

On this ninth day of Advent we are going to trace back the family tree from Jesus all the way back to David and Jesse from the prophecy. But first, did you notice that it wasn't Mary who was the descendent of the house of David, but rather it was Joseph? Joseph, who was not the father of Jesus, but had adopted Jesus as if He was his very own, still fulfilled the prophecy that Jesus would come from the family line of David. This shows us just how amazing and powerful adoption is to the Lord!

Do you know what it means to be adopted?

When a parent adopts a child, they are claiming that child as their own, even if the child was born to someone else. Jesus is God's Son. When we believe in Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior, we are then also adopted into God's family! We become sons of God, and brothers with Christ!

- Jesse
- David
- Solomon
- Rehoboam
- Abijah
- Asaph
- Jehoshaphat
- Joram
- Uzziah
- Jotham
- Ahaz
- Hezekiah
- Manasseh
- Amos
- Josiah
- Jechoniah
- Shealtiel
- Zerubbabel
- Abiud
- Eliakim
- Azor
- Zadok
- Achim
- Eliud
- Eleazar
- Matthan
- Jacob

You can read the full genealogy of Jesus all the way back to Adam in Matthew 1, but to the left are the generations in our prophecy, from Jesse all the way to Jesus.

So if Joseph was his earthly father, Jacob would be his grandfather, and Matthan would be his great grandfather...

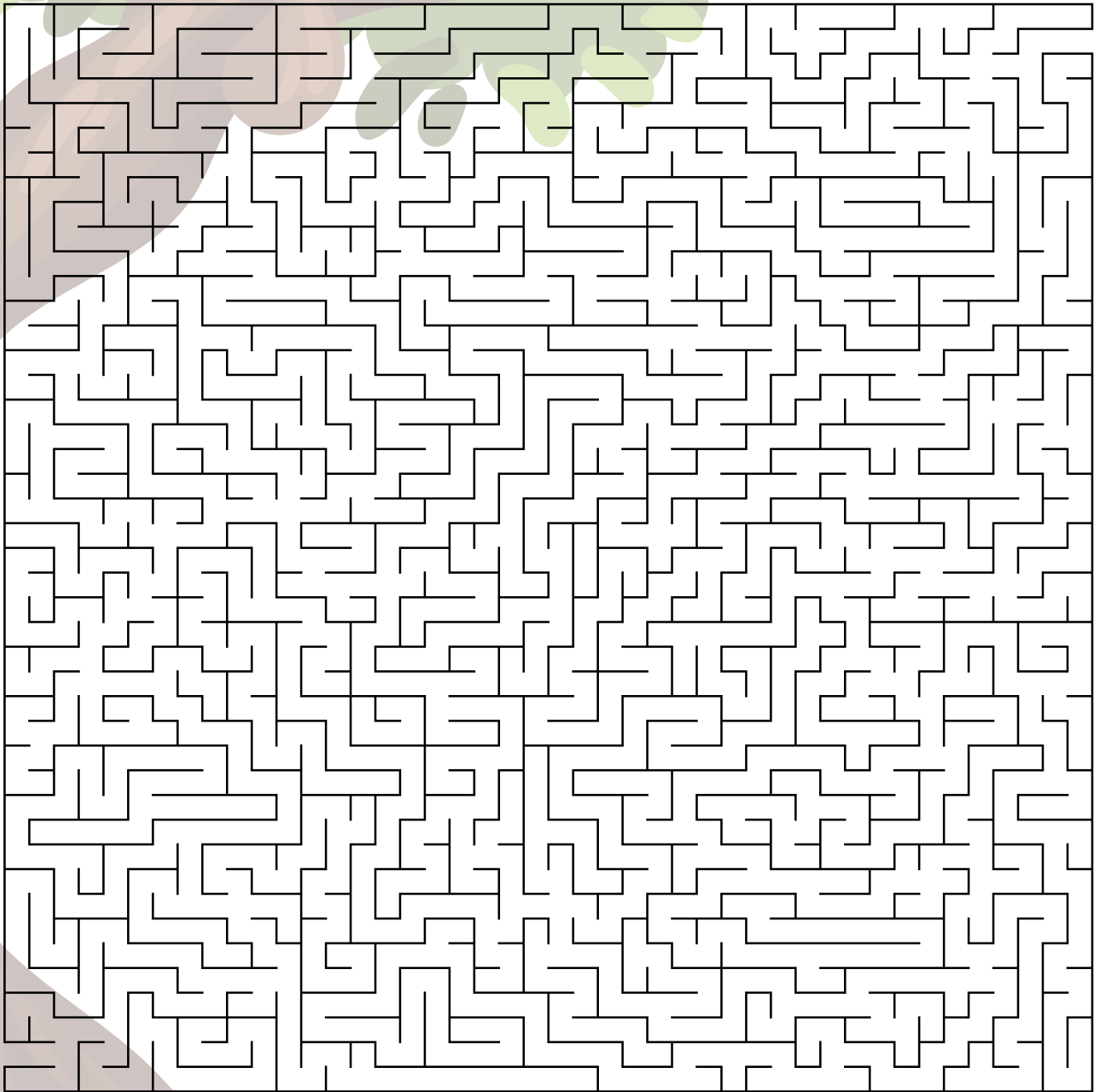
What would that make Jesse???

His great grandfather!

Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, who is called Christ.

Solve the Family Tree maze to go from Jesse up to Joseph!

Joseph



Jesse