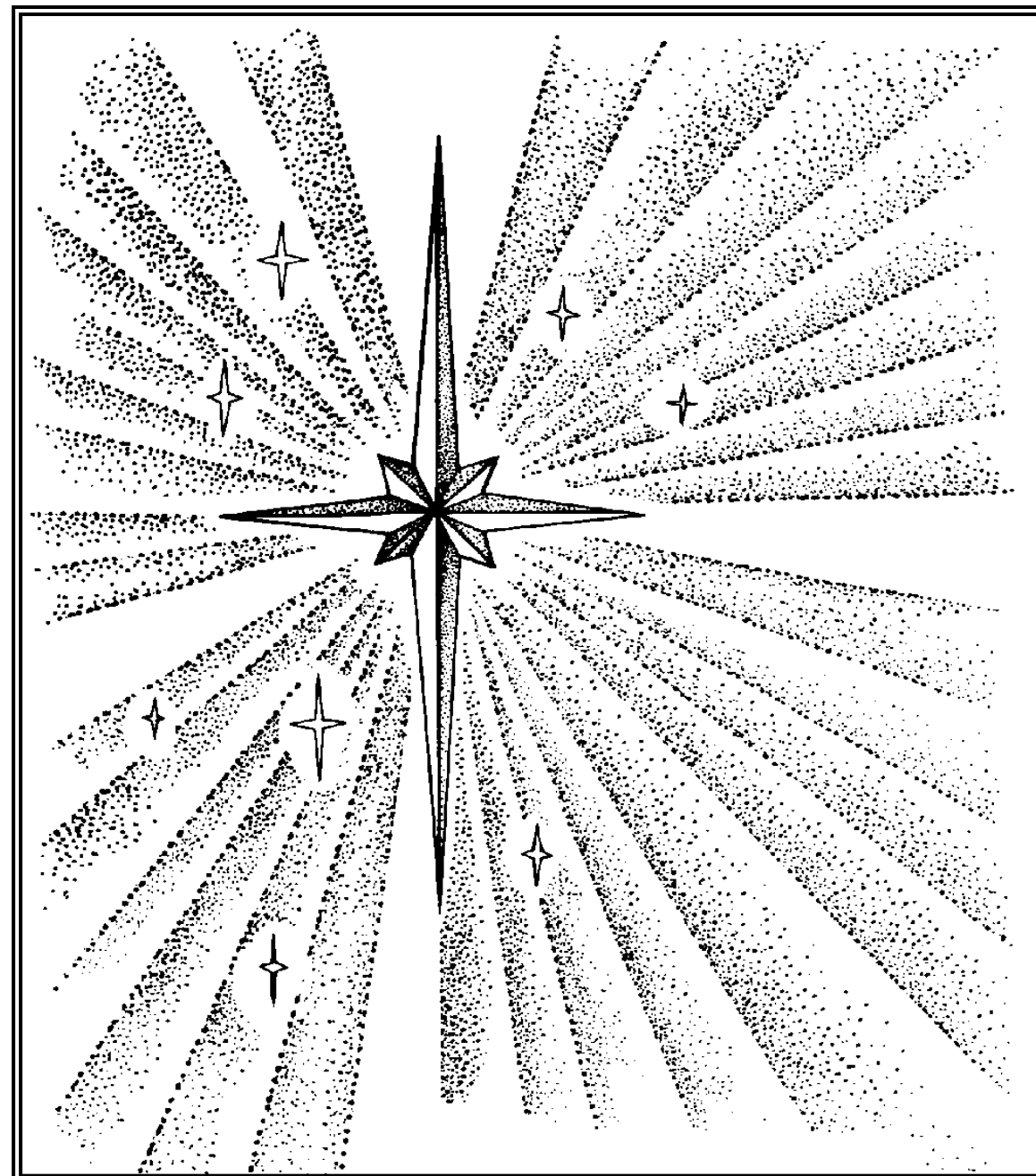


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### ***Welcome to our 2011 Children's Christmas Service!***

*Thanks to the Sunday School staff, Day School staff, musicians, and parents who made this evening possible by helping the children learn their pieces and hymns. A special thanks goes out to the children who put in their time and effort to make this evening a special occasion. But even a more special thanks to our Lord Jesus who by His birth came to be our Savior and now shines in all His glory as the Light of the world.*

*Tonight's service is divided into the following theme and five parts:*

### **☆ *The Stars of Christmas* ☆**

- 1) *The Stars are Created*
- 2) *The Star is Promised*
- 3) *The Star is Born*
- 4) *The Star that Guides*
- 5) *The Star in Your Heart*

*"I am the Root and the Offspring of David, the Bright and Morning Star." Revelation 22:16*

### **Closing Prayer & Lord's Prayer:**

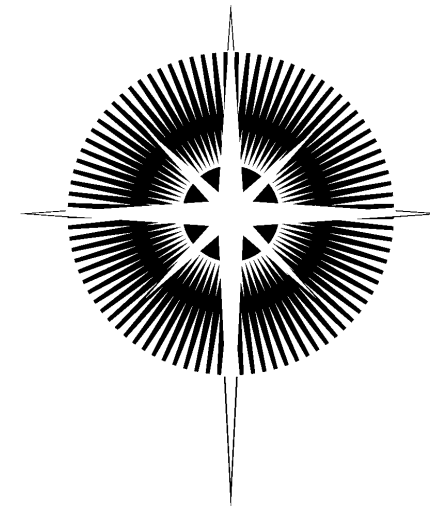
**Pastor:** In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. And now receive the blessing of our Lord: The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you, the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

**Congregation [sung]:** Amen, Amen, Amen

**Recessional:** ..... *TLH 87: JOY TO THE WORLD, THE LORD IS COME*

**Congregation:** Stanza 2-4; **Children:** Stanza 1

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| <p>1. Joy to the world, the Lord is come!<br/>Let earth receive her King;<br/>Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room<br/>And heav'n and nature sing,<br/>And heav'n and nature sing,<br/>And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.</p> | <p>2. Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!<br/>Let men their songs employ,<br/>While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains<br/>Repeat the sounding joy,<br/>Repeat the sounding joy,<br/>Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.</p> |
| <p>3. No more let sins and sorrows grow<br/>Nor thorns infest the ground;<br/>He comes to make His blessings flow<br/>Far as the curse is found,<br/>Far as the curse is found,<br/>Far as, far as the curse is found.</p>     | <p>4. He rules the world with truth and grace<br/>And makes the nations prove<br/>The glories of His righteousness<br/>And wonders of His love,<br/>And wonders of His love,<br/>And wonders, wonders of His love.</p>              |



**Children (Grades 5-8):** The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, And upon those who sat in the region and shadow of death Light has dawned. Matthew 4:16

**Children (Grade 4):** In [Christ] was life, and the life was the light of men. And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it. John 1:5

**Children (Grades 1-3):** Jesus once said, "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life." John 8:12



**Children:** May Jesus, the Star of Jacob and the Light of the world, shine in all our hearts this Christmas. "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16

**Congregation:** ..... *TLH 71: WATCHMAN, TELL US OF THE NIGHT*

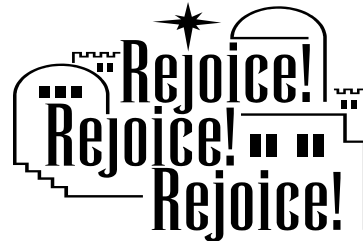
**Note:** The following hymn is sung with the viewpoint of two people speaking to one another. The traveler (in bold) is addressing the watchman with questions. The watchman (in italics) responds with the answers. To help get this across, the women will sing the bold text, the men will sing the italicized text.

**1. Watchman, tell us of the night,  
What its signs of promise are.**  
*Trav'ler, o'er yon mountain's height,  
See the glory-beaming star.*  
**Watchman, doth its beauteous ray  
Aught of joy or hope foretell?**  
*Trav'ler, yes, it brings the day,  
Promised day of Israel.*

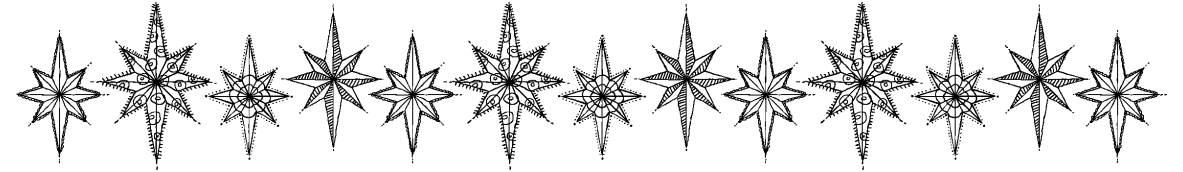
**3. Watchman, tell us of the night,  
For the morning seems to dawn.**  
*Trav'ler, darkness takes its flight;  
Doubt and terror are withdrawn.*  
**Watchman, let thy wand'rings cease;  
Hie thee to thy quiet home.**  
*Trav'ler, lo, the Prince of Peace,  
Lo, the Son of God, is come!*

**Offering Hymn:** ..... *TLH 88: THIS NIGHT A WONDROUS REVELATION*

1. This night a wondrous revelation  
Makes known to me God's love and grace;  
The Child that merits adoration  
Brings light to our benighted race;  
And though a thousand suns did shine,  
Still brighter were that Light divine.
2. The Sun of Grace for thee is beaming;  
Rejoice, my soul, in Jesus' birth!  
The light from yonder manger streaming  
Sends forth its rays o'er all the earth.  
It drives the night of sin away  
And turns our darkness into day.
3. This light, which all thy gloom can banish,  
The bliss of heaven glorifies;  
When sun and moon and stars shall vanish,  
Its rays shall still illumine the skies.  
This light thro' all eternity  
Thy heav'n and all to thee shall be.



## ☆ *The Stars of Christmas* ☆



**Processional Hymn:** ..... *TLH 647: O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM*

**Congregation:** Stanzas 1,2, & 4; **Children:** Stanza 3

**1. 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 darkness shineth  
The everlasting Light;  
The hopes and fears Of all the years  
Are met in thee tonight.**

**2. For Christ is born of Mary,  
And gathered all above,  
While mortals sleep, The angels keep  
Their watch of wond'ring love.  
O morning stars, together  
Proclaim the holy birth  
And praises sing To God, the King,  
And peace to men on earth.**

**3. 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.**

**4. O holy Child of Bethlehem,  
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:  
Oh, come to us, Abide with us,  
Our Lord Immanuel! Amen.**

**Children:** The Stars of Christmas!

**Congregation:** The stars above were made by God.

**Children:** Let's praise our God this Christmas!

**Congregation:** The Star of Jacob was promised by God.

**Children:** Let's praise our God this Christmas!

**Congregation:** The Star of Jacob was born for us.

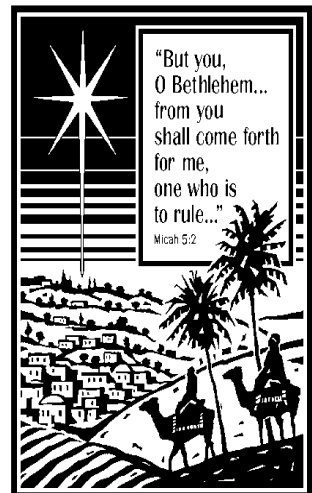
**Children:** Let's praise our God this Christmas!

**Congregation:** A star guides us to the lowly manger.

**Children:** Let's praise our God this Christmas!

**Congregation:** The Morning Star of Jesus arises and shines in our hearts.

**Children:** Let's praise our God this Christmas!



**Congregation:** ..... *TLH 136: ANGELS FROM THE REALMS OF GLORY*

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| 1. Angels from the realms of glory,<br>Wing your flight o'er all the earth;<br>Ye who sang creation's story,<br>Now proclaim Messiah's birth: <i>(Refrain)</i> | 2. Shepherds in the fields abiding,<br>Watching o'er your flocks by night,<br>God with man is now residing,<br>Yonder shines the Infant Light: <i>(Refrain)</i> |
| 3. Sages, leave your contemplations,<br>Brighter visions beam afar;<br>Seek the great Desire of nations,<br>Ye have seen His natal star: <i>(Refrain)</i>      | 4. Saints before the altar bending,<br>Watching long in hope and fear,<br>Suddenly the Lord, descending,<br>In His Temple shall appear: <i>(Refrain)</i>        |

**Refrain:** Come and worship, Come and worship; Worship Christ, the newborn King.

**Responsive Opening & Prayer:** ..... *LUKE 1:68-79 (SONG OF ZACHARIAS)*

**Pastor:** In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Congregation [sung]:** Amen.

**P:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** And also with you and the children.

**P:** Blessed *is* the Lord God of Israel,

**C:** For He has visited and redeemed His people,

**P:** And has raised up a horn of salvation for us

**C:** In the house of His servant David,

**P:** As He spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets,

**C:** Who *have been* since the world began,

**P:** That we should be saved from our enemies

**C:** And from the hand of all who hate us,

**P:** To perform the mercy *promised* to our fathers

**C:** And to remember His holy covenant,

**P:** The oath which He swore to our father Abraham: To grant  
us that we, Being delivered from the hand of our enemies,

**C:** Might serve Him without fear, In holiness and righteousness before Him all the days of our life.

**P:** And you, child [John the Baptist], will be called the prophet of the Highest;

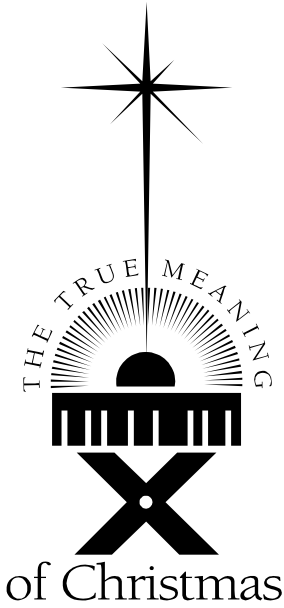
**C:** For you will go before the face of the Lord to prepare His ways,

**P:** To give knowledge of salvation to His people By the remission of their sins,

**C:** Through the tender mercy of our God, With which the Dayspring from on high has visited us;

**P:** To give light to those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death,

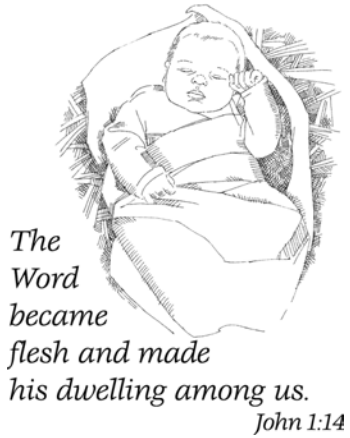
**C:** To guide our feet into the way of peace.



**Daniel:** And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth. John 1:14

**Christian:** And of His fullness we have all received, and grace for grace. For the law was given through Moses, *but* grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. John 1:16-17

**Kathleen:** For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. 2 Corinthians 4:6



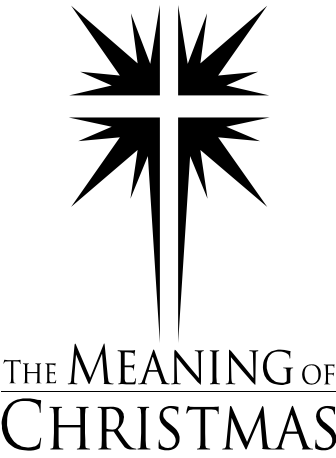
**Congregation:** ..... *STAR AND CROWN OF MY SALVATION (TUNE: TLH 151)*

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| 1. Star and Crown of my salvation<br>Jesus, precious heav'nly Guest,<br>If Thou hast no habitation,<br>Come into my heart to rest!<br>This cold world will not invite Thee<br>How Thy presence will delight me!<br>Enter in and ne'er depart,<br>Dearest Treasure of my heart. | 2. Well I know my heart's poor dwelling<br>Is no bright abiding place,<br>But a hovel, dark, repelling,<br>Where all sin has left its trace.<br>But Thy coming bids night vanish,<br>Thou, blest Light, the gloom will banish!<br>Enter in and ne'er depart,<br>Dearest Treasure of my heart. |
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**Julianna:** God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation. For He made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him. 2 Corinthians 5:19,21

**Annie:** But now the righteousness of God apart from the law is revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, even the righteousness of God, through faith in Jesus Christ, to all and on all who believe. For there is no difference; for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ... Romans 3:21-24

**David:** But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. Romans 5:8-10



**Choir & C.D.S. Children:** ..... *MY HEART REJOICES*

## ☆ 5. The Star In Your Heart ☆

**Brooke:** The reason of Jesus' birth was simple: to redeem us from sin, death, and the power of the devil. He desires that all people believe that He has done this for them. By faith in this Good News, He as the Morning Star begins to shine in our hearts. He takes away the darkness of sin and brings about the dazzling light of His righteousness.

**Sarah:** Jesus says: "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last. ... I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you these things in the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, the Bright and Morning Star." Revelation 22:13,16

**Jessica:** And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. 2 Peter 1:19

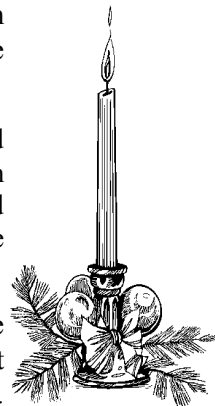
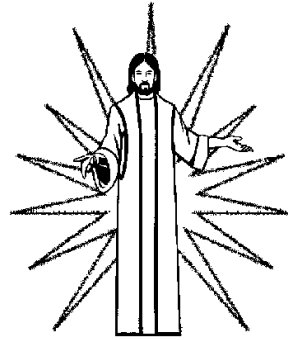
**S.S. Children:** ..... *TLH 343: HOW LOVELY SHINES THE MORNING STAR*

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| 1. How lovely shines the Morning Star!<br>The nations see and hail afar<br>The light in Judah shining.<br>Thou David's Son of Jacob's race,<br>My bridegroom and my King of Grace,<br>For Thee my heart is pining.<br>Lowly, Holy, Great and glorious,<br>Thou victorious Prince of graces,<br>Filling all the heav'nly places. | 2. O Morning Star, how fair and bright!<br>You shine with God's own truth and light,<br>Aglow with grace and mercy!<br>Of Jacob's race, King David's son,<br>Our Lord and Master, You have won<br>Our hearts to serve You only!<br>Lowly, holy! Great and glorious,<br>All victorious, Rich in blessing!<br>Rule and might o'er all possessing! |
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**Catherine:** Through the tender mercy of our God ... the Dayspring from on high has visited us; To give light to those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death, To guide our feet into the way of peace. Luke 1:78-79

**Jack:** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it. John 1:1-4

**Olivia:** There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. This man came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all through him might believe. He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. That was the true Light which gives light to every man coming into the world. John 1:6-9



## ☆ Introduction: The Stars of Christmas ☆

**Children:** The night of Jesus' birth was very special. He was born to save sinners. As the star was shining brightly that night, the real Star was born in the lowly manger. Come with us to the manger this evening as we tell you about "*The Stars of Christmas.*"

**C.D.S. Children:** ..... *STAR CAROL*

1. Sing this night for a boy is born in Bethlehem,  
Christ our Lord in a lowly manger lies;  
Bring your gifts, come and worship at His cradle,  
Hurry to Bethlehem and see the Son of Mary! *(Refrain)*
2. Angels bright, come from heaven's highest glory,  
Bear the news with its message of good cheer:  
'Sing, rejoice, for a King is come to save us,  
Hurry to Bethlehem and see the Son of Mary!' *(Refrain)*
3. See, He lies in His mother's tender keeping;  
Jesus Christ in her loving arms asleep.  
Shepherds poor, come to worship and adore Him,  
Hurry to Bethlehem and see the Son of Mary! *(Refrain)*

**Refrain:** See His star shining bright In the sky this Christmas night!  
Follow me joyfully; Hurry to Bethlehem and see the Son of Mary!



## ☆ 1. The Stars Are Created ☆

**David:** As we gaze upon the skies on a clear night many stars can be seen. Where did they come from? We learn about this in the Bible. Our confident conclusion is that our Triune God Himself — Father, Son, and Holy Spirit — made them on one of the six days of creation. Listen to what Scripture says about the creation of the stars.

**Patrick:** Then [on the fourth day] God said, "Let there be lights in the firmament of the heavens ..."; and it was so. Then God made two great lights: the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night. He made the stars also. Genesis 1:14-16

**Victoria:** Lift up your eyes on high, And see who has created these things, Who brings out their host by number; He calls them all by name, By the greatness of His might And the strength of His power; Not one is missing. Isaiah 40:26



**Congregation:** ..... *WS 744: HOW GREAT THOU ART*

1. O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder  
Consider all the works Thy hand hath made,  
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,  
Thy pow’r throughout the universe displayed. *(Refrain)*
2. And when I think that God, His Son not sparing,  
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in,  
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing  
He bled and died to take away my sin. *(Refrain)*

**Refrain:** Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,  
“How great Thou art! How great Thou art!” *(repeat refrain)*

**Matthew:** By [Christ Jesus] all things were created that are in  
heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible. Colossians 1:16

**Cole:** By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, And all the host of them by the breath  
of His mouth. Psalm 33:6

**Pre-School:** In six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth. Exodus 20:11

**Natalie:** Praise [the LORD], sun and moon; Praise Him, all you stars of light! ... Let them  
praise the name of the LORD, For He commanded and they were created. Psalm 148:3,5

**Grace:** I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, The moon and the stars, which You  
have ordained. Psalm 8:3

**Pre-School-1<sup>st</sup> Grade:**

All the stars were made by God. He made them for us in His love.  
In the dark they bring us light. They help us see things in the night.

**S.S. Children:** ..... *WS 711: SEE IN YONDER MANGER LOW*

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| 1. See in yonder manger low,<br>Born for us on earth below,<br>See the gentle Lamb appears,<br>Promised from eternal years. <i>(Refrain)</i>        | 2. Lo, within a stable lies<br>He who built the starry skies,<br>He, who throned in height sublime,<br>Sits amid the cherubim. <i>(Refrain)</i> |
| 3. Sacred Infant, all divine,<br>What a tender love was Thine,<br>Thus to come from highest bliss<br>Down to such a world as this. <i>(Refrain)</i> | 4. Teach, oh, teach us, holy Child,<br>By Thy face so meek and mild,<br>Teach us to resemble Thee<br>In Thy sweet humility. <i>(Refrain)</i>    |

**Refrain:** Hail the ever blessed morn; Hail redemption’s happy dawn;  
Sing through all Jerusalem, “Christ is born in Bethlehem!”



**Jessica:** So they said to him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it is written  
by the prophet: ‘But you, Bethlehem, *in* the land of Judah, Are not  
the least among the rulers of Judah; For out of you shall come a Ruler  
Who will shepherd My people Israel.’” Matthew 2:5-6

**Olivia:** Then Herod, when he had secretly called the wise men, determined  
from them what time the star appeared. And he sent them to  
Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the young Child,  
and when you have found *Him*, bring back word to me, that I may  
come and worship Him also." Matthew 2:7-8

**Catherine:** [Now after this] they departed; and behold, the star which they had seen in the  
East went before them, till it came and stood over where the young Child was. When  
they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceedingly great joy. Matthew 2:9-10

**Bea:** And when they had come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother,  
and fell down and worshipped Him. And when they had opened their treasures, they  
presented gifts to Him: gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Matthew 2:11

**Congregation:** ..... *THE FIRST NOËL*

1. The first Noël the angel did say  
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;  
In fields where they lay, keeping their sheep,  
On a cold winter’s night that was so deep: *(Refrain)*
2. And by the light of a great star,  
Three wise men came from country far;  
To seek for a king was their intent,  
And to follow the star wherever it went: *(Refrain)*
3. This star drew nigh to the northwest;  
O’er Bethlehem it took its rest,  
And there it did both stop and stay  
Right over the place where Jesus lay: *(Refrain)*
4. Then enter’d in those wise men three,  
Full rev’rently upon their knee,  
And offer’d there in his presence  
Their gold and myrrh and frankincense: *(Refrain)*
5. Then let us all with one accord  
Sing praises to our heav’nly Lord,  
That hath made heav’n and earth of naught,  
And with His blood mankind hath bought: *(Refrain)*

**Refrain:** Noël, Noël, Noël, Noël, Born is the King of Israel!



## ☆ 4. The Star That Guides ☆

**Jack:** We are told in the Bible about wise men from the East who observed a star. This star guided them to where Jesus was in Bethlehem. Their example of giving gifts to Jesus shows us how much of a gift Jesus is to us! May He as our Star guide us to our treasure of heaven.

**Bea:** He shall have dominion also from sea to sea, And from the River to the ends of the earth. Those who dwell in the wilderness will bow before Him, And His enemies will lick the dust. Psalm 72:8-9

**Victoria:** The kings of Tarshish and of the isles will bring presents; The kings of Sheba and Seba will offer gifts. Yes, all kings shall fall down before Him; All nations shall serve Him. Psalm 72:10-12

**Matthew:** For He will deliver the needy when he cries, The poor also, and him who has no helper. Psalm 72:12

**Congregation:** ..... *TLH 127: AS WITH GLADNESS MEN OF OLD*

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| 1. As with gladness men of old<br>Did the guiding star behold;<br>As with joy they hailed its light,<br>Leading onward, beaming bright,<br>So, most gracious Lord, may we<br>Evermore be led by Thee!           | 2. As with joyful steps they sped,<br>Savior, to Thy lowly bed,<br>There to bend the knee before<br>Thee whom heav'n and earth adore,<br>So may we with willing feet<br>Ever seek Thy mercy-seat!   |
| 3. As they offered gifts most rare<br>At Thy cradle, rude and bare,<br>So may we with holy joy,<br>Pure and free from sin's alloy,<br>All our costliest treasures bring,<br>Christ, to Thee, our heav'nly King! | 5. In the heavenly country bright<br>Need they no created light;<br>Thou its Light, its Joy, its Crown,<br>Thou its Sun which goes not down.<br>There forever may we sing<br>Alleluias to our King! |

**Julianna:** Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, saying, "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." Matthew 2:1-2

**Patrick:** When Herod the king heard *this*, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. Matthew 2:3-4



## ☆ 2. The Star Is Promised ☆

**Annie:** In the Old Testament God promised a believer by the name of Abraham that his descendants would be as numerous as the stars. These descendants included all those who would come to faith in the special Star, the Star of Jacob. This Star would be the Savior of the world. Listen to the prophesies of the Old Testament.

**Kathleen:** The Lord said to Abraham: "Blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply your descendants as the stars of the heaven and as the sand which is on the seashore; ... In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, ..." Genesis 22:17-18

**Christian:** The Lord told the Children of Israel who were the descendants of Abraham: A Star shall come out of Jacob; A Scepter shall rise out of Israel. ... Out of Jacob One shall have dominion. Numbers 24:17-18

**S.S. Children:** ..... *TLH 90: COME, YOUR HEARTS AND VOICES RAISING*

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| 1. Come, your hearts and voices raising,<br>Christ the Lord with gladness praising;<br>Loudly sing His love amazing,<br>Worthy folk of Christendom. | 2. Jacob's Star in all its splendor<br>Beams with comfort sweet and tender,<br>Forcing Satan to surrender,<br>Breaking all the powers of hell. |
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**Sarah:** Arise, shine; For your light has come! And the glory of the LORD is risen upon you. For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, And deep darkness the people; But the LORD will arise over you, And His glory will be seen upon you. The Gentiles shall come to your light, And kings to the brightness of your rising. Isaiah 60:1-3

**Daniel:** Unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given: and the government shall be upon His shoulder: and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Isaiah 9:6

**Cole:** Therefore the Lord Himself shall give you a sign: Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel [which means, "God with us"]. Isaiah 7:14

**Congregation:** ..... *TLH 62: OH, COME, OH, COME, EMMANUEL*

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| 1. Oh, come, Oh, come Emmanuel,<br>And ransom captive Israel<br>That mourns in lonely exile here<br>Until the Son of God appear.<br>Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel<br>Shall come to thee, O Israel. | 3. Oh, come, Thou Dayspring from on high,<br>And cheer us by Thy drawing nigh;<br>Disperse the gloomy clouds of night<br>And death's dark shadows put to flight.<br>Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel<br>Shall come to thee, O Israel. |
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### ☆ 3. The Star Is Born ☆

**Brooke:** At the right time God sent forth His Son, Jesus Christ, to be the Star of Jacob. His birth was one which was unique. He was born to die. As we ponder the starry night of Jesus birth, let us remember that Jesus was born to die for the sins of all people, people who number even more than the shining stars above.

**Children:** ..... *LUKE 2:1-7*

(1) And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. (2) (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.) (3) And all went to be taxed, everyone into his own city. (4) And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:) (5) To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. (6) And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. (7) And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling clothes, and laid Him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

**S.S. Children:** ..... *AWAY IN A MANGER*

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| 1. Away in a manger,<br>No crib for a bed,<br>The little Lord Jesus<br>Laid down his sweet head;<br>The stars in the sky<br>Looked down where He lay,<br>The little Lord Jesus,<br>Asleep on the hay. | 2. The cattle are lowing,<br>The Baby awakes,<br>But little Lord Jesus,<br>No crying He makes.<br>I love Thee, Lord Jesus,<br>Look down from the sky,<br>And stay by my cradle<br>Till morning is nigh. | 3. Be near me, Lord Jesus;<br>I ask Thee to stay<br>Close by me forever,<br>And love me, I pray.<br>Bless all the dear children<br>In Thy tender care,<br>And take us to heaven<br>To live with Thee there. |
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**Children:** ..... *LUKE 2:8-14*



(8) And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. (9) And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. (10) And the angel said unto them, "Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. (11) "For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. (12) "And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the Babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger." (13) And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, (14) "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

**C.D.S. Children:** ..... *WS 707: ON CHRISTMAS NIGHT ALL CHRISTIANS SING*

1. On Christmas night all Christians sing,  
To hear the news the angels bring,  
On Christmas night all Christians sing,  
To hear the news the angels bring,  
News of great joy, news of great mirth,  
News of our merciful King's birth.



3. When sin departs before Your grace,  
Then life and health come in its place,  
When sin departs before Your grace,  
Then life and health come in its place,  
Angels and saints with joy may sing,  
All for to see the newborn King.

4. From out of darkness we have light,  
Which made the angels sing this night,  
From out of darkness we have light,  
Which made the angels sing this night,  
"Glory to God and peace to men,  
Now and forevermore. Amen."

**Children:** ..... *LUKE 2:15-20*

(15) And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, "Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known to us." (16) And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the Babe lying in a manger. (17) And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this Child. (18) And all they that heard *it* wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds. (19) But Mary kept all these things, and pondered *them* in her heart. (20) And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

**Hymn:** ..... *TLH 646: SILENT NIGHT*

**Congregation:** Stanza 3; **Choir:** Stanza 1; **S.S. Children:** Stanza 2

1. Silent Night! Holy night!  
All is calm, all is bright,  
Round yon Virgin Mother and Child.  
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,  
Sleep in heavenly peace,  
Sleep in heavenly peace.

2. Silent Night! Holy night!  
Shepherds quake at the sight;  
Glories stream from heaven afar,  
Heav'nly hosts sing, Alleluia,  
Christ, the Savior, is born!  
Christ, the Savior, is born!

3. **Silent Night! Holy night!**  
**Son of God, love's pure light**  
**Radiant beams from Thy holy face,**  
**With the dawn of redeeming grace,**  
**Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth,**  
**Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.**

