

A Child is Born

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Student1

Isaiah 9: 6-7

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this.

Student2

Matthew 2:6

But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will be the shepherd of my people Israel.

Children's Choir **How Should a King Come**

Terri's Book pg 23

Abigail, Karissa, Jacci, Ethan, Michael, Johnathan, Haley, Logan S, Anders (Jenae, Logan S, Eli)

Student3:

In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.)

Student4:

And everyone went to his own town to register.

Student5:

So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child.

1st and 2nd Grade **O Little Town of Bethlehem**

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light;
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

Upon arrival in Bethlehem, Joseph and Mary mime with several passer-bys and inn keepers they need a room. Finally Innkeeper takes them to back.

Student6:

While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

3-Generation Ensemble **No Room**

Passer-bys dressed in BT costume

It Took a Miracle pg 43

Children's Ensemble **Sweet Little Jesus Boy**

Dressed in modern attire

Emmanuel Has Come pg 139

Sweet little Jesus boy,
They made You be born in a manger
Sweet little Holy Child,
We didn't know who You were.

Long time ago, You were born
Born in a manger low sweet
little Jesus boy.

- Student7:** *And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.*
Shepherds: Noah M, Logan L, Braden, Aric, Caleb, William Angel: Jenae
- Student8:** *The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."*
- Student9:** *And suddenly there appeared a great Company of Heavenly Host praising and glorifying God together saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests."*
- Student10:** *And the shepherds said one to another, "Let us go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about." So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger.*

3rd and 4th Grade **O Little Town of Bethlehem**

For Christ is born of Mary, and gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wondering love.
O morning stars together, proclaim the holy birth,
And praises sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth!

- Student10:** *When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them.*
- Student11:** *But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart.*
- Student10:** *The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.*

Pre-School & Children's **Away in a Manger/If He Were Born Today**

A Simple Christmas pg 17

Student12
Luke 2:40 And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was upon him.

Student13
Luke 3:23 Now Jesus himself was about thirty-three years old when he began his ministry.

Student14
Lk 4:16-21,28 On a Sabbath day Jesus went into the synagogue, as was his custom. And he stood up to read. The scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written: "The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him, and he began by saying to them, "Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."

All the people in the synagogue were furious when they heard this.

Adult Choir **Are You the One**

Student15 Isaiah 53: 3 He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering. Like one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

Student16 Isaiah 53: 5 But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed.

Youth Choir **While You Were Sleeping**

People holding signs. Teen mother - No Room for Unwanted Babies
Jock or businessman - Look out for #1
Earth - Don't use wrapping paper. Save the trees
Sophisticated business person - At least I look good
Deadbeat mom – It's my life. I deserve it. I need to live for me
Recreationalist – I don't need church, there's so much more to life – especially on Sundays!

Evangelist preaching to deaf ears.

Student17 Isaiah 53:6 We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

Children's Ensemble **Sweet Little Jesus Boy**

You have told us how, we are trying.
Master You have shown us how
Even when You were dying.

Sweet little Jesus boy born a long time ago
Sweet little Holy Child,
We didn't know who You
were.

Just seem like we can't do right,
Look how we treated You.
But please Sir, forgive us Lord
We didn't know it was You.

We didn't know who You were.

Silence Three stations on stage.

5th and 6th Grade **O Little Town of Bethlehem**

Evangelist removes signs and replaces with new ones.

Evangelist: When putting sign over, everyone freezes – person receiving the sign breaks.

Teen mother – Psalm 139:13 For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

Jock or businessman – Philippians 2:3 Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves.

Earth – Matthew 6: 33 But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

Sophisticated business person – I Samuel 16:7 The LORD does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart

Deadbeat mom – Titus 2:4 Train the younger women to love their husbands and children

Recreationalist – Hebrews 10:25 Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

How silently, how silently, the wondrous Gift is giv'n;
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of His Heav'n.
No ear may hear His coming, but in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive Him still, the dear Christ enters in.

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Where children pure and happy pray to the blessèd Child,
Where misery cries out to Thee, Son of the mother mild;
Where charity stands watching and faith holds wide the door,
The dark night wakes, the glory breaks, and Christmas comes once more.

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descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!

O holy Child of Bethlehem,