**Christmas Series: Christmas Wonder**

**Today: Family Christmas Tree**

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1. **Notice the identity of Jesus.**

***Matthew 1:1-17***

*This is the genealogyof Jesus the Messiahthe son of David, the son of Abraham:*

*2Abraham was the father of Isaac,*

*Isaac the father of Jacob,*

*Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers,*

*3Judah the father of Perez and Zerah, whose mother was Tamar,*

*Perez the father of Hezron,*

*Hezron the father of Ram,*

*4Ram the father of Amminadab,*

*Amminadab the father of Nahshon,*

*Nahshon the father of Salmon,*

*5Salmon the father of Boaz, whose mother was Rahab,*

*Boaz the father of Obed, whose mother was Ruth,*

*Obed the father of Jesse,*

*6and Jesse the father of King David.*

*David was the father of Solomon, whose mother had been Uriah’s wife,*

1. **Notice the inclusive grace of Jesus.**
* **Tamar**
* **Rahab**
* **Ruth**
* **Uriah’s wife (Bathsheba)**

*7Solomon the father of Rehoboam,*

*Rehoboam the father of Abijah,*

*Abijah the father of Asa,*

*8Asa the father of Jehoshaphat,*

*Jehoshaphat the father of Jehoram,*

*Jehoram the father of Uzziah,*

*9Uzziah the father of Jotham,*

*Jotham the father of Ahaz,*

*Ahaz the father of Hezekiah,*

*10Hezekiah the father of Manasseh,*

*Manasseh the father of Amon,*

*Amon the father of Josiah,*

*11and Josiah the father of Jeconiahand his brothers at the time of the exile to Babylon.*

*12After the exile to Babylon:*

*Jeconiah was the father of Shealtiel,*

*Shealtiel the father of Zerubbabel,*

*13Zerubbabel the father of Abihud,*

*Abihud the father of Eliakim,*

*Eliakim the father of Azor,*

*14Azor the father of Zadok,*

*Zadok the father of Akim,*

*Akim the father of Elihud,*

*15Elihud the father of Eleazar,*

*Eleazar the father of Matthan,*

*Matthan the father of Jacob,*

*16and Jacob the father of Joseph, the husband of Mary, and Mary was the mother of Jesus who is called the Messiah.*

1. **Notice the supernational hand of God upon Jesus.**

17Thus there were fourteen generations in all from Abraham to David, fourteen from David to the exile to Babylon, and fourteen from the exile to the Messiah.

1. **Notice your invitation to join the story of Jesus.**

***Galatians 3:26-28***

*26So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, 27for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. 28There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. 29If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham’s seed, and heirs according to the promise.*