



Sunday, November 27, 2022
Advent Week I – Matthew 1:1-17



What's the Big Idea?

There's Room for Every Story

The word *genealogy* means, “the story of family members that came before us.” In today's Bible story from the Gospel of Matthew, the writer starts with a genealogy. Many names are included, which helps us see that God makes room for every story — those before us, in our present, and those yet to come. Just like Jacob, Rahab, Ruth, and King David, our stories are beautiful and holy in their own special ways. God began writing a story of creation from the beginning of time that includes each and every one of us.



Read It

Squiggles is out this week! Find today's story in an NRSV Bible, Matthew 1:1-17.



Talk About It

- 1) If you created a story of your life so far, what parts would you include? Share why the moments, people, or places you include are important to remember.
- 2) Do you have a favorite story to tell, either from your own life or from your family?
- 3) Have you done research into your ancestry? What did you learn that surprised you?

Try It

Scrapbook Wreath

On the backside, write on the leaves either the name of a person or place that has had an impact on you, or a word or phrase that captures a particular moment in the story of your life. Consider including:

- a. Family members and friends.
- b. Favorite teachers or mentors.
- c. Your personal heroes.
- d. The place where you were born, met someone important, got married, etc.
- e. Places you've visited.
- f. Places you've called home.
- g. Words that describe you in your different stages of life.
- h. Important events that have happened in your life.
- i. Dates of important events in your life.



Pray: God of all our stories, we thank you for every moment of our lives, both those we proudly display and those we try to hide away. You can use it all; you make room for it all. Remind us that you broke into the world through holy and complex people, so surely you can continue to break into the world through us. In the name of Christ we pray. Amen.

Memorize It

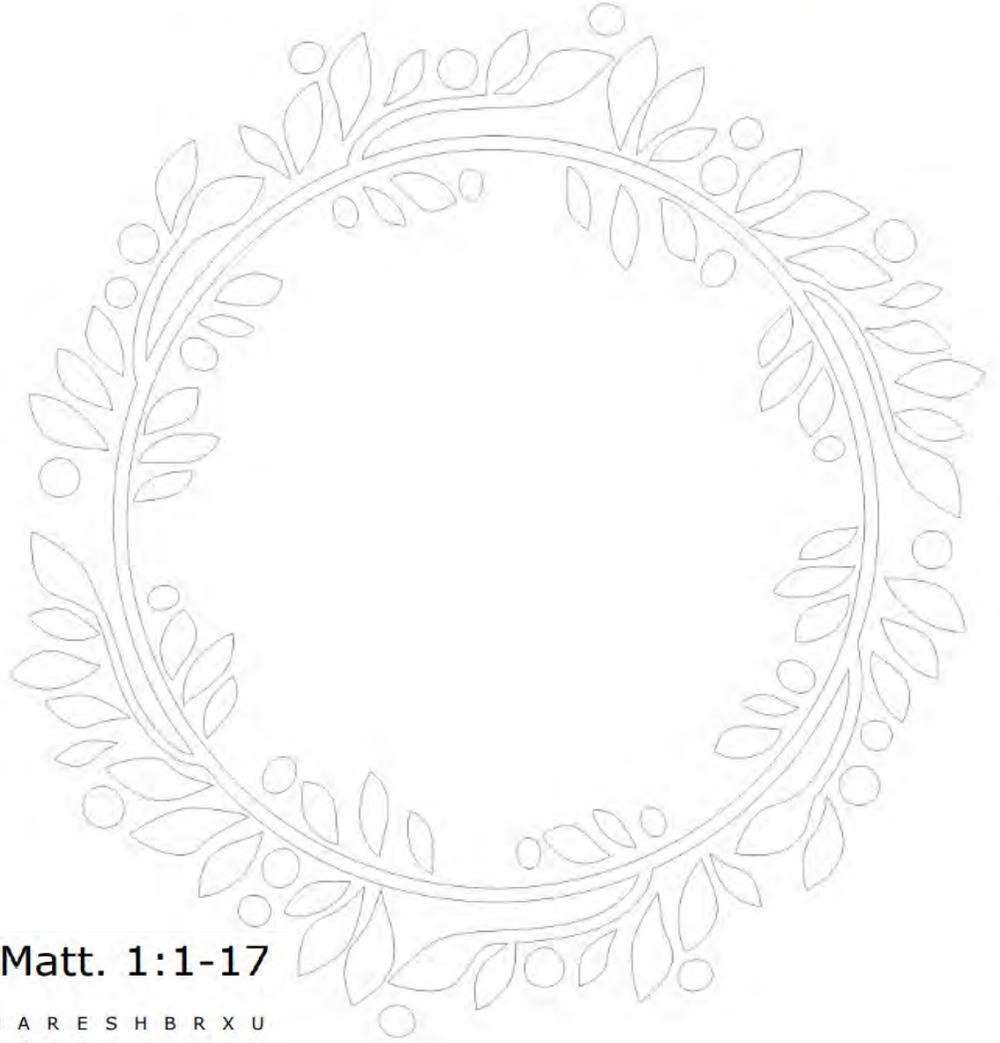
Challenge yourself to memorize the following verse of the week.

An account of the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah, the son of David, the son of Abraham. Matthew 1:1

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Scrapbook Wreath

Using the instructions from the frontside of the page, fill in the blank leaves below with the names of people and places that have had an impact on your life, and that help tell your story.



Genealogy of Jesus Matt. 1:1-17

O C V I W H A Y T N C M B A H A R E S H B R X U
 G C C D X P M B I S P A C M M Q K O A V R W R M
 M T A D Z A K A I Y T R F H Q S O B U E O A M T
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 T O S X P A G A I V D J A I T J A D J K A A Y M
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 H F P J A U J E O B I A M O S I H B Y O B N D R
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 D C S E E I A Y R V A I A C U G D Z O L R A L A
 C H N U S X L H S F H P E S O J I I Z A E O B C
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 K F E R A Z B J S B M A L B S A U J D K A P E V
 I U S X E D O T E P D C O N A M O L O S J Y C X
 I L S R W N L L R A K A P Q H D F M K L Z F M N
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 M P J N I K Z I X L U K L H A I K E Z E H V G M

Genealogy of Jesus Word Find

From Abraham to Jesus, many generations of people in the Bible are connected. How many names can you find? Do you recognize any of the names from Bible stories you've heard?

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| Jehoshaphat | Zerubbabel | Shealtiel | Jechoniah | Amminadab | Manasseh |
| Hezekiah | Rehoboam | Matthan | Eleazar | Eliakim | Soloman |
| Nahshon | Abraham | Joseph | Josiah | Jotham | Uzziah |
| Abijah | Salmon | Hezron | Jesus | Jacob | Eliud |
| Achim | Zadok | Abiud | Joram | Asaph | Jesse |
| Rahab | Tamar | Perez | Judah | Isaac | David |
| Mary | Azor | Amos | Ahaz | Ruth | Obed |
| Boaz | Ram | | | | |