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1	Creation	Gen 1: 1-3; Heb 1: 2-3 Prov 3: 19	Light on calmed water and all very good beginnings, good God given And still creating, Still upholding By the Word of your power
2	Garden	Gen 2: 8 Gen 3: 6 Proverbs 1: 7 & 3: 5, 18 Gen 3: 14-15	Knowledge first, or wisdom? How much better The Tree of Life Innocence lost Exile experienced Promise given
3	Rainbow	Gen 7: 24 - 8: 1 Gen 8: 15-19 Gen 9: 13	Light-bearers Ark-borne on dark water Wind-blown re-creation They leave the ark; New world encompassed By promise arc
4	Abraham	Gen 12: 1 - 5 Heb 11. 13-16	Who is this new Lord Who calls me To the unknown? A thread begins here That runs throughout. For here is not home
5	Isaac	Gen 18: 9-15 Gen 21: 1-7 Gen 22: 7-14 Heb 11: 17-19	Son of laughter such is the unexpected child of promise Thus, son bound, Hand stayed, substitute provided
6	Rebekah	Gen 24: 15-21 & 57-60	Rebekah - "I will go" Leave home and family The future beckons Can you begin to imagine How much water A train of camels needs!

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7	Jacob	Gen 28: 11-19 Gen 32: 24-28	Here where heaven Meets earth A thin place Israel wrestled With God: As many still do.
8	Joseph	Gen 37: 3-8 Gen 41: 38-43 Gen 47: 11-12	Fantasia, florid fashion, Too sure of himself For his brothers' liking And yet, in proud Egypt Rest from famine found And family settled.
9	Moses	Ex 2: 5-15 Ex 3: 1-10	Reed rescued baby Egyptian reared Murderer, flees. Fixated by the fire That consumes nothing but the heart
10	Passover	Ex 12: 21-23	Take a lamb Make a meal And sit tight Tonight you Will be freed From slavery
11	Instructions	Ex 19: 3-6 Ex 20: 1-20 Ps 119: 1-8 Rom 13: 10	How to live? Not for ourselves But to love others A way of life Walked with wisdom Walks with God
12	Ark	Ex 25: 10-22 Ps 36:7 Heb 9: 3-5	Noah's ark, Moses' ark, God's Ark This last as His dwelling here. With wings to shelter all.
13	Rahab	Jos 2: 12-18 Jos 6: 22,23	A stranger saved When all about Is tumbling Scarlet chord Dropped from above A sign a hope.

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14	Ruth	Good to read the whole beautiful story	Another outsider Migrant seeking better life “Where you go, I go” Among the barley, She married Boaz Her redeemer.
15	David	1 Sam 16: 1-13	From Bethlehem A shepherd of little worth But known by God The Spirit rushed In a hurry to enter This child who would be king
16	Branch	Is 11: 1-11 1 Cor 1 : 30 Col 2: 2-3	Another child David descended Spirit-born Full of wisdom Who is, for us The Wisdom of God
17	Jonah	Another cracking good story to read	Thrown in the deep end But not had his chips Saved by a fish Quirky God Who seems threatening But then forgives
18	Zerubbabal	Ezra 1: 1-4 Ezra 3: 8-11	Fresh from Exile A remnant rabble Restores normality Stone on stone Cementing hope With mortar
19	Peace	Is 9: 6-7	He’s coming! But when? How shall we know? What peaceful kingdom Is this so spoken of? So many questions.
20	John	Luke 1: 11-18	The one who prepares Announced by angel The final prophet Baptiser of many Calling Israel back To her roots

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21	Mary	Luke 1: 46-55	<p>The wait is almost over Angel face-to-face With a welcoming maiden</p> <p>Another ark, seed-bearer Glory to God</p>
22	Joseph	Matt 1: 19-25	<p>Angels are busy! We all get the message in different ways</p> <p>Another dreamer Willing to stake His reputation</p>
23	Magi	Matt 2: 1-12	<p>Well, they had to leave The East awhile before To get a mention here!</p> <p>Star-led, star-struck Over weary desserts. Miles to go yet</p>
24	Shepherds	Luke 2: 8-20	<p>Strange stars. “Fear not It’s good news”</p> <p>“Go”, as all are called, To this byre.</p>
25	Jesus	Luke 2: 1-8	<p>The thinnest place of all A baby links Eternal to the Now</p> <p>Star-maker, Christ-light. The One whose likeness we bear greet His Creation with a cry.</p>