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## **Children's Hymn: O Come Little Children**

By: Johann Abraham & Peter Schulz

arr. Ken Berg - Galaxy Music Corporation

K-8<sup>th</sup>

O come, little children, O come one and all,  
Come stand by the manger in Bethlehem stall,  
And see with rejoicing this glorious sight  
our Father in heaven has sent us this night.

O, see in the manger in holiest light  
A star throws its beams on the heavenly sight  
In clean swaddling clothes lies the long-promised Child,  
More lovely than angels, this Baby so mild.

And now, to the manger, what gift shall we bring  
To show our great love for our heavenly King?  
He cares for no treasure that earth could impart,  
O give Him devotion, O give Him your heart, your heart!  
O give Him devotion, O give Him your heart!

## **Children's Hymn: Away in a Manager**

Preschool – 2<sup>nd</sup>

1 Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,  
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.  
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,  
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

2 The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,  
But little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.  
I love you, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky,  
And stay by my cradle until morning is nigh.

3 Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask you to stay  
Close by me forever and love me, I pray.  
Bless all the dear children in your tender care,  
And take us to heaven to live with you there.

Preschool      All living things praise the newborn King.

## **Christmas Story – Part One**

K – 8th:      Luke 2:1-7 And it came to pass in those days *that* a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. <sup>2</sup> This census first took place while Quirinius was governing Syria. <sup>3</sup> So all went to be registered, everyone to his own city. <sup>4</sup> Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, <sup>5</sup> to be registered with Mary, his betrothed wife, who was with child. <sup>6</sup> So it was, that while they were there, the days were completed for her to be delivered. <sup>7</sup> And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

## Donkey - Jesus Came For Me

Narrator: Savannah Heise

We donkeys aren't the prettiest animals. Kids always want a pony for Christmas. No one ever asked their parents for a mule or a donkey. There is no my little donkey show on TV. If the animals were picking teams we would be picked last. Yet we assume it was a donkey that carried Mary and Jesus to Bethlehem.

It was a donkey that spoke the word of the Lord to Balaam.

McKenzie Numbers 22:28 "Then the LORD opened the mouth of the donkey, and [the donkey spoke] to Balaam."

It was a donkey that Jesus chose to ride into Jerusalem.

Kaleb Zechariah 9:9 "Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your King is coming to you; He is just and having salvation, Lowly and riding on a donkey, A colt, the foal of a donkey."

Paige John 12:14 "Then Jesus, when He had found a young donkey, sat on it;"

Jesus didn't choose an Arabian stallion. He chose the least of animals. He chose a donkey. Jesus came with a lowly and humble heart. He came "not to be served but to serve and give his life as a ransom." Jesus chose a donkey, and He chose to come for sinners. Jesus came for me and you.

Millie and Paige John 15:16 "You did not choose Me, but I chose you"

Hunter Ephesians 1:4 "just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world,"

Jesus is MY king. He came for me.

## Children's Hymn: Once In Royal David's City

By: Cecil Frances Alexander (1848)

K-8<sup>th</sup>

1 Once in royal David's city  
Stood a lowly cattle shed,  
Where a mother laid her baby  
In a manger for His bed:  
Mary was that mother mild,  
Jesus Christ her little child.

2 He came down to earth from heaven  
Who is God and Lord of all,  
And His shelter was a stable,  
And His cradle was a stall;  
With the poor and mean and lowly  
Lived on earth our Savior holy.

3 But our eyes at last shall see Him  
Through His own redeeming love,  
For that Child, so dear and gentle,  
Is our Lord in heav'n above,  
And He leads His children on  
To the place where He is gone.

4 Not in that poor, lowly stable  
With the oxen standing by  
Shall we see Him, but in heaven,  
Set at God's right hand on high.  
Then like stars His children crowned,  
All in white, His praise will sound.

## The Christmas Story – Part Two

3<sup>rd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>

Luke 2:8-14 <sup>8</sup> Now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup> And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid. <sup>10</sup> Then the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. <sup>11</sup> "For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. <sup>12</sup> "And this *will be* the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger." <sup>13</sup> And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying: <sup>14</sup> "Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!"

## Lion - Jesus Came to Rule

Narrator Austin Thiem

Aubrey

Genesis 49:9-10 "Judah is a lion's [cub] . . . And as a lion, who shall rouse him? The scepter shall not depart from Judah, Nor a lawgiver from between his feet, Until Shiloh comes; And to Him shall be the obedience of the people."

Would you step into a lion's den? Would you match your strength against me? I the lion am king of the animals. By my strength I rule and tear apart my enemies.

Jesus came to be your king with a lowly and humble heart but with the strength of a lion.

Sam Luke 1:32 "He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David."

By His strength your enemies are destroyed. By His strength you will dwell in peace.

Hayden Jeremiah 23:6 "In His days Judah will be saved, And Israel will dwell safely; Now this is His name by which He will be called: THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS."

By His strength you are delivered from sin, death and the devil.

Who shall stand against the Lord's anointed? Can you not see that He who is for you is stronger than all who are against you? What then do you have to fear?

Ellie Psalm 27:1 "The LORD is my light and my salvation; Whom shall I fear? The LORD is the strength of my life; Of whom shall I be afraid?"

Here is the newborn king. He has come to rule with the strength of a lion.

Mason Revelation 5:5 "But one of the elders said to me, 'Do not weep. Behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has prevailed to open the scroll and to loose its seven seals.' "



## Children's Hymn: Christmas Joy

By: Joseph M. Martin - Celebrating Grace, Inc

K-8<sup>th</sup>

Refrain: Ring-a-ling-a-ling the bells of Christmas;  
ev'rybody sing, "Noel! Noel!"

Angels on the wing sing glad hosannas;  
glory to the King of Israel! Glory to the King of Israel!  
[Refrain]

Stars in heaven sparkling bright,  
dance for joy this holy night;  
filling all the world with wondrous light! [Refrain]

Let the people now rejoice,  
making music with one voice!  
Ring the bells of Christmas with joyful noise! [Refrain]

## Christmas Story – Part Three

5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>

Luke 2:15-20 <sup>15</sup> So it was, when the angels had gone away from them into heaven, that the shepherds said to one another, "Let us now go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has come to pass, which the Lord has made known to us." <sup>16</sup> And they came with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the Babe lying in a manger. <sup>17</sup> Now when they had seen *Him*, they made widely known the saying which was told them concerning this Child. <sup>18</sup> And all those who heard *it* marveled at those things which were told them by the shepherds. <sup>19</sup> But Mary kept all these things and pondered *them* in her heart. <sup>20</sup> Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told them.

## Sheep: Jesus Came To Die

Narrator Ellie Dykstra

The shepherds left us sheep here in the field to go see the newborn king. At least they didn't sacrifice us this time. Every time a human sins sheep die in their place.

Isaac was to be sacrificed but God provided a ram to be offered in his place.

McKenzie

Genesis 22:13-14 "So Abraham went and took the ram, and offered it up for a burnt offering instead of his son. 14 And Abraham called the name of the place, The-LORD-Will-Provide; as it is said to this day, "In the Mount of The LORD it shall be provided."

The firstborn of all Egypt were killed but the blood of lambs saved the first born of Israel.

Savannah

Exodus 12:23 "For the LORD will pass through to strike the Egyptians; and when He sees the blood on the lintel and on the two doorposts, the LORD will pass over the door and not allow the destroyer to come into your houses to strike you."

Yet no matter how many lambs and rams and sheep are killed we cannot pay the price of your sin. But now a lamb is born who can die for you.

Wyatt

John 1:29 "The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"

Now that He has come, we sheep need no longer be slaughtered. Now that He has come you need not die in your sin.

- Andy Hebrews 7:27 “who does not need daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifices, first for His own sins and then for the people's, for this He did once for all when He offered up Himself.”
- Colton Hebrews 10:14 “For by one offering He has perfected forever those who are being sanctified.”
- I suppose you'll also want to leave us here and run with joy to worship the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, at least we'll be left in peace.
- Preston Isaiah 53:7 “He was oppressed and He was afflicted, Yet He opened not His mouth; He was led as a lamb to the slaughter, And as a sheep before its shearers is silent, So He opened not His mouth.”
- Jesus came to die for you.

## **Children's Hymn: O Come O Come Emmanuel**

- K-8<sup>th</sup>
1. Oh, come, Oh, come, Emmanuel,  
And ransom captive Israel  
That mourns in lonely exile here  
Until the Son of God appear.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel.
  2. Oh, come, Thou Rod of Jesse, free  
Thine own from Satan's tyranny;  
From depths of hell Thy people save  
And give them victory o'er the grave.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

3. Oh, come, Thou Dayspring from on high,  
And cheer us by Thy drawing nigh;  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night  
And death's dark shadows put to flight.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

4. Oh, come, Thou Key of David, come  
And open wide our heavenly home:  
Make safe the way that leads on high  
And close the path to misery.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

## **Camel - Jesus Came Calling You**

Narrator Aubrey Quade

K-2                    Matthew 2:2 "Where is He who has been born King of the  
Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and have come  
to worship Him."

It is assumed that when God called the wisemen through  
the star, we the camels carried them across the sand to see  
the newborn king. They were not the first who were called  
by God and carried by camels. Many years earlier God  
called Abraham out of the east and he came with camels to  
the same land where the wisemen are now seeking the  
newborn king.

Ruby                    Genesis 12:1,3 "Get out of your country, From your family  
And from your father's house, To a land that I will show  
you. . . And in you all the families of the earth shall be  
blessed."

When Abraham's only begotten son Isaac needed a wife, God called Rebekah from the east and we camels brought her here to this land to be the wife of Isaac.

Madelyn

Genesis 24:51 "Here is Rebekah before you; take her and go, and let her be [Issac's] wife, as the LORD has spoken."

Now we bring the wisemen from the same land, from the east, to see the fulfillment of what was promised to Abraham and Rebekah. Abraham and Rebekah left their families but the promise they received was not for them alone. It was for them and their families and for all the earth. As God said "In you all the . . . earth shall be blessed."

God called Abraham and Rebekah from the east. God called the wisemen and guided them by a star. God has called you as well. As we brought them so we bring you to worship the new born king.

Sam

Romans 10:18 "Their sound has gone out to all the earth, And their words to the ends of the world."

Austin

Isaiah 49:6 "Indeed He says, 'It is too small a thing that You should be My Servant To raise up the tribes of Jacob, And to restore the preserved ones of Israel; I will also give You as a light to the Gentiles, That You should be My salvation to the ends of the earth.'"

Jesus came to call you. Jesus came to bring you to the promised land.

## Children's Hymn: We Three Kings

By: John H. Hopkins Jr.

1 We the kings of Orient are;  
Bearing gifts we traverse afar -  
Field and fountain, moor and mountain -  
Following yonder star.

Refrain:

O star of wonder, star of night,  
Star with royal beauty bright,  
Westward leading, still proceeding,  
Guide us to thy perfect light.

2 Born a King on Bethlehem's plain;  
Gold I bring to crown Him again,  
King forever, ceasing never  
Over us all to reign. [Refrain]

3 Frankincense to offer have I;  
Incense owns a Deity nigh.  
Prayer and praising, all men raising,  
Worship Him, God on high. [Refrain]

4 Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume  
Breathes a life of gathering gloom -  
Sorr'wing, sighing, bleeding, dying,  
Sealed in the stone-cold tomb. [Refrain]

5 Glorious now behold Him arise,  
King and God and Sacrifice;  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Earth to heav'n replies. [Refrain]

## Offering, Prayers, and the Lord's Prayer

ALL

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in  
heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us  
our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.

### Congregational Hymn:

#### Come Your Hearts and Voices Raising

by Paul Gerhardt, 1607-1676

1. Come, your hearts and voices raising,  
Christ the Lord with gladness praising;  
Loudly sing His love amazing,  
Worthy folk of Christendom.
2. Sin and death may well be groaning,  
Satan now may well be moaning;  
We, our full salvation owning,  
Cast our every care away.
3. See how God, for us providing,  
Gave His Son and life abiding;  
He our weary steps is guiding  
From earth's woe to heavenly joy.
4. Christ, from heaven to us descending  
And in love our race befriending,  
In our need His help extending,  
Saved us from the wily Foe.

8. Gracious Child, we pray Thee, hear us,  
From Thy lowly manger cheer us,  
Gently lead us and be near us  
Till we join the angelic choir.

## **Dove - Jesus Came to Bring Life**

Narrator McKenzie Heise

Preston John 1:4 “In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.”

Kaleb John 6:63 “It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life.”

Elijah Mark 1:10 “He saw the heavens parting and the Spirit descending upon Him like a dove.”

The Spirit gives life and the Spirit chose to reveal himself as a dove.

The earth was empty and full of darkness. The Spirit hovered over the face of the deep and gave life to the earth. The Spirit breathed life into man and he became a living being. The Spirit filled the valley of the dry bones and they walked. The Spirit rushed upon the Apostles at Pentecost and the church grew.

Where were doves above the manger when Jesus was born? We think so. But certainly, the Spirit who gives life was there.

Savannah Luke 1:35 “And the angel answered and said to her, ‘The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God.’”



In the beginning the Spirit gave life. The Spirit brought forth the man Jesus Christ. Because of this one, the Spirit gives new life to you as well.

Come and receive the new life which Jesus brings.

Madelyn 1 Peter 3:18 “For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit,”

Austin Romans 8:11 “But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.”

Jesus came to bring you life.

## **The Benediction**

### **Congregational Hymn: Joy to the World**

by Isaac Watts, 1674-1748

1. Joy to the world, the Lord is come!

Let earth receive her King;

Let every heart prepare Him room

And heaven and nature sing.

2. Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!

Let men their songs employ,

While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains

Repeat the sounding joy.

3. No more let sins and sorrows grow  
Nor thorns infest the ground;  
He comes to make His blessings flow  
Far as the curse is found.

4. He rules the world with truth and grace  
And makes the nations prove  
The glories of His righteousness  
And wonders of His love

**Thank you all for coming.**

We hope you can all join us to celebrate our Savior's birth tomorrow morning at 10am.

May our Savior's coming grant you grace and peace now and forever.

Pastor Matthew Ude

Ms. Ann Sprengeler

Mrs. Jessica Krueger

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