A decorative scroll with a light beige background and a darker beige border. The scroll is unrolled, showing the text. The scroll has two wooden rollers at the top and bottom. The text is written in a cursive font.

Behold, the days  
are coming,  
declares the Lord,  
when I will raise  
up for David a  
righteous Branch,  
and he shall reign  
as king and deal  
wisely, and shall  
execute justice and  
righteousness in the  
land. In his days  
Judah will be saved,  
and Israel will  
dwell securely. And  
this is the name by  
which he will be  
called: 'The Lord is  
our righteousness.'

-Jeremiah 23:5-6

A large, stylized number '2' in white, centered within a circular orange brushstroke. The brushstroke has a textured, hand-painted appearance. The number is positioned in the lower right quadrant of the page, overlapping the green tree graphic.A large, stylized green tree graphic that spans the right side of the page. It has a thick, dark green trunk and branches with smaller, lighter green leaves. Small clusters of red berries are scattered along the branches. The tree is positioned on the right side of the page, with its trunk extending from the bottom right towards the top right.

David  
Jesse

NOTE TO PARENT: This day is an opportunity to share the gospel with your child and ask them to respond. On the next page you will find three different sample prayers you may use to guide your child based on how they respond to hearing the gospel message. You may want to keep these pages handy in case your child chooses to put their faith in Jesus on a later date as today may just be about planting the seed while you pray for it to fall on fertile soil.

**What does righteousness mean? Let's break it down. The word "right" indicates moral correctness (doing the right thing!), and the suffix "eous" means "to have the nature of". So in one sense, the word righteousness means having the nature of moral correctness. In the Bible, it means being acceptable to God. So what does it mean in our verse today, "The Lord is our righteousness?"**

**Just keep that thought in your mind as we continue on this second day of Advent and learn a little more about how prophecies are sometimes fulfilled.**

**Sometimes prophecies in the Bible are fulfilled all at once, and sometimes little by little over time. You might say they are in the process of being fulfilled, or that they have partially been fulfilled, but not yet fully fulfilled.**

**Think of it this way: If a prophecy was about an empty cup that would overflow with water, even tiny drops of water added to the cup would be fulfilling the prophecy! But its complete fulfillment would not be until it overflows. Prophecies call for patience, which can sometimes be very difficult.**

**In the same way, this prophecy about Jesus began to be fulfilled when He was born to that family line. And we saw glimpses of His justice in His ministry and His sermons! The prophecy will not fully be fulfilled though until He returns to rule and reign as King and bring righteousness to all of Israel and Judah!**

**But the most amazing part of this prophecy has powerful meaning to all of us today!**

**Have you ever sinned and disobeyed God? Yep. Me too. All of us have. And the Bible tells us that sin deserves punishment, and that punishment is death. But this is the good news - even though we have all sinned and disobeyed God, Jesus took the punishment we deserved when He laid down His life for us on the cross. Now, when we believe in Jesus as our Lord and Savior, He fills us with His Holy Spirit, and we experience His righteousness today, from the very moment we first believe! And then His Spirit helps us walk in His ways for the rest of our lives here on Earth, and we receive His reward of eternal life in Heaven when we die!**

**He becomes our righteousness!**

# Do you want to trust in Jesus right now as your Lord and Savior and experience His righteousness?

If so, let's pray together.

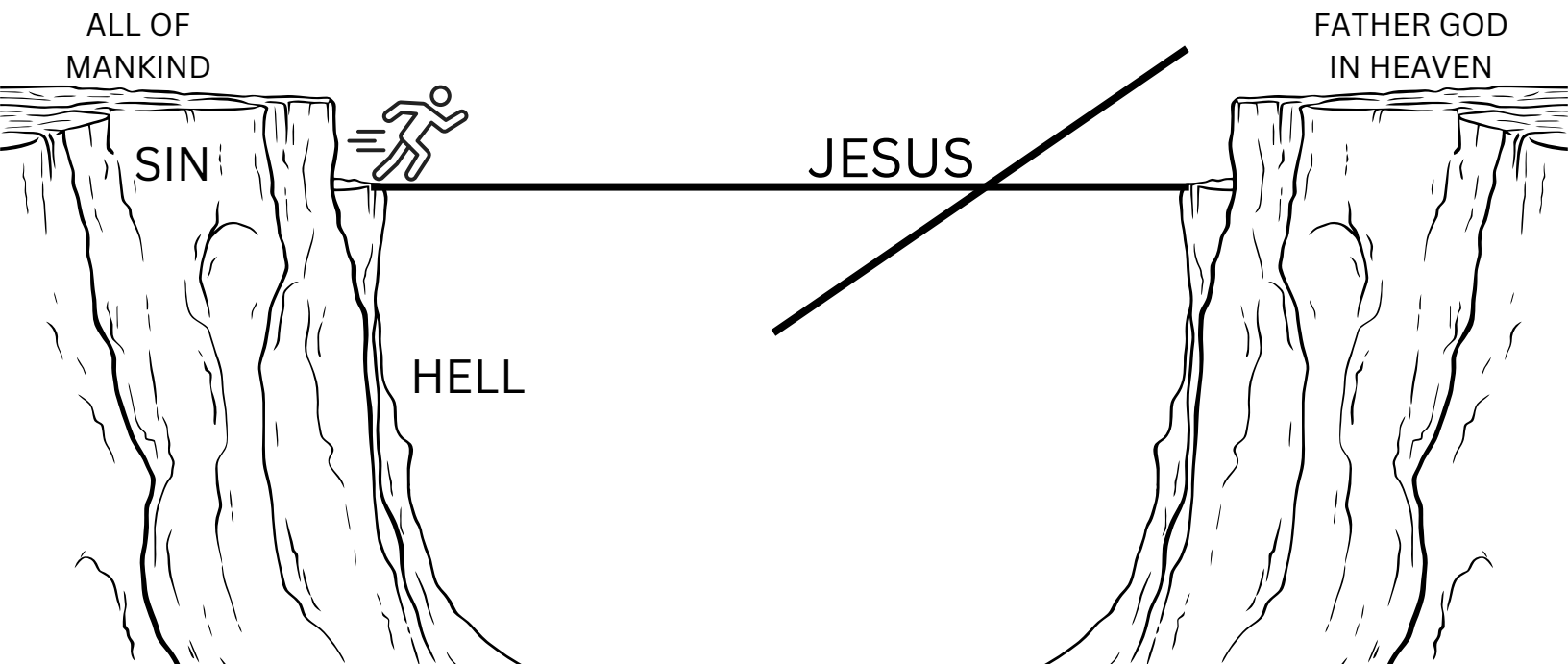
Father God, You alone are Holy, and I am a sinner who deserves death. Please forgive me. I believe in your Son Jesus. I know that He was perfect and didn't deserve it, but He chose to die on the cross for my sins, He rose from the dead on the third day, and He ascended into Heaven to offer me this free gift of grace: to fill me with His Holy Spirit today and to take me to be with Him in Heaven when I die or when He returns, whichever comes first. Today I put my trust in Jesus and turn away from sin, please come into my heart, my life is yours. In Jesus' name I pray, amen.

If you're already saved, let's pray together.

Father God, You alone are Holy. I love you so much! Thank you for your Son Jesus. Please forgive me for my sins this day and help me to forgive others. Help me run away from temptation and protect me from evil. Help me share the gospel with those around me who don't know you yet so they can be filled with your Spirit too! In Jesus' name I pray, amen.

If not ready, let's pray together.

Father God, You alone are Holy, and I'm still trying to understand Your Word. Please help answer my questions and show me Your ways. Jesus, reveal Yourself to me that I may know Your peace. In Jesus' name I pray, amen.



The star atop the Christmas tree symbolizes following the path to find Jesus the light of the world. As you color the picture below, make the star radiant, bright and beautiful!

