

## December 3



## Noah

### Read *Genesis 9:11-17*

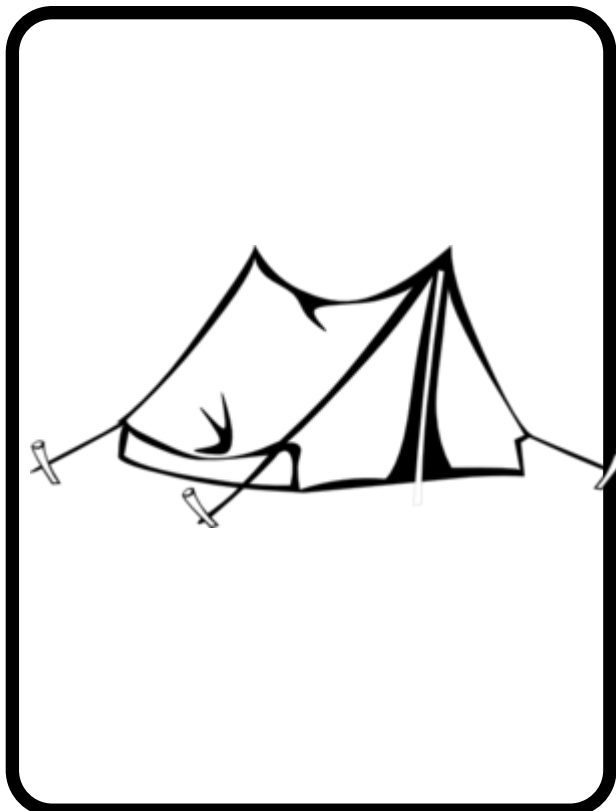
God was sad. Everywhere people were making a mess of his world and hurting one another. There would have to be a new beginning. So God chose Noah who was a good man and told him to build an ark to save his family and all the animals from the flood that was coming. It rained for 40 days and forty nights. When the rain stopped and the sun came out God created a rainbow to celebrate his fresh clean world? You can find the story on p12-13 of the Storytellers Bible.

### Talk about rainbows

### Pray Thank God for new beginnings.

### Decorate your symbol and hang it on your Jesse Tree.

## December 4



## Abraham

### Read *Genesis 12:1-9*

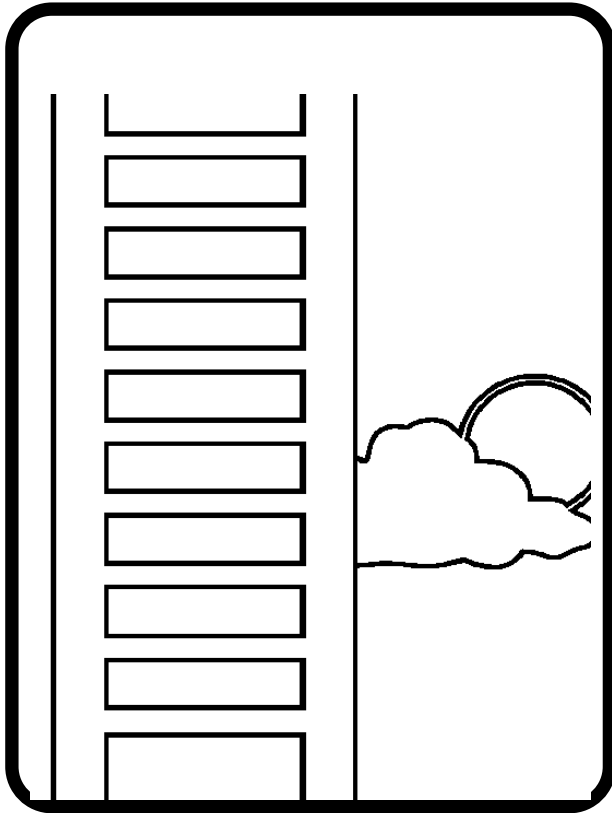
One day God spoke to Abraham. He told him that he wanted him to go and live in a different place. Because Abraham trusted God he did what God asked. God promised that one day Abraham would have as many children and grandchildren and great grandchildren as there are stars in the sky or grains of sand on the ground. God also promised that through Abraham's family God would do something wonderful for the world. You can read more about Abraham on p16-17 of the Storytellers Bible.

### Talk about your family.

### Pray Say thank you for the things they do for you.

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## December 5



## Jacob and Esau

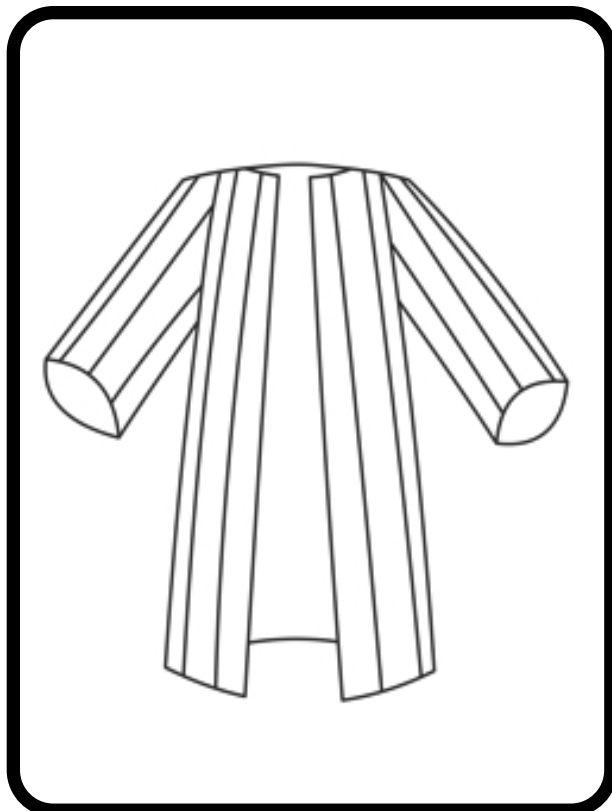
**Read** Genesis 28:10-17 Isaac was the son of Abraham. He married Rebekah and they had twin boys Jacob and Esau. The two brothers fell out. Jacob cheated Esau and had to runaway because Esau was angry. That night Jacob was all alone and afraid and he dreamt that he saw a ladder going up to heaven. He realised that he could not run away from God. Eventually the two brothers became friends again. Follow their adventures in the Storyteller's Bible p18-19

**Talk** Have you ever fallen out with anyone? How did it feel?

**Pray** Ask God for help to be a good friend to other people.

**Decorate** your symbol and hang it on your Jesse Tree.

## December 6



## Joseph

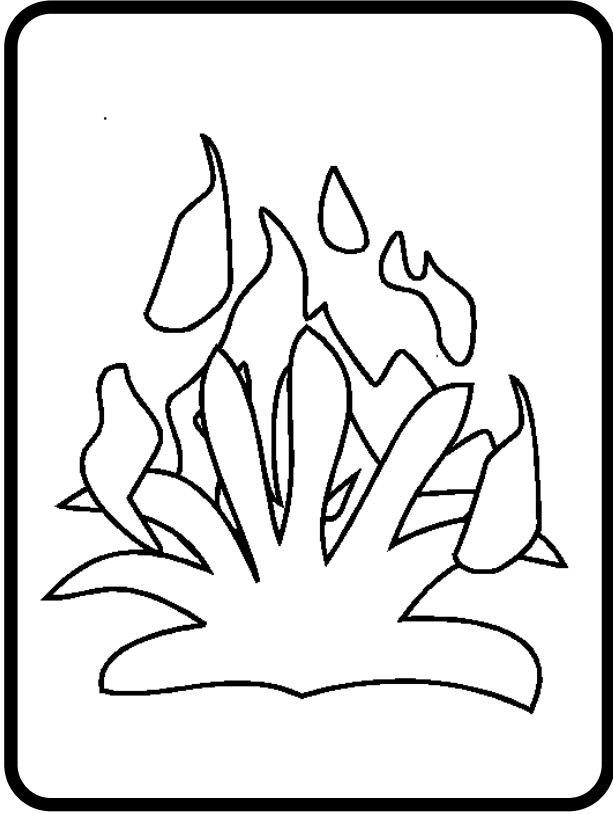
**Read** Genesis 37-45  
Jacob had twelve sons but Joseph was his favourite and he gave him a special coat. Joseph's brothers were jealous and one day they attacked him and sold him as a slave. Joseph ended up in Egypt where he became a very important advisor to the king. God helped Joseph to understand the king's dream and helped to save the country from famine. Eventually Joseph was reunited with his own family when they came to Egypt to buy food. Joseph's family made their home in Egypt. The story of Joseph is on p22-27 of the Storyteller's Bible.

**Talk** What have you had to eat today? Can we do anything to help people who don't have enough to eat?

**Pray** Give thanks for our food and ask for God's help to be generous.

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## December 7



## Moses

### Read Exodus 3:1-12

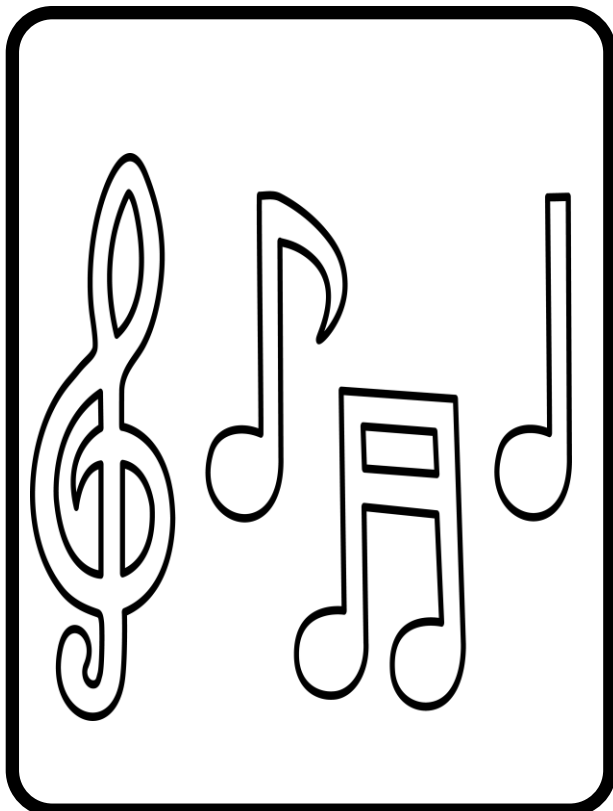
Joseph's family grew so much in Egypt that the people became afraid of them and they made them into slaves. But God heard the prayers of these slaves. One day a man called Moses heard God speak to him through a burning bush. God told Moses that he had been chosen to lead the people out of slavery in Egypt to a new home in a different country and that God would help him to do this. You can find this story in the Storytellers Bible p30-31.

**Talk** Have you ever been asked to do something very difficult?

**Pray** Thank God for the help he gives us when we need it.

**Decorate** your symbol and hang it on your Jesse tree.

## December 8



## Miriam

### Read Exodus 15:20-27

Moses went to see the King of Egypt. But he refused to let the people go - they were very useful as slaves. Only after the country had suffered all kinds of plagues did the King agree to release the slaves. But then he instructed his army to stop them. With God's help the people crossed the Red Sea to safety. Miriam wrote a song about their escape - you can read about the escape on p32-33 of the Storyteller's Bible.

**Talk** What do you think it was like to be a slave?

**Pray** Thank God for our freedom and pray for those who are slaves today

**Decorate** your symbol and hang it on your Jesse tree.