



A Tree that Points to Jesus

Families around the world will put up an evergreen tree in their homes this time of year. And I'm willing to bet that they put lights and decorations on the tree. But did vou know that the Christmas Tree can be used to tell the story of salvation? A Christmas Tree can point our eyes to the Savior, just as its shape points to heaven above. The sparkling lights remind us of the sparkling skies over Bethlehem. The shiny decorations remind us of the precious gifts the wise men carried. This year, we'll join with all of creation in celebrating the greatest gift God sent from heaven, the gift of Jesus. As Advent starts, set up your Christmas Tree centerpiece. Each day of December, add a sticker ornament to the garland that circles the tree. Read the Bible verse for the day and learn about the symbols on each ornament. (Each one helps tell the happy salvation story.) As December 25th nears, see how the Christmas Tree points the way to our heavenly Savior.

December 1

CANDLE Isaiah 9:2,6 & John 8:12

I see a candle on my tree.
It fills me up with joy
To know that God lights up the world
through this new baby boy.
It's true that Jesus is the Light.
His brightness never dims.
He drives out all my doubt and fear
so I can shine like him.

December 2

ALPHA & OMEGA Revelation 1:4-8

God is the true beginning.
He created everything.
And God will be there at the end
as our eternal King.
He loved me long before my birth.
And when the time has come,
He'll give me everlasting life
through his almighty Son.

December 3

KEYS · Matthew 16:15-16

God's kingdom is in heaven where he rules eternally. God's kingdom is on earth as well, and Jesus is the key.

Our Lord provides the only way to enter heaven's door
Where we will live eternally with him forevermore.

December 4

truly loves me so.

THE BIBLE · John 1:1-5

The Bible is the Word of God.
It tells about God's plan
To save this world that God had made—
To set things right again.
The Word of God is Jesus!
He was born so I may know
The good news that my heav'nly Father

December 5

SHEPHERD'S STAFF John 10:14-17 & Psalm 23

The Lord is my true Shepherd.
I've no need to feel afraid.
A shepherd stays right by the sheep and leads them every day.
This shepherd staff reminds me that my Shepherd guides and keeps
And brings me home to heaven with his other precious sheep.

December 6

STAR OF DAVID · Luke 2:4-6

When David was a shepherd in the town of Bethlehem, He took good care of every sheep. He loved each one of them. When he became the king, he cared for all his people, too. And my King Jesus cares for me as all good shepherds do.

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I love to see my Christmas tree.
It glows so bright and heavenly,
Reminding me at Christmas time
Of how the starry skies did shine
In Bethlehem so long ago
When heaven's angels were aglow.

To shepherds who were filled with fear
The shining angel did appear
And brought good tidings of great joy.
The Light of God—a baby boy—
Was wrapped with love that very morn.
The Savior of the world was born.

So when I see my tree so bright, I thank God for his gift of Light. For Christ was born for you and me That we may all shine heavenly. A bright, eternal life's in store With him in heaven forevermore.