



## A Jesse Tree Nativity

All the stories told so far,  
from Noah's rainbow, to Abraham's stars  
From the ladder of Jacob which went up and down  
Reaching from heaven down to the ground

From the kindness of Rahab to people in danger  
The friendship of Ruth who welcomed a stranger  
To shepherd boy David, who what a surprise  
Looked like a king when seen through God's eyes.

To old Zechariah filled with such joy  
On hearing his wife would give birth to a boy  
All of these stories, each in their way  
Point to the Christmas story today.

Of Mary and Joseph who travelled so far,  
And stayed in a stable under the stars  
While shepherds and angels sang with joy  
To welcome in this baby boy.

Like the rainbow he came with hope for us all  
Like the stars he showed God is big not small  
Like the ladder he knew life's ups and downs  
Like Rahab showed kindness to all around.

Like Ruth he taught people how to be friends,  
He showed us that God's love has no end  
He knows what we're like, he looks on the heart  
He came to give the world a fresh start.

His name is Jesus, he loves you and me  
And through him we're part of God's family.

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