.

5 B.C. - JESUS CHRIST
OUR SAVIOR
IS BORN!

Monday – The First Week of Advent – Advent Eve

“Eve would become the mother of all the living.” Genesis 3:20b

Eve had a son. She thought he might be the promised Savior. But he was not the one. Eve had many children but none was the Savior. The Savior would not come for many years. In the meantime, Eve taught her children about God’s promise. Some day the Savior would come. He would take away their sin forever. He would give them a home in heaven. Many of Eve’s children, like you and me, believed God’s promise too. They waited for the Savior to come.

Advent Eve

Eve and Adam hoped that soon
The Savior would be born.
They waited daily, night and noon,
And hoped for Him with each new morn.

Eve had many children, yes,
But none would be the one
To take away our sins and bless.
For that would be God’s only Son.

Eve and Adam hoped and smiled,
For days and weeks and years.
They taught the promise to each child
To watch for Him when He appears.

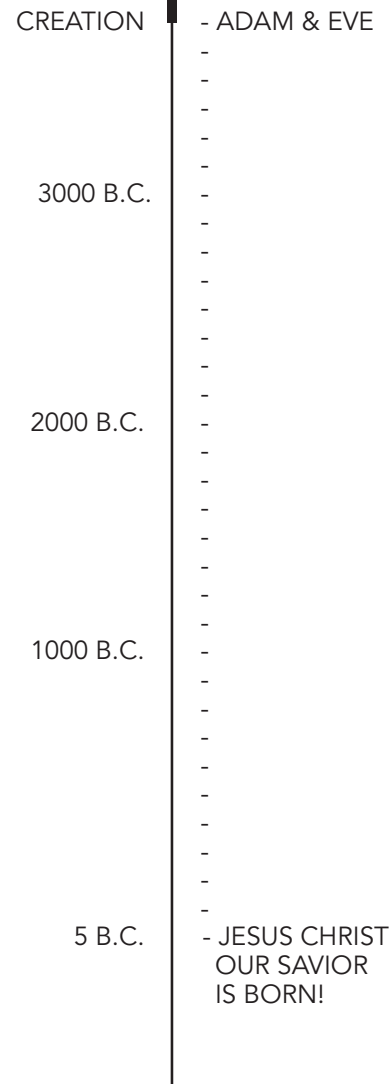
Eve was mother of us all.
She teaches all on earth
To listen for the Advent call,
And watch and wait for Jesus’ birth.

The Prayer:

Thank You, God, for Eve,
For she believed in You.
Thank You that the promise
Of the Savior has come true. Amen.

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Tuesday – The First Week of Advent – Advent Enoch

“Enoch walked with God.” Genesis 5:24a

Enoch was born over 600 years after God created the world. His grandfathers going all the way back to Adam were still alive. He must have learned about the promise of the Savior from every one of them. Enoch loved God and followed Him very closely every day. Enoch was a sinner just like you and me, but he trusted God for forgiveness. He believed that God would send the Savior. God gave Enoch a special gift. He took him to heaven without dying. Even though we will each die, we know God loves us just the same. He sent Jesus to save us from sin and eternal death. He will take us to heaven too.

Advent Enoch

Enoch was a man of God,
Who lived in Adam’s day.
And everywhere that Enoch trod,
He walked with God in every way.

He always prayed his prayers at night.
He talked to God each day.
He listened to the story bright
Of God who took his sins away.

And someday God would send the One
To make the sacrifice.
For God would give us His own Son
To die for us and pay the price.

So Enoch waited patiently.
He trusted in God’s love.
And one day, just like you and me,
God took him home to heav’n above.

The Prayer:

Thank You, God, for Enoch,
For he believed in You.
Thank You that the promise
Of the Savior has come true. Amen.

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Wednesday – The First Week of Advent – Advent Methuselah

“Altogether Methuselah lived 969 years.” Genesis 5:27a

People who live a long time are special. Methuselah lived longer than anyone else we know of. He could share the good news of the coming Savior with his children, his grandchildren, and many others. We thank God for grandparents and others who tell us about Jesus. We thank God for all the years He gives us in this life. We can tell others about God’s love and Jesus our Savior all the days of our lives. Advent is a good time to tell someone about Jesus. That’s what Advent and Christmas are all about.

Advent Methuselah

Just look at old Methuselah,
The oldest man on earth.
He lived almost a thousand years
Since God gave him his life at birth.

He heard the story many times
Of God’s great love for all.
He told it to his children too,
When they were very, very small.

Although we wait for many years,
We know God’s promise true.
The Savior comes for everyone,
And you and I can trust Him too.

Finally, old Methuselah’s
Long time on earth was done.
He taught us how to trust and wait
Till God would finally send His Son.

The Prayer:

Thank You, God, for Methuselah,
For he believed in You.
Thank You that the promise
Of the Savior has come true. Amen.

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Thursday – The First Week of Advent – Advent Noah

“Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord.” Genesis 6:8

Noah believed in God. He wasn't afraid to follow God even though his neighbors made fun of him and his family. He built a big ark on dry land. People thought he was crazy. But Noah knew God would save him in that ark. And God did just that. Even though many people didn't believe Noah when he told them about God, his family believed. They were saved too. After they got out of the ark, Noah's family grew. Noah and his family told their children about how God saved them. They also told the wonderful news about how God was going to send a Savior so that they would not drown in sin. Others may think we're crazy, but we believe in God too. We can be brave like Noah and tell them the good news about Jesus our Savior.

Advent Noah

Noah built an ark and took
The animals on board,
For people didn't trust in God.
But Noah trusted in the Lord.

God saved Noah in the ark.
He saved his family too.
And God would save the world from sin,
For He would keep that promise true.

When Noah came out of the ark,
He built an altar there
To worship God who saved them all
And always showed His loving care.

We worship and we wait for Him
With patience and with love.
We know that He has sent His Son
To save us all for heav'n above.

The Prayer:

Thank You, God, for Noah,
For he believed in You.
Thank You that the promise
Of the Savior has come true. Amen.

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Friday – The First Week of Advent – Advent Mrs. Noah

“So Noah came out, together with his sons and his wife and his sons’ wives.” Genesis 8:18

We don’t know her name, but Noah’s wife was an important Advent person too. She stood by her husband when people made fun of him. She helped him to do his work. She trusted in God and told her children and grandchildren about the coming Savior too. We know people like Mrs. Noah. They may not ever build an ark or doing anything great in the eyes of the world. But good mothers and fathers do great things for God every day. When they tell their children about Jesus, they are doing the very best thing in all the world. Every child of God can grow up to be a Mrs. Noah. Just remember God’s love. Trust in Him. Do your work. And share the Good News with others.

Advent Mrs. Noah

Mrs. Noah cleaned and cooked,
While Noah built the ark.
She never for another looked,
Or ever made a snide remark.

The people all made fun of her
And teased her husband too.
But God was still her comfort sure.
She knew God’s Word was good and true.

She trusted God when rain came down
For forty nights and days.
She trusted God they wouldn’t drown
And thanked Him for His loving ways.

Mrs. Noah also knew
The promise God had made.
She trusted too with all her crew,
And they were happy, unafraid.

The Prayer:

Thank You, God, for Mrs. Noah,
For she believed in You.
Thank You that the promise
Of the Savior has come true. Amen.

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Saturday – The First Week of Advent – Advent Shem, Ham and Japheth

“Then God blessed Noah and his sons.” Genesis 9:1a

Noah’s sons came out of the ark and began to spread out over all the earth. Their sons and daughter traveled even farther. Some made their home in places like China. Others traveled to Africa. Still others settled in Europe and the Americas. God said that one of Shem’s descendants would be the Savior. But the Savior would be the Savior for all the descendants of Ham and Japheth too. God so loved all the people of the world that He sent His Son. Even though some people forgot the true promise of the Savior, God’s people shared the Gospel message with them again. Today there are Advent people all around the world. There are people from every nation who believe in Jesus as their Savior. They also look forward to celebrating the Savior’s birth again.

Advent Shem, Ham and Japheth

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Ham and Shem and Japheth three,
(And Noah was their dad!),
Would populate the world to be,
And they, of course, were very glad.

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They told their children of the flood,
The love that God had saved them for.
They told them of the Savior who
Would save their lives forevermore.

- NOAH & WIFE
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- SHEM, HAM & JAPHETH

THE FLOOD

And Ham and Shem and Japheth moved
Throughout the world to live.
And for all nations of the world
The Lord would still a Savior give.

2000 B.C.

The whole world now was waiting for
The promise to come true.
And watchful eyes are still so wise
To wait and watch and trust God too.

1000 B.C.

The Prayer:

Thank You, God, for Shem, Ham and Japheth,
For they believed in You.
Thank You that the promise
Of the Savior has come true. Amen.

5 B.C.

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Sunday – The Second Week of Advent – Advent Abraham

"All peoples on earth will be blessed through you." Genesis 12:3b

Abraham was chosen by God. One of his descendants would be the Savior for all people. Even though Abraham and Sarah had only one son, he was a miracle child of promise. Even though they were too old to have children, God gave them Isaac. In time Abraham had many descendants. They were known as the Children of Israel. Finally, Jesus, the "son" of Abraham was born. He was the Savior for the Children of Israel and for all the people of the world. All who believe in Jesus as their Savior are the true sons of Abraham. We who believe in Jesus are the true Israel of God.

Advent Abraham

Abraham and Sarah had
A son when they were very old.
They thanked the Lord, and they were glad
To have a first-born son to hold.

God would give them children more
Than stars up in the sky.
And God had more for them in store:
A Savior in the bye and bye.

Abraham believed God's Word.
He knew that God would give
Everything and still would bring
A Savior and a life to live.

Abraham would watch and pray,
A lot like me and you.
And every day God blessed his way,
And many other peoples too.

The Prayer:

Thank You, God, for Abraham,
For he believed in You.
Thank You that the promise
Of the Savior has come true. Amen.

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Monday – The Second Week of Advent – Advent Sarah

“Sarah said, ‘God has brought me laughter.’” Genesis 21:6a

Sarah trusted in God just like her husband Abraham. She knew God promised them a son. But she was getting old and sometimes she was not patient. God still loved her and forgave her. God finally blessed her with a son. Sarah was as happy as any mother could be. She knew that God would also give His own Son to be the Savior of the world. It’s hard for us to wait sometimes too. It helps to remember that God always keeps His promises, and they’re always worth waiting for. God fills us with gladness and laughter too.

Advent Sarah

Sarah laughed to think that she
Would have a baby now.
But God could see just what would be
And blessed her with a son somehow.

Sarah always trusted God,
But now she knew for fact.
If God said He would make it be,
Then God was sure to always act.

Now Sarah cared for Isaac, and
She waited for the day
When God would send His only Son
To die and take our sins away.

Waiting for a baby and
The Savior on His way,
Like Sarah we will wait with joy,
For God will bring that happy day.

The Prayer:

Thank You, God, for Sarah,
For she believed in You.
Thank You that the promise
Of the Savior has come true. Amen.

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Tuesday – The Second Week of Advent – Advent Isaac

“Isaac married Rebekah ... and he loved her.” Genesis 24:67b

Isaac and Rebekah prayed for children. God blessed them with two sons: Esau and Jacob. They told both sons about God and His promise to send a Savior. Even though Esau turned away from God, Jacob believed in God and trusted God with his life. Isaac and Rebekah were not perfect parents. But they believed in God and trusted Him to forgive them. God loved them and forgave them. Good parents teach their children that the most important thing is to admit their sin and ask God to forgive them. God is a loving God who is always ready to forgive us and bless our lives in many ways.

Advent Isaac

When Isaac's mother Sarah died,
He finally got a wife.
He took Rebekah for his bride
And loved her then for all his life.

Isaac knew the promise well,
As Abraham had said,
That God would give them children and
A Savior in the days ahead.

Isaac passed the promise on
To each of his two boys.
And they learned too the Savior would
Fulfill their greatest hopes and joys.

Abraham, then Isaac, then
Son Jacob was the one
To wait and watch and carry on
The promise of the promised Son.

The Prayer:

Thank You, God, for Isaac,
For he believed in You.
Thank You that the promise
Of the Savior has come true. Amen.

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Thursday – The Second Week of Advent – Advent Jacob

"God said to him, 'Your name is Jacob, but you will no longer be called Jacob. Your name will be Israel.'" Genesis 35:10

Jacob learned early in life that God had a special plan for him. Jacob did not always do things God's way. He tricked his brother and his father. But God still loved him and forgave him. God assured Jacob many times that He would take care of him and bless him. God blessed him with a big family and great wealth. God blessed him with peace with his brother Esau. God even blessed Jacob with a limp in one leg to remind him to always depend on God and not on himself. Jacob knew the promise of the Savior, and he shared it with all his family. That was best of all.

Advent Jacob

Jacob and his brother Esau
Sometimes got along.
Sometimes they fought like brothers do,
When each one thinks that he is strong.

Their parents told them God was strong
To love them both the same.
Whenever they did something wrong,
Repent and God would clear their name.

So Jacob learned from little on
Of God's forever love.
Though he did wrong, his God was strong,
Forgiving him from heaven above.

Jacob had a dozen sons.
He told them that some day
A Savior would be born for them
To come and take their sins away.

The Prayer:

Thank You, God, for Jacob,
For he believed in You.
Thank You that the promise
Of the Savior has come true. Amen.

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Saturday – The Second Week of Advent – Advent Judah

"The scepter will not depart from Judah ... until He comes to whom it belongs." Genesis 49:10a

Judah was the fourth son of Jacob and Leah. He was the one God chose to be the ancestor of the Savior. Jesus would come from his descendants. God's promise about the "scepter" meant the Savior would be a "ruler" or "king." There would be many kings over God's people in years to come. Only one "King" would rule in our hearts by winning the victory over sin and eternal death. That King would be Jesus our Savior. Like a mighty king, Jesus won the battle and saved us. He forgives our sins and gives us life forever in heaven.

Advent Judah

Jacob had twelve sons in all,
But Judah was the one
To carry on the special call.
From him would come God's royal Son.

So Judah and his family waited.
Years still came and went.
A famine came; they moved to Egypt.
They learned what waiting really meant.

Many years would still pass by
Before the Savior's birth.
But God would never tell a lie.
He sent His Son to all the earth.

You and I are Advent people,
While we live on earth.
We wait with Christians around the world
To celebrate our Savior's birth.

The Prayer:

Thank You, God, for Judah,
For he believed in You.
Thank You that the promise
Of the Savior has come true. Amen.

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Sunday – The Third Week of Advent – Advent Joseph

“You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives.” Genesis 50:20

The Bible tells us the whole story of Joseph. He was the favorite son of his father Jacob. He bragged about his dreams to his brothers. He was sold into slavery in Egypt and had many hard years in prison. God did not forget Joseph. God was just preparing him for a great work. Joseph was raised up to be an important leader in Egypt. He saved many people from dying during the years when there wasn't much food. He brought his father Israel and all his brothers and their families to Egypt. God saved their lives, and they lived in safety many years. God would also save them from dying in their sins. He would send them the Savior.

Advent Joseph

Joseph had ten older brothers.
He was spoiled they say.
They sold him to some travelers,
Who took him very far away.

Joseph still believed in God
And trusted in His plan:
To save all people from their sins
By sending them a Savior Man.

But first God saved the people from
A famine in the land.
Joseph's family came to live
In Egypt just as God had planned.

They lived for many years in Egypt,
The children learning well
That God would send a Savior soon
To rescue them from sin and hell.

The Prayer:

Thank You, God, for Joseph,
For he believed in You.
Thank You that the promise
Of the Savior has come true. Amen.

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Monday – The Third Week of Advent – Advent Moses

"The Lord will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own brothers."
Deuteronomy 18:15a

God called Moses to lead the Children of Israel out of slavery in Egypt and on to the Promised Land. God also used Moses to write down the first five books of the Bible. Even from birth Moses was singled out by God to do His great work of saving His people. And through the Bible books, God used Moses to proclaim His salvation to all the generations to come. For a greater prophet than Moses would come to save all people. The story of God's rescue of His people from slavery in Egypt is a wonderful picture of how Jesus would rescue all people from the slavery of sin by His own suffering, death and resurrection. Many people became Advent people because of Moses. They too put their faith in God and looked forward to the Savior who was coming into the world.

Advent Moses

Moses, prince within the palace,
Raised by mother dear,
Learned to know that God would show
His love for all the people there.

God told Moses, "Go tell Pharaoh,
Let My people go!"
Moses led them out of slavery,
Winning over every foe.

Moses also knew the promise.
God would send His Son,
Save them from all sin and foes,
And rescue them from every one.

Moses told them, "God will send
A prophet just like me.
Wait for Him and watch for Him.
That prophet will your Savior be."

The Prayer:

Thank You, God, for Moses,
For he believed in You.
Thank You that the promise
Of the Savior has come true. Amen.

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Tuesday – The Third Week of Advent – Advent Joshua

“As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.” Joshua 24:15b

Joshua was a young man when the Children of Israel first came to the Promised Land. He was chosen as one of 12 men to spy out the land. Only Joshua and Caleb reported that God would help them. The other 10 were afraid. So, God made all the Children of Israel go back into the wilderness for 40 years. When they came back to the Promised Land, Joshua was chosen to lead the people. He was a great leader in battle and great leader with faith in God. He told the people to trust in God, and God would always be with them and protect them. God would even send a Savior as He promised. God gave Joshua many victories. The greatest victory was surely when the people trusted in God and waited for God's promises to come true.

Advent Joshua

Joshua was sent ahead
To search the Promise Land.
He and faithful Caleb said
To trust in God's almighty hand.

In forty years they came again.
And Joshua led the band
Across the Jordan River and
Into the awesome Promised Land.

He led them all in battle,
Trusting God the good and strong
To keep them safe and send a Savior
From their sins before too long.

Joshua looked, like you and me,
For Promised Land above.
Our God who sends a Savior also
Takes us home to heaven in love.

The Prayer:

Thank You, God, for Joshua,
For he believed in You.
Thank You that the promise
Of the Savior has come true. Amen.

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Wednesday – The Third Week of Advent – Advent Deborah

“Now Deborah, a prophet, the wife of Lappidoth, was leading Israel at that time.” Judges 4:4

Deborah was a wife and mother, a prophetess and a judge, and a very wise person. Everyone trusted her. And she trusted in God. When she told Barak that God wanted him to fight against the enemy, Barak was afraid. He insisted that Deborah go along. Deborah bravely went along, but she told Barak that God would let a woman clinch the victory. That’s what happened and Deborah sang a great song of praise to God. Many people trusted in God because of Deborah’s strong faith and leadership. God makes us strong to trust in Him and lead others to believe in Him too.

Advent Deborah

ADVENT PEOPLE WAITING FOR THE COMING SAVIOR

Deborah as a wife and mother
Treated them with care.
Deborah as a judge of Israel
Settled all the quarrels there.

She told her family, “Trust in God.”
She told the people too.
God would save them from the foe.
Just wait and watch what God would do.

Deborah sent Barak to battle.
Then she went along.
God swept away the enemy.
They knew again that God was strong.

Deborah sang a song of vict’ry.
Wait on God! Be brave!
God will always save His people.
God is always strong to save.

The Prayer:

Thank You, God, for Deborah,
For she believed in You.
Thank You that the promise
Of the Savior has come true. Amen.

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Thursday – The Third Week of Advent – Advent Gideon

“During Gideon’s lifetime, the land enjoyed peace forty years.”
Judges 8:28b

God called Gideon to lead the army of Israel against the enemy. Gideon was afraid. He asked God to show him a sign to prove He would give him victory in battle. God made fire. God made dew appear on the fleece one day and on the ground around it the next day. God was very patient with Gideon. Finally, Gideon believed in God’s promise. Now he was ready to lead God’s army, and God gave them victory. Gideon became a great leader. He put his faith in God, and others trusted in God too. We are sometimes afraid of what might happen to us. Jesus faced terrible suffering and death for us. He did it because He loved us. He did it to save us. This is the greatest sign of all. God will always be with us, forgive us, save us, and take us home to heaven.

Advent Gideon

God showed Gideon special signs
With fire and fleece and dew,
And sent him into battle trusting
All God’s promises were true.

God reduced his army down
To just three hundred strong.
They chased the foe from town to town.
God gave them vict’ry all day long.

Gideon was their mighty judge.
They wanted him as king.
But Gideon praised the Lord who raised
Them up and gave them everything.

God gave peace throughout the land,
And Gideon judged them well.
They waited for the Savior now
To rescue them from death and hell.

The Prayer:

Thank You, God, for Gideon,
For he believed in You.
Thank You that the promise
Of the Savior has come true. Amen.

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Friday – The Third Week of Advent – Advent Samson

"Then Samson prayed to the Lord, 'O Sovereign Lord, remember me. O God, please strengthen me just once more.'" Judges 16:28a

Samson never had his hair cut. But his strength was not in his hair. God was his strength. Samson did many powerful things to save God's people. But when he was tempted to betray God, he gave in to the enemies about his uncut hair. They cut his hair and his great strength was gone. Samson was captured, but he still trusted in God. He prayed for strength to defeat the enemy one more time. God gave him strength, and he was able to conquer the enemy one more time. Jesus was stronger than Samson. He was all-powerful. But in weakness He went to the cross to die for us. The enemy, Satan, thought he had won. But Jesus was strong to save. He paid for all our sins. Satan was defeated. God gives us victory forever in Jesus our Savior.

Advent Samson

God made Samson big and strong.
He could win the fight.
But Samson sometimes did the wrong,
When He should have done the right.

God forgave him every time,
Even on that day.
Samson helped them in their crime,
And they cut all his hair away.

Samson still believed in God,
And God would still forgive.
His only Son would be the One
To die for us, so we can live.

Like Samson, God will make us strong
To listen and obey.
We sing along our Advent song.
The Savior will be born some day.

The Prayer:

Thank You, God, for Samson,
For he believed in You.
Thank You that the promise
Of the Savior has come true. Amen.

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Saturday – The Third Week of Advent – Advent Samuel

"Samuel said, 'Speak, Lord, for Your servant is listening.'"
1 Samuel 3:10b

Samuel's mother brought him to the temple to live and serve God. He loved God and served God all his life. He judged the people fairly. He led them in worship. He anointed kings. He spoke God's words to show the people their sin. He spoke God's words to show the people that God loved them and would send them a Savior. Samuel encouraged many people to put their faith in God and wait for the coming Savior!

Advent Samuel

ADVENT PEOPLE WAITING FOR THE COMING SAVIOR

God called Samuel like a lamb
To follow in His ways.
Samuel answered, "Here I am,"
And served God well through all his days.

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- METHUSELAH

3000 B.C.

Samuel made the sacrifice.
The people came to pray.
God forgave and promised them
A Savior true is on the way.

THE FLOOD

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- NOAH & WIFE
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- SHEM, HAM &
JAPHETH

Samuel anointed David king
And sounded out the call.
For God their king would send and bring
A Savior king to save them all.

2000 B.C.

- ABRAHAM & SARAH
- ISAAC & REBEKAH
- JACOB & LEAH/JUDAH/
JOSEPH

Samuel waited patiently
And trusted in God's Name.
Samuel still speaks lovingly
And teaches us to do the same.

1000 B.C.

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- MOSES
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- SAMSON/SAMUEL

The Prayer:

Thank You, God, for Samuel,
For he believed in You.
Thank You that the promise
Of the Savior has come true. Amen.

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Sunday – The Fourth Week of Advent – Advent David

“He will reign on David’s throne and over his kingdom ... forever.”
Isaiah 9:7b

God called David to be the king when he was just a boy. David killed the giant Goliath. David led the army in many battles. David also wrote psalms of praise to sing and praise God. In many ways David showed the people how to love God and trust in Him. When David sinned, he confessed his sin to God and asked for forgiveness. God told him that one of his descendants would be a king forever. God was talking about Jesus. For years to come people would look back and thank God for King David and his great reign. Then they would look forward and wait for the coming King, Jesus, who would conquer Satan, forgive their sins, and give them eternal victory in the kingdom of heaven.

Advent David

David was a shepherd boy,
Who loved to play and sing.
He killed the giant, served the Lord,
And he became the future king.

David fought God’s enemies,
And he was always brave.
God was his salvation rock.
And God would always come to save.

In time to come, a son of David,
Down through many years,
Would also be a king like him,
To take away their tears and fears.

David helped the people see
That God so loved each one
That they could wait most patiently,
For God would send His only Son.

The Prayer:

Thank You, God, for David,
For he believed in You.
Thank You that the promise
Of the Savior has come true. Amen.

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Monday – The Fourth Week of Advent – Advent Elijah

“Elijah went before the people and said, ‘How long will you waver between two opinions? If the LORD is God, follow Him; but if Baal is God, follow him!’” 1 Kings 18:21a

King Ahaz and Queen Jezebel were evil. They got the people to worship the false god Baal. God called His prophet Elijah to set things straight, but three years without rain didn’t convince them. The fire from heaven on Mount Carmel didn’t convince them either. Even when Elijah was carried to heaven in a fiery chariot, many people still did evil and sinned against God. But some people did believe Elijah. Elijah couldn’t see it, but there were still seven thousand people who believed in God and waited for the coming Savior. We never know who will be God’s Advent people. We share God’s love and tell them about Jesus. When God puts faith in a person’s heart and that person believes in Jesus, it’s a wonderful thing, even when we can’t see it with our eyes. We wait with patience and faith too.

Advent Elijah

Elijah said it would not rain,
As prophet of the Lord.
Three years later, he made it plain,
God spoke and it rained and poured.

Mount Carmel was the contest great
With prophets of the Baal.
Their wood was drier but no fire!
While God sent fire that did not fail!

Elijah told the people all
That God was God indeed.
While some believed God’s loving call,
Some were filled with hate and greed.

Elijah trusted God and waited
In his faithful way.
The Lord will come to save us too,
And take us home to heav’n some day.

The Prayer:

Thank You, God, for Elijah,
For he believed in You.
Thank You that the promise
Of the Savior has come true. Amen.

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Tuesday – The Fourth Week of Advent – Advent Isaiah

“To us a child is born. To us a son is given.” Isaiah 9:6a

Isaiah was a great prophet of the Lord. He lived about 700 years before the promise would come true and Jesus would be born. Isaiah told the people their sin would only bring them everlasting death in hell. Only the promised Savior could rescue them. The Savior would take the punishment for their sin. He would suffer and die for them. He would give them forgiveness and eternal life. Isaiah’s message also gave the people another special clue about the Savior. He would be born in a most miraculous way. His mother would be a virgin. Everyone knew that was impossible, of course. But Advent people who have faith in God know that with God all things are possible!

Advent Isaiah

Isaiah told the story bright.
The Savior’s coming soon.
The light will pierce the darkest night.
The Savior shines as bright as noon.

A Child is born, the virgin birth,
For God gives His own Son.
Good News is heard through all the earth
For now salvation will be won.

The Son will take on all our sin,
A Suffering Servant be.
And He will rise before our eyes.
His death and life will set us free.

The Day is coming, not yet here.
We wait and watch and pray.
For God will keep His promises,
And we’ll rejoice on that great Day.

The Prayer:

Thank You, God, for Isaiah,
For he believed in You.
Thank You that the promise
Of the Savior has come true. Amen.

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Wednesday – The Fourth Week of Advent – Advent Micah

"But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel." Micah 5:2a

Micah lived 700 years before Jesus was born. The people of God had waited many, many years for God's promise of the Savior to come true. They would have to wait a while longer. But with each prophet they learned more about the coming Savior. Micah is the one who told them the Savior would be born in Bethlehem. Did the people make the connection with "the son of David" who had been promised for 300 years already? We can also see special clues all around us that the celebration of the Savior's birth is almost here. We know our waiting will not be long. We are filled with excitement and joy. The Savior comes.

Advent Micah

Seven hundred years before
The Savior would come near,
The prophet Micah told them more
About the place He would appear.

Little town of Bethlehem,
Where sheep are kept and shorn,
In David's town, the world renown,
The Savior of the world is born.

Micah pointed forward to
The coming of the King.
The day of hope and peace would come,
And all God's people join to sing.

We wait to celebrate the day,
That happy Christmas morn,
When all the angels sang for joy
For Jesus Christ our Lord was born.

The Prayer:

Thank You, God, for Micah,
For he believed in You.
Thank You that the promise
Of the Savior has come true. Amen.

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Thursday – The Fourth Week of Advent – Advent Daniel

“Three times a day Daniel got down on his knees and prayed.” Daniel 6:10b

Daniel was taken far away along with many of the Children of Israel. They were captives and exiles in a foreign land. Daniel was one of the prophets who reminded the people of their sin and also of their Savior. Though they had sinned against God, He would rescue them and bring them back to the Promised Land. There the Savior would be born, just as God had promised. Daniel prayed and thanked God every day. Even when he was threatened, he showed that he trusted in God. He still prayed to God. He was thrown into the lion's den, but God shut their mouths. Now, the king and many others saw the power of God. Some people must have listened to God's words of promise. Many years later there were some wise men who came from far, maybe from the very place where Daniel lived and told about the coming Savior. These wise men or Magi came all the way to the Promised Land to visit and worship the newborn king! Wise men (and wise children) still come to worship the newborn king.

Advent Daniel

Daniel in a foreign land
Did not forget to pray.
He worshipped God, confessed his sins,
And always talked to God each day.

And then one day some evil men
Thought up a wicked plan.
They threw him in the lion's den
And thought that ended God's own man.

But Daniel trusted God. He knew
That God had not forgot.
The lions' mouths were shut, and too
Brave Daniel's mouth, of course, was not.

He told them of his God of love,
Who listens when he prays.
And God would send from up above
A Savior all the world could praise.

The Prayer:

Thank You, God, for Daniel,
For he believed in You.
Thank You that the promise
Of the Savior has come true. Amen.

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Friday – The Fourth Week of Advent – Advent Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego

“If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God we serve is able to save us.”
Daniel 3:17a

Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego were in the land of exile just like Daniel. They were commanded to bow down to a 90-foot-tall golden idol. They would not bow down and worship anyone but the true God. The king got so mad he heated up the furnace. But the three men were not harmed. In fact, a fourth man (an angel) was walking around in the furnace with them. The king and everyone was amazed. Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego showed others how to trust in God. God was the only God who could save them from the fire of the furnace. They also told of how God would save all people from the fire of hell. A Savior would come in the land of promise. Maybe the wise men heard the story of what happened that day. For many years later they came to the Promised Land to find the King of the Jews. We too come to see Jesus, our Savior and King.

Advent Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego

Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego
Believed in God most true.
Bowing down to a golden idol,
They simply would not ever do.

Into the blazing furnace heated
Seven times more hot,
The three men, no, now four men, might
Have burned alive but they were not.

The king, amazed at what he saw,
Now quickly got them out,
And praised the true God loudly with
A happy, joyful, kingly shout.

Many people praise the Lord
Because of these three men.
We praise Him too for He has come
To love and save us all. Amen.

The Prayer:

Thank You, God, for Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego,
For they believed in You.
Thank You that the promise
Of the Savior has come true. Amen.

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Saturday – The Fourth Week of Advent – Advent Zechariah

“See your king comes to you, righteous and having salvation,
gentle and riding on a donkey.” Zechariah 9:9b

Zechariah was a faithful prophet of the Lord. He told the people about their sin. He told them about the Savior from sin. Zechariah tells us much about the Savior to come. We know that the picture of the king riding on a donkey is talking about when Jesus came riding into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. That day there was much rejoicing, much like the rejoicing that happens at Jesus’ birth. But the joy of Palm Sunday would soon turn into sadness and pain and heartbreak at the suffering and death of Jesus that very week. But Easter morning is soon to come. Once again there is joy and gladness. The Savior who suffered and died for us is risen from the dead to live forevermore. Even with the joy of Christmas, we know that this little baby will grow up to suffer and then die an innocent death. It’s a terrible story. It’s a wonderful story. It is the story of God’s great and wonderful love for us and for all people. It’s a time to celebrate.

Advent Zechariah

Zechariah spoke of Christ
Five hundred years to go,
So everyone could wait and watch
The Savior crush the evil foe.

Rejoice, O daughter, gladly now.
Your king is coming near.
The Savior comes and knees will bow,
And He will save His people dear.

The days of waiting nearly done,
We greet the day with joy.
The battle for our lives is won,
All wrapped up in this baby boy.

Dear God, prepare our hearts to greet
The Savior born to save.
And let our songs of joy repeat
Our thanks and love for all You gave.

The Prayer:

Thank You, God, for Zechariah,
For he believed in You.
Thank You that the promise
Of the Savior has come true. Amen.

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CHRISTMAS – THE SAVIOR IS BORN!

“The time came for the baby to be born.” Luke 2:6b

What a most wonderful day! Jesus our Savior is born! God first gave the promise of the Savior to Adam a long time ago. God’s Advent people had been praying for and waiting for the Savior for hundreds and thousands of years. How many babies had been born in all those years? Tens of millions and more! But every baby born into this world was a sinner just like you and me. Every baby needed a Savior from sin and eternal death. Now the Savior Jesus was born. Jesus was a regular baby in every way, but He was also the holy Son of God. He never sinned in all His life. And then, one day, Jesus, the perfect, loving God would give His life for us. He would die so we could live forever with God. We celebrate Jesus’ birthday today. But we also celebrate the life God gives us in Jesus our Savior. We are now God’s Advent people in another special way. We know Jesus will come again on the Last Day. He will take us and all believers to be with Him in heaven forever and ever. Amen. We wait for that wonderful day trusting in Jesus our Savior, serving God in love, and sharing the Good News of the Savior with everyone in the world.

JESUS CHRIST, THE SAVIOR IS BORN!

The days and years were finally done.
God’s promise would come true.
In Bethlehem God gave His Son,
The Savior born for me and you.

Adam, wipe away your tears!
Look, Eve, here is your son!
Abraham, your star appears!
Moses, the journey’s finally done!

Prophets, priests and kings arise
To celebrate this day!
For Jesus Christ, before our eyes,
Is born to take our sins away.

And now with thankful hearts we wait
To see Him once again,
Before the throne at heaven’s gate
When He will take us home. Amen.

The Prayer:

Thank You, God, for all your Advent people,
For they believed in You.
Thank You that the promise
Of the Savior has come true. Amen.

ADVENT PEOPLE

WAITING FOR THE COMING SAVIOR

CREATION

- ADAM & EVE

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- ENOCH

- METHUSELAH

3000 B.C.

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- NOAH & WIFE

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- SHEM, HAM &
JAPHETH

THE FLOOD

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2000 B.C.

- ABRAHAM & SARAH

- ISAAC & REBEKAH

- JACOB & LEAH/JUDAH/
JOSEPH

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- MOSES

- JOSHUA

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- DEBORAH/GIDEON

- SAMSON/SAMUEL

1000 B.C.

- DAVID

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- ELIJAH

- ISAIAH/MICAH

- DANIEL/SHADRACH,

MESHACH & ABEDNEGO

- ZECHARIAH

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