

CELEBRATING ADVENT

with the Jesse Tree



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EMMANUEL

THE descendants of David, however, did not follow the Lord with all their hearts. So God sent prophets to call them back to His ways.

One of the prophets whom God sent was Isaiah. The people of Israel had sinned against the Lord and God had allowed their enemies to attack them. God then sent Isaiah to the king and told him to trust in the Lord, for God would defeat all of Israel's enemies.

Isaiah told the king to ask for a sign from the Lord as an assurance that they would be delivered, but the king refused to ask for a sign. The prophet told the king that God would give a sign anyway, for a maiden would bear a child who would be named Emmanuel, a name that means "God is with us."

The prophet also promised that when this child would reign, there would be a time of peace in Israel and over the whole world. The peace would be so great that even the wolf would lie down with the lamb and the lion with the calf. There would be a great peace on God's holy mountain. Jesus is the fulfillment of this promise, for He truly is "God with us"; He truly is the Prince of Peace.



THE JESSE TREE

DURING the Season of Advent we can think of the people and events of the Jesse Tree.

First Week — Numbers 1, 2, and 3

Second Week — Numbers 4, 5, and 6

Third Week — Numbers 7, 8, and 9

Fourth Week — Numbers 10 and 11

