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NAMES OF JESUS

Day 1 : The Word

Have you ever had words just pop out of your mouth before you thought about them? (Yep... me too.) Our words show what's in our hearts—whether that's “I love you” or “Please pass the chips.” The Bible says something amazing: Jesus is called “The Word of God.”

When God made the world—“Let there be light!”—Jesus was right there, making it happen. God the Father, Jesus the Son, and the Holy Spirit are so close, they're one God, completely united. Then something mind-blowing happened... The Word became human!

Jesus left Heaven and came to live right here. Why? Because our sin had pushed us away from God, and He wanted us back—really badly. So badly, He came as a perfect man, took our punishment, rose again, and made a way for us to be part of His family forever. That's Christmas: the Word coming to live with us... and not just visit —He came to stay in our hearts



Day 2 : I Am

If someone said, “I am,” and then stopped talking... you’d probably wait for the rest of the sentence.

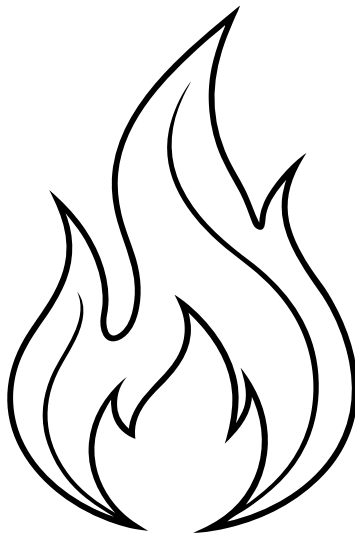
“I am... hungry?”

“I am... awesome?”

“I am... Batman?”

But when Jesus said “I am” in John 8:58, He wasn’t forgetting the rest—He was using God’s very own name from the Old Testament (Exodus 3:14). The people listening knew exactly what He meant: Jesus was saying, “I am God.”

That’s a big deal! It means Jesus wasn’t just a nice man or a good teacher—He’s the Creator, the Rescuer, and the King. And because He is God, He’s the only one who could take our punishment for sin, live a perfect life, die for us, and then come back to life. So when we hear Jesus say “I am,” we can think, “Wow... He really is God. And He came for me



Day 3 : Son of God

Imagine you're sitting at home when—BAM!—an angel shows up in your lounge room. That's exactly what happened to Mary. And this wasn't just a "Hi, how's the weather?" visit. The angel had HUGE news: she was going to have a baby... God's baby!

This baby wouldn't come from a mum and dad like normal, but by the power of the Holy Spirit. He would be holy, perfect, and the King God had promised long ago—way back in King David's time. But this King wouldn't just rule for a while; His kingdom would last forever.

So who is He? He's the one who speaks with God's own authority, who tells storms to stop—and they actually do! He's the one who heals sick people, raises the dead, and forgives sins, because He truly is God's Son.

His name is Jesus Christ—the Son of God. And He came to save us from our sins so we can be part of His forever kingdom

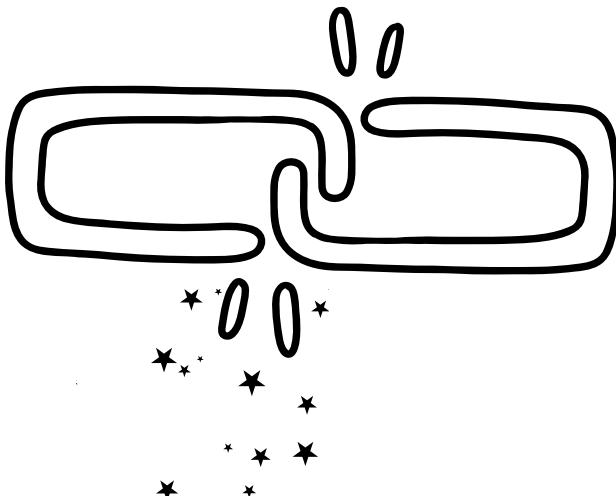


Day 4 : Redeemer

Have you ever felt like a slave to chores? “Wash the dishes.” “Tidy your room.” “Do your homework.” (I know... tragic.) But in Bible times, some people were real slaves—they couldn’t leave, couldn’t choose, and were truly trapped.

The only way to be free was for someone to redeem you—that means pay the price to set you free. Once the price was paid, you were rescued and could go home.

The Bible says Jesus is our Redeemer. But instead of freeing us from a bossy chore chart, He frees us from something way worse—sin. Our sin had trapped us far from God, but Jesus paid the price with His own life so we could be forgiven and come home to Him. Now, if you believe in Him, you’re not stuck anymore—you’re free! And that’s the best kind of freedom there is!

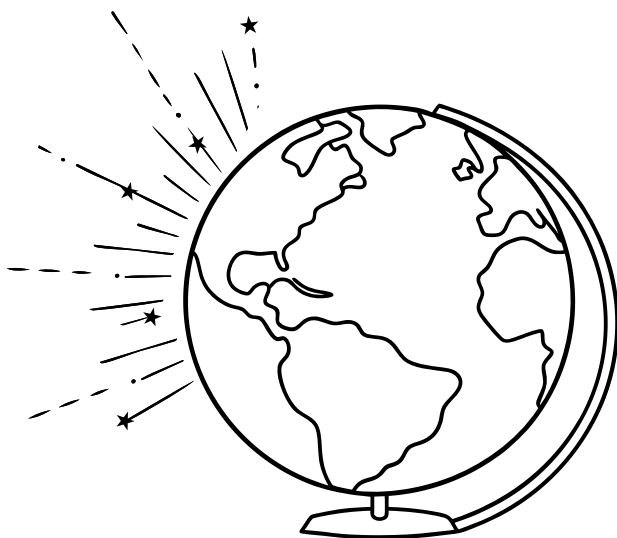


Day 5 : Light of the World

Have you ever been in total, pitch-black darkness? Not “Oops, the power’s out” darkness, but the kind where you can’t see your hand in front of your face—like deep in a cave.

Now imagine switching on a torch. BOOM! Suddenly you can see where to go, and you’re not tripping over your own feet anymore. The Bible says that when Jesus was born, it was like a giant light switched on in the middle of a dark, broken world. People were stumbling around in sadness, sin, and hopelessness—but Jesus came to bring hope, forgiveness, and God’s love.

Jesus said, “I am the Light of the World.” If we follow Him, we’ll never walk in darkness again. That’s the best reason to celebrate Christmas—light has come, and His name is Jesus.



Day 6: Lamb of God

A long, long time before Jesus was born, God's people had a big problem—sin. They'd done wrong things and needed a way to be forgiven. So, their leader (the priest) would put his hands on an innocent goat, tell God all the sins of the people, and then send the goat far, far away. Bye, goat. 🙏

Sometimes they'd also sacrifice animals—bulls, birds, tiny lambs—to show they were sorry. But it never fully worked. The sin always came back.

Then Jesus came. One day, His cousin John saw Him and shouted, "Look! The Lamb of God! He takes away the sin of the world!" Jesus was innocent—like those animals—but way better. He was taken outside the city, died for us, and rose again. And unlike the goats and lambs, Jesus takes our sin away forever!



Day 7: Mediator

God loves peace. Like, big-time peace. So much that the Bible says He wants us to pray for peace everywhere — for kings, queens, prime ministers, police, and even sailors and soldiers. Remember the angels singing at Jesus' birth? They said, "Let there be peace on earth!"

But here's a tricky question: how can we have peace with God if we've made Him mad by doing wrong things? Not even the Queen or the Prime Minister can fix that!

God sent someone who could fix it: Jesus, the Prince of Peace. A mediator is someone who stands in the middle between two people who don't get along and helps them be friends again. When we were fighting with God, Jesus stood right in the middle and made peace possible.

Because of Jesus, we're not enemies with God anymore—we're friends! And that means we get God's joy and peace every day.



Day 8: Immanuel

Have you ever wondered what your name means? Jesus had lots of names, but one of the coolest is Immanuel. It means “God with us.”

A long time ago, God’s people really wanted God to come and be with them. They wanted Him to show up as a strong warrior and save them. But when Jesus came, He didn’t arrive wearing armour or carrying a sword. Nope! He came as a tiny baby—born in a manger because there was no room anywhere else!

Instead of fighting with a sword, Jesus brings us hope and love with His words:

“The Kingdom of God is near,” and “I will never leave you.”

Even when things feel scary, like walking through a dark valley, Jesus is with you. That’s what Immanuel means—God is always with us.



Day 9: Cornerstone

A long time before Jesus was born, a prophet named Isaiah told God's people about a very special stone—the cornerstone. Now, if you were building a house, you'd know the cornerstone is the most important rock. It's the first stone set down and holds up the whole building. Without it, the house would fall apart! Isaiah wasn't just talking about any stone—he was talking about Jesus!

Jesus is like the cornerstone of our lives. Sometimes people try to build their lives on things like money, friends, or toys. But those things can break or disappear. When we build our lives on Jesus, we have a strong, sure foundation that will never let us down. And guess what? When we trust Jesus, we're like stones being built into God's special house—the church—where we all belong.



Day 10: Bread of life

Have you ever been SUPER hungry? Jesus once said something surprising:

"I am the Bread of Life."

He wasn't turning into bread—He was telling us He gives the kind of life that never runs out.

There are two kinds of bread:

Bread that fills your tummy but doesn't last, and
Jesus, the Bread that fills your heart forever.

Jesus explained it like this:

Coming to Him is like eating bread.

Believing in Him is like having a drink that takes away thirst forever.

So when we take communion—the little bread and cup—it reminds us:

"I come to Jesus, and I believe in Jesus"

Jesus fills our hearts forever when we come to Him and believe in Him.



Day 11: The Vine

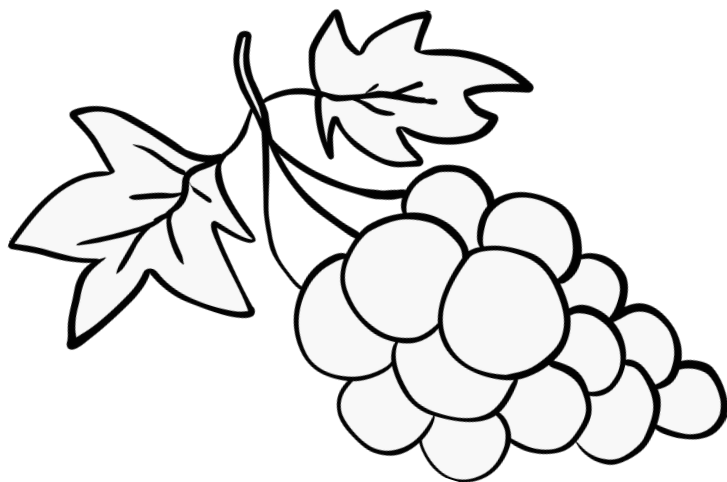
Jesus said, "I am the true vine." That might sound a little strange, but back then, everyone knew about vines because grapes and wine were part of their everyday life.

A vine has strong roots and a tough stem that holds everything up.

From the vine grow branches, leaves, and yummy grapes! Jesus said He's the vine, and we are the branches. That means we get our life and strength from Him—just like branches get juice from the vine.

God the Father is like the gardener who trims the branches to help them grow better fruit, like love, kindness, and helping others. When we stay close to Jesus, we grow good fruit that makes God happy.

So this Advent, remember: Jesus is your vine, and when you stick with Him, you'll grow into the best you can be!

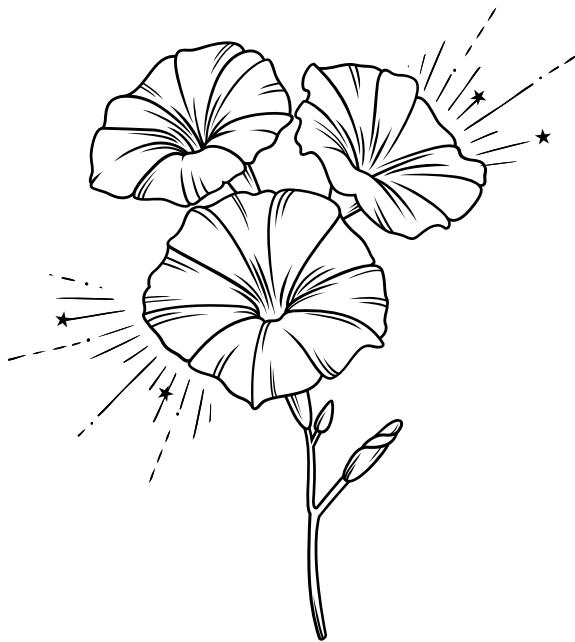


Day 12: Glory of the Lord

Imagine someone amazing visited your school. You'd rush home and tell your family all about them! You might say things like:
Incredible! Awesome! Just wow!

The Bible talks about how amazing God is using the word "glory." Glory means everything that's fantastic, powerful, and awesome about God.

A long time ago, people waited and waited for the glory of the Lord to come. When Jesus came as a baby, He didn't look super fancy or royal—He was just a little baby like any other. But if you look closely at what Jesus said and did, you see glimpses of God's glory! The most amazing thing is that Jesus rose from the dead and lives forever! One day, everyone will see His glory and say together,
"Jesus is just WOW!"

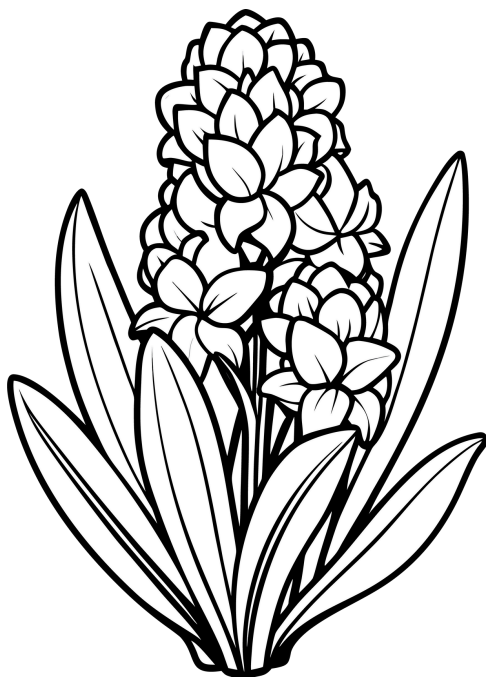


Day 13: Man of sorrow

Jesus was called the Man of Sorrows because He went through some really tough stuff. He faced big challenges, people who didn't like Him, sickness, sadness, and even died on a cross. That sounds pretty sad, right?

But here's the good news: Jesus didn't just watch from far away. He lived with all those hard things so He could understand how we feel.

When you're sad or struggling, Jesus is right there with you. He's like a big sponge that soaks up our sadness and pain—carrying it for us so we don't have to carry it alone. Because Jesus did that for us, we can say, "Hallelujah, what a saviour!"



Day 14: Alpha and Omega

Have you ever learned the letters A and Z? They're the very first and very last letters of the alphabet!

Jesus calls Himself Alpha and Omega, which means He is the first and the last—the beginning and the end of everything!

That's a big way of saying Jesus was there at the very start of the whole world, and He will be there at the very end too.

So, when we celebrate Jesus' birthday at Christmas, we're celebrating the One who is in charge of everything—from A to Z!



Day 15: Prince of Peace

Do you ever wish the world would be peaceful?

A long time ago, God promised a special blessing through a man named Abraham. Through him, God said a very important child would be born—a baby who would bring peace to the whole world!

This baby would be called many amazing names, but one of the best is Prince of Peace.

Even today, families and countries have trouble finding peace. But Jesus—the Prince of Peace—came to bring true peace between us and God.

And one day, when Jesus comes back, there will be peace forever and ever!



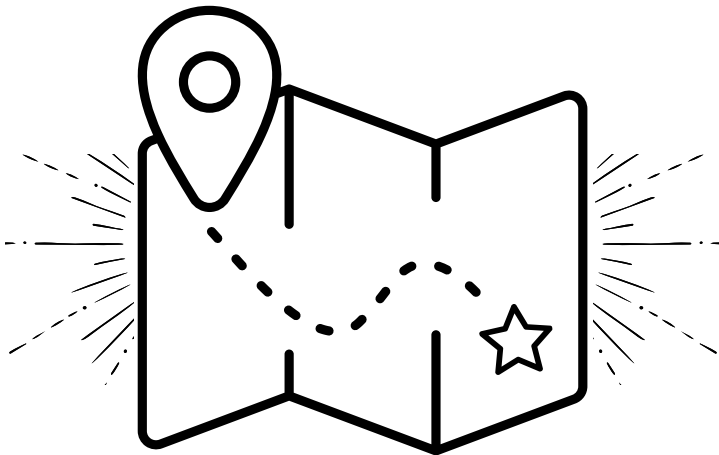
Day 16: The Way

Have you ever been bushwalking and suddenly the path just stops? You don't know which way to go! Left is all scratchy bushes, straight ahead is sticks and stones, so you try right—and hooray!—there's a clear path again. Phew!

Jesus said, "I am the way." He's like the best guide who shows us the right path to God's house—the place with the best rooms and no scary bushes!

Jesus' path wasn't easy. He went all the way to the cross because He loves us and wanted to make a way for us to be close to God. That's why His first followers called themselves "followers of the Way."

This Christmas, we remember baby Jesus and say thanks for showing us the way to God and forever love.



Day 17: Lord

Have you heard people say “Jesus is Lord”? What does that even mean? We don’t use the word “lord” much today—it’s like calling someone a king or “Your Majesty.” A long time ago, kings called themselves “king of kings” and “lord of lords” to show they were the biggest boss of all.

But Jesus really deserves that title because He is God who came as a person. He died on the cross, came back to life, and then went back to heaven where He sits as the King of everything! Paul says Jesus has the name above every name—that means He’s the most powerful and important of all.

Not everyone believes this yet, but one day everyone will bow down and say, “Jesus is Lord!”

Here’s the coolest part: Jesus is Lord, but He’s also a servant. Instead of holding on tight to being God’s equal, He came down to earth and served others—even dying on the cross for us. He’s a humble king who loves and serves everyone, even those who didn’t like Him.

So while Jesus is the biggest boss ever, He’s also the kindest, humblest Lord who loves to serve us.



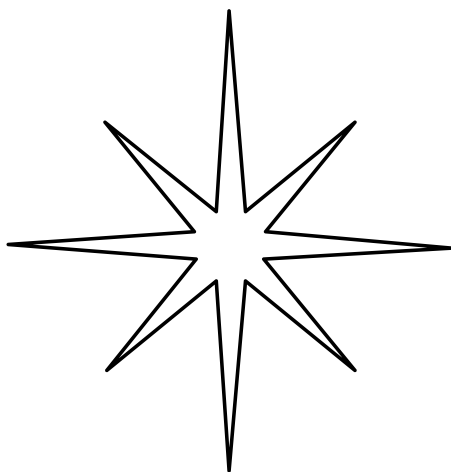
Day 18: Morning Star

Let there be light!" That's what God said first when He started making the world—sun, moon, stars, planets, and us!

When we look up at the stars at night, it's like a big reminder of how powerful God is. But the Bible also says God promised a special new star—a person from Jacob's family—who would shine light into a dark world.

At Christmas, some wise men followed a star to find baby Jesus. But guess what? Jesus isn't just a star—He is the brightest star of all! In the Bible, Jesus calls Himself the "bright Morning Star" and says, "I am the light of the world. Anyone who follows me will never be in the dark."

So when you see stars in the sky or twinkling Christmas lights, remember Jesus is the real star shining bright, showing us the best way to live.



Day 19: Good Shepherd

Did you know there are loads of sheep stories in the Bible? Abraham, Isaac, Jacob—all had sheep. Even King David was a shepherd boy who saved his sheep from hungry bears and lions! And the very first people to hear about Jesus being born were shepherds, out looking after their sheep at night.

But in the Old Testament, God told the leaders of Israel they were like bad shepherds. Instead of caring for their people—especially those who were sick, lost, or hurting—they kept all the good stuff for themselves. That made things really tough for God’s people. So God promised to get rid of those bad shepherds and be the good shepherd Himself. He would find His people, take care of them, and bring them home safe.

Then Jesus came and said, “I am the good shepherd.” He cares for us just like a shepherd cares for sheep—and here’s the coolest part: a good shepherd even lays down his life for his sheep. Jesus did that for us so we could live with Him forever!



Day 20: Messiah

At Christmas, you might hear the word “Messiah.” It’s also the name of a famous music piece by Handel that lots of people sing—especially the part that goes “Hallelujah!” (which means “Praise God!”). Can you sing it with me?

We sing “Hallelujah” because Jesus’ birth is amazing and worth celebrating!

But the word “Messiah” was in the Bible long before the song. It means a special leader or king chosen by God. We believe Jesus is that special leader God promised—a king who came to save us all.

When Jesus grew up, He taught lots of amazing things and did things only God could do. He died and came back to life (that’s the Easter story, which we’ll talk about later). All that showed He really was the Messiah!

Another name for Messiah is “Christ,” so when we say “Jesus Christ,” we’re saying Jesus is God’s chosen leader—and we’re so happy about Him that we want to sing “Hallelujah!”



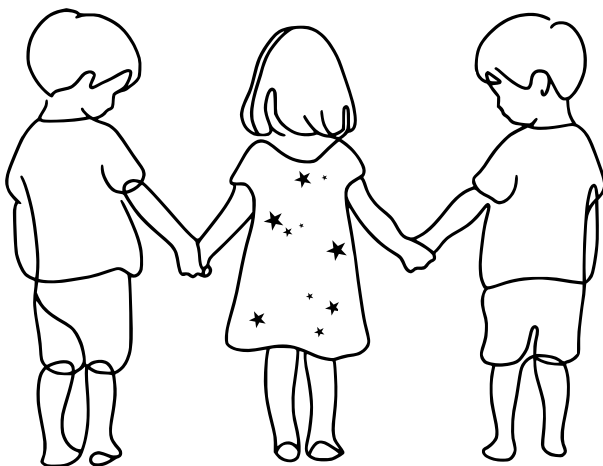
Day 21: Son of Man

Being human isn't always easy—we get hungry, lonely, worried, or angry. But God knows what that feels like because He became one of us!

Jesus called Himself the “Son of Man” to show He was really human. He felt tired, sad, and even let down by friends. That means He understands how we feel and can help us when we're scared or worried.

But “Son of Man” also means Jesus is more than human—He's powerful and the King of everything! A long time ago, Daniel saw a vision of the “Son of Man” coming with glory and a kingdom that will never end.

So Jesus is our King who knows how it feels to be human. That's pretty amazing!



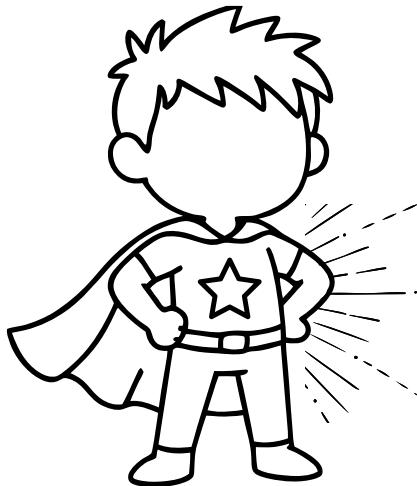
Day 22: Saviour

Have you ever almost stepped onto the road just as a car zoomed by, and someone grabbed you back just in time? Or swum out too far in a pool and couldn't stand up, but someone rescued you and brought you back safe?

Well, sin is kind of like that—it's anything we do wrong that can really hurt us and separate us from God. We all mess up sometimes, and that can get us into big trouble.

A Saviour is someone who saves you—like a rescuer, a lifesaver, or even a superhero! Jesus is our Saviour because He saved us from the punishment we deserve for sin.

He loved us so much that He died for us a long time ago, so we don't have to be separated from God. At Christmas, we remember that a special Saviour was born—a baby named Jesus—who would grow up to be our Rescuer and Superhero.



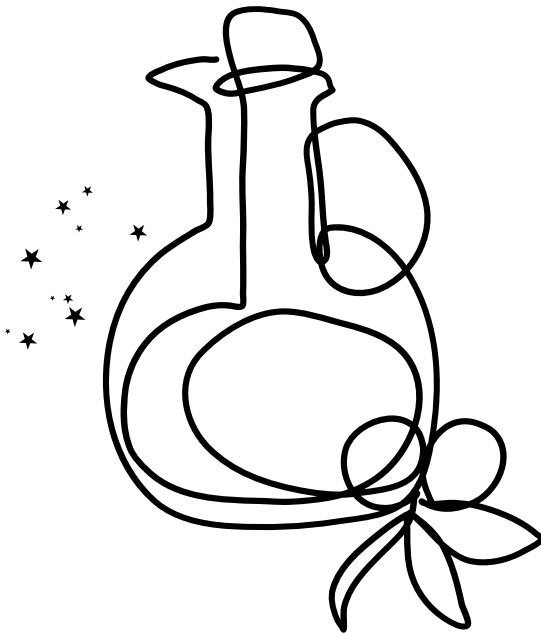
Day 23: Christ

Did you know that in the Bible, some people had oil poured on their heads? Sounds messy, right? But it was a special sign that God chose them for an important job. This is called anointing.

People got anointed if they were picked to be a king, a prophet (someone who tells God's messages), or a priest (a leader in God's church).

Jesus was super special because He was chosen to be all three—a king, a prophet, and a priest! Nobody else was like that.

That's why we call Him Jesus Christ, which means "the anointed one." Back then, lots of people were named Jesus, but only He was the special one chosen by God for the biggest jobs!



Day 24: Jesus

We all have names, right? Sometimes we get nicknames or titles like “Captain” or “Professor,” but our real name is special—it’s who we really are!

Jesus had lots of titles, but only one name—Jesus. And His name wasn’t picked by His parents, Mary or Joseph. An angel told them, “You will name him Jesus.” In Hebrew, it’s Yeshua, which means “God saves.”

That’s a really important name because it tells us what Jesus came to do—save His people.

So the name Jesus is a big clue about the Christmas story: God is with us, and this little baby will be our Saviour!



Day 25: Gift

Have you ever opened a present and it was exactly what you wanted? Maybe a new toy, a game, or something you'd been hoping for all year! Getting gifts is exciting—but the very best gifts aren't always the ones you can wrap in paper.

At Christmas, we remember the greatest gift ever given—Jesus. God loved us so much that He gave His own Son to us. Jesus came to bring joy, peace, forgiveness, and hope that lasts forever. No toy or gadget can ever do that!

When we believe in Jesus, we get the best gift of all—God's love and friendship that never ends. So this Christmas, as you open your presents, remember the greatest gift isn't under the tree. The best gift is the one who came for you—Jesus!

