



THE JUDAH TREE

is named after Judah, one of Jacob's sons, who received a special blessing from his father. Jacob declared that Judah would be like a lion, and from his line would come the great King. This blessing not only highlights Judah's importance, but also sets the stage for an incredible family tree that leads us to Jesus, our Savior and King.

As we look at the lives of those in Jesus' lineage, we find a mix of characters, some faithful and some flawed. Figures like Abraham, David, and Solomon made significant contributions, while others, like Jehoiachin, struggled with their choices. This reminds us that not everyone in Jesus' family tree was perfect. God used ordinary people, with their strengths and weaknesses, to fulfill His promises and bring about His plan for salvation.

What's truly amazing is that through Jesus, we are invited to be part of this family as heirs of God's kingdom. Just as Jesus was born into the line of Judah, we, too, can be adopted into God's family. Because of His great love, God welcomes us as His own, offering us a place in His eternal kingdom.

HOW TO USE THE JUDAH TREE ADVENT

Prepare Your Ornaments:

- Print out the Bible character ornaments.
- Cut them out and glue the fronts and backs together to make them sturdy.

Choose a Family Time:

- Pick a time each day during Advent to gather as a family. This could be at dinner, before bed, or any time that works for you.

Read the Scripture:

- Each day, read the scripture passage associated with the ancestor of Jesus. This will help you understand their story and importance in the family tree.
- After reading, talk about how this person fits into the story of the Bible and God's plan. Use the provided sentences for guidance.
- Encourage everyone to share their thoughts and what they learned.

Add The Ornament:

- After discussing, place the ornament of that day's ancestor on your Christmas tree. This will help you see the family tree grow throughout Advent.

Reflect and Pray:

- Take a moment to reflect on what you've learned about God's faithfulness and how He uses all kinds of people in His plans.
- Close with a prayer, thanking God for His promises and asking for help to be part of His story.

Celebrate the Coming of Jesus:

- As Christmas approaches, remember that the Judah Tree helps us prepare our hearts for the birth of Jesus, our King, who comes from this special family line.
- Make this time special! You can sing songs, enjoy a treat, or even light a candle as you celebrate the season together.



Day 3
Front



Day 3
Back



Day 2
Front



Day 2
Back



Day 1
Front



Day 1
Back









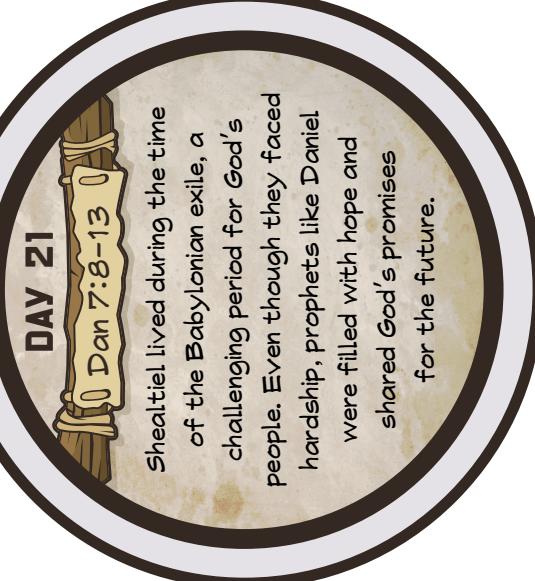




Day 21
Front



Day 21
Back



Shealtiel lived during the time of the Babylonian exile, a challenging period for God's people. Even though they faced hardship, prophets like Daniel were filled with hope and shared God's promises for the future.



Day 20
Front



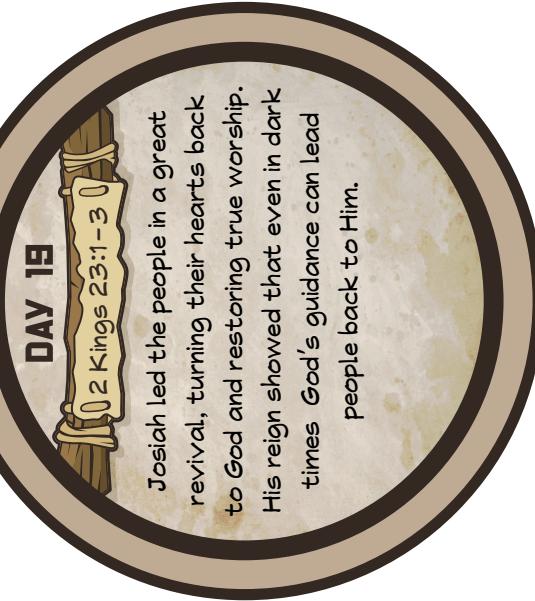
Day 20
Back



Even though Josiah had turned the people back to God, it was too late to save the nation from disaster. Jeconiah witnessed the Babylonian invasion, and the people were taken into exile.
*Jeconiah is also known as Jehoiachin



Day 19
Front



Josiah led the people in a great revival, turning their hearts back to God and restoring true worship. His reign showed that even in dark times God's guidance can lead people back to Him.



