

In the Family of Jesus

Romans 1:1-12

New Testament Reading

Today's epistle reading is from the New Testament book of Romans. Let's look at three Christian truths that Saint Paul mentions in this reading.

1. God's Son, Jesus, descended from David.

Do you remember David from the Old Testament? He killed the giant, Goliath, with a stone and slingshot when he was a boy. Then he became a great king, chosen by God. He made some mistakes, but he loved God very much and wrote most of the Psalms in the Old Testament. Jesus was born, many, many generations after David, but in the line of descendants that came directly from David. This means King David was Jesus' great-great-great-etc grandfather!



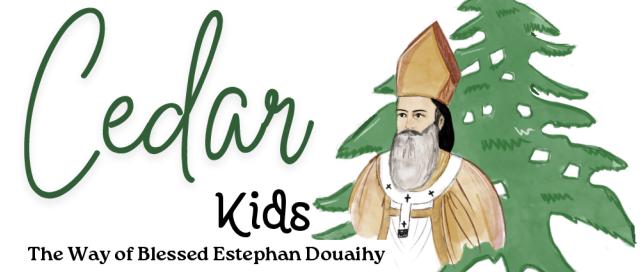
2. Through Jesus and the gift of baptism and the sacraments, we have been adopted into His family and have been given grace to share the Gospel with others.



If you are a Christian, you don't just have one family. Everyone in the Church is your brother and sister. Jesus wants as many people as possible in His family. In fact, He wants the whole world to become Christians! And you can share this news with the world (or at least your friends)!

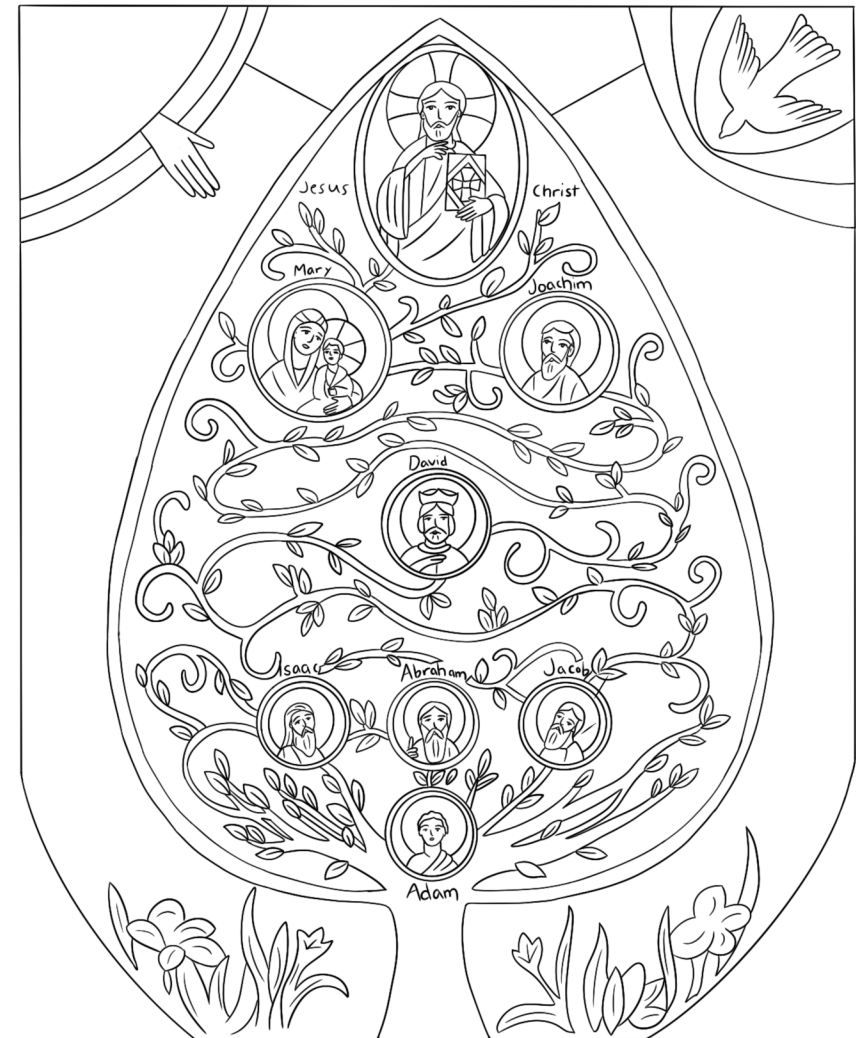
3. It is good to spend time with other Christians.

Saint Paul was excited at the idea of traveling to Rome so that all the believers could be encouraged by him and he by them. We are influenced by who we spend time with, so it's important to choose our friends wisely!



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The eternal, almighty One has in time become a child. Coming down from his throne of light, in a manger he now lies.

Answers: 1. Ruth; 2. David; 3. Amos; 4. Jesse; 5. Messiah

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Gospel Corner

Matthew
1:1-17

Approximately 2,000 years before Jesus was born, the Lord God appeared to Abraham in which God promised Abraham three things. God told Abraham he would:

1. Make of him a great nation, meaning giving him his own land,
2. Make his name great, meaning giving him descendants as numerous as the stars,
3. and through his descendants, all the people of the world would be blessed.



About 1,000 years after Abraham, God made one of Abraham's descendants King of all the Israelites.



His name was David and he was a king after God's own heart. The Lord God promised King David that one of his descendants would always rule as King and his kingdom would live into eternity.

Although David's family eventually lost their earthly throne and the kingdom of Israel was fractured, the Lord God was always present to keep His promises.

The Apostle Matthew began his Gospel of the story of Jesus by showing us how the Lord God keeps His promises. In the Genealogy of Jesus we see how Jesus, in His human nature, is a descendant of Abraham and King David. Jesus came to fulfill all of the promises made by God. Through Jesus, all the people of the world are blessed, and Jesus would come to reign as King of heaven and earth for all eternity.



Did you know?

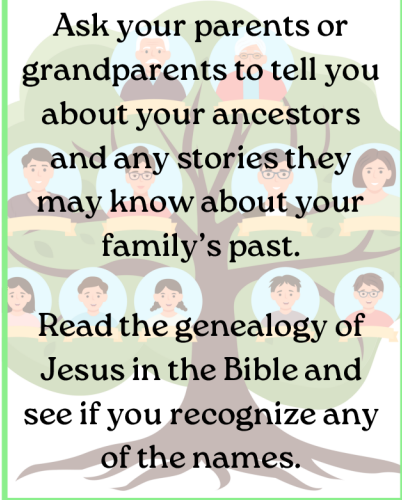
DESCENDANTS

A descendant is a person in a direct line from a specific ancestor, like a child, grandchild, or great-grandchild, representing a continuation of a family line from past to present, signifying shared heritage, identity, and lineage.

What you can do

Ask your parents or grandparents to tell you about your ancestors and any stories they may know about your family's past.

Read the genealogy of Jesus in the Bible and see if you recognize any of the names.



Word Jumble



Unscramble the words below, each being a name from the Genealogy of Jesus. Then complete the sentence below by placing the correct letter on each line.

1. U T R H _____ _____ _____ ₇
2. V I D A D _____ ₆ _____ ₅ _____
3. S M O A _____ ₁ _____ ₃
4. J S E S E _____ ₂ ₄ _____ _____

5. "Of her was born Jesus who is called the

_____ " "

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