

2020 advent devotional

The Advent Season includes the four Sundays before Christmas, and is a time for families to enter into the true meaning of the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ. It is a time to celebrate His birth on Christmas Day. Each devotional will help you and your family to look forward to that day with much anticipation.

Set aside some time each day to have a short but meaningful devotional together as a family. It is our hope that this will be a special time during the Christmas season that will make lasting memories about the true meaning of Christmas. We believe that the most effective learning kids will ever receive will come from the home. This is a great opportunity to set an example for your kids and to start discussing the real reason for the season.

To make the Advent devotionals more symbolic, you can use an Advent wreath and light the candles for each day before the reading. Follow the devotional presented below, or adapt it to fit your family. This is a wonderful opportunity to get everyone involved (take turns on who reads or acts out each part of the devotional). Some of the days include Christmas songs, so there is a song list at the back with the lyrics to the songs in case you forgot the words.

God bless you and your family as we all look forward to Christmas day, the day of the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.



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SUNDAY (NOV 29)

LIGHT OF FAITH

LIGHT	THE CANDLE OF FAITH
SAY	"The first candle we light as we look forward to Christmas is the light of faith. We have faith when we believe that God loves us and will show His love to us in special ways. Long ago, God's people were expecting someone great to come into our world."
READ	Micah 5:2
ASK	Who was the person who came to Bethlehem? Why was He so special? Why did God send Him?
SING	"Jesus Loves Me"
PRAY	Dear Heavenly Father, we thank you for sending your Son, Jesus, to Bethlehem. Help us to have faith that You sent Him because you love us. Amen.











MONDAY (NOV 30)	LIGHT OF FAITH
LIGHT	THE CANDLE OF FAITH
SAY	"We light the candle of faith not just to trust in what God will give to us, but also to remember to listen to what God has to say so that we will learn what He wants us to know."
READ	Hebrews 1:1-2
ASK	How did God speak to the fathers long ago? How does God speak to us today? Do we listen?
SING	"Hark, the Herald Angels Sing"
PRAY	Dear Lord, You know everything and are all-powerful. Forgive us when we do not listen to You. Help us to listen to You today and to remember that You love us so much that you sent your Son to live in our world. Amen







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TUESDAY (DEC 1)	LIGHT OF FAITH
LIGHT	THE CANDLE OF FAITH
SAY	"The light of faith reminds us that God used to have prophets tell His promises to the people. God's people would hear and then believe in God's promises. Those promises are for us too."
READ	Isaiah 7:14
ASK	What will Mary's son be called? What does Immanuel (Emmanuel) mean? (See Matthew 1:23) Is God with us now?
SING	"O Little Town of Bethlehem"
PRAY	Dear God, we thank you for all your promises and that you keep everyone of them. Thank you for keeping the promise you made

long ago to send Jesus to our world. Amen.







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WEDNESDAY	(DEC 2)
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LIGHT OF FAITH

LIGHT	THE CANDLE OF FAITH
SAY	"God gave a promise to the prophet Isaiah long ago, and he believed and trusted God's promise. Isaiah told the promise to the people, that a wonderful Savior would come some day."
READ	Isaiah 9:6-7
ASK	To whom is the child sent? What are the names He was to be called? What do these names tell us about God?
SING	"O Holy Night"
PRAY	We praise you God for being so great and mighty, and for meaning so much to us. Help us to make room for you in our hearts this Christmas season. Amen.











LIGHT OF FAITH

LIGHT	THE CANDLE OF FAITH
SAY	"Today, we are reminded that faith sometimes means waiting for God's timing. According to God's plan, His people had to wait a long time for the promised Messiah to come. When He finally did, everyone rejoiced!"
READ	Isaiah 25:9
ASK	Who is it that God saved? Is it hard for you to wait? Why? Why is patience and trust in God so important?
DO	Close your eyes and raise your hand when you think it has been one minute. Have someone tell you how long it's been when you raise your hand.
SAY	"A minute seems like such a long time. Think of how God's people waited for Jesus to come for so long. And He came!"
PRAY	Dear God, we find it hard to be patient many times because we want things right away. Help us to want things according to your will. Amen.











RIDAY (DEC 4)	LIGHT OF FAITH
LIGHT	THE CANDLE OF FAITH
SAY	"The light today reminds us that those who believe in God obey God. The angel told Mary that she would give birth to Jesus and she was willing to do so because she believed in God."
READ	Luke 1:38, 45
ASK	Was Mary happy to become the mother of Jesus? Why? Is it always easy to obey God? Why? Is it always easy to obey our parents? Why?
ACT OUT	what it would be like to either be Mary, about to give birth to God's Son, or Joseph, waiting to help Mary raise God's Son.
PRAY	Heavenly Father, we are so thankful that Mary was obedient to give birth to your Son, Jesus. We are also thankful that Joseph was obedient and helped Mary in every way he could. Praise God that Jesus came to this earth to save us from our sins. Amen.











TURDAY (DEC 5)	LIGHT OF FAITH
LIGHT	THE CANDLE OF FAITH
SAY	"Today, the light of faith reminds us that Jesus came to this earth to save us from our sins, so that we could live a useful and blessed life and then spend eternity with Him in heaven. Even His name tells us why He came."
READ	Matthew 1:21-23
ASK	What does the name Jesus mean? What does it mean to be saved? Who did Jesus come to save?
ACT OUT	what it would be like to be a donkey in the stable that Jesus was born in, having important people walking all around your home.
PRAY	Dear Lord, we thank You for coming to earth to be our Savior. Come into our hearts and be the ruler of our lives. Amen.









SUNDAY (DEC 6)	LIGHT OF LOVE
LIGHT	THE CANDLES OF FAITH AND LOVE
SAY	"Today we are lighting a new candle, the candle of love. Mary and Joseph, the wisemen, and the shepherds all had faith and love in their hearts. Mary loved her child, Jesus, even before He was born."
READ	Luke 1:46-49
ASK	Did you know that you were loved before you were born? Who loves you now? Is it easier to love people at Christmas time? Why?
SING	"Silent Night"
PRAY	Lord, we thank you for the ultimate Christmas gift of sending your Son, Jesus to this earth. May we never forget what an important gift that was, and how much it means for our lives. Amen.







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MONDAY (DEC 7)	LIGHT OF LOVE
LIGHT	THE CANDLES OF FAITH AND LOVE
SAY	"When Mary and Joseph arrived in Bethlehem at the inn, there was no room left for them to stay, so it turned out that Jesus was born in a manger where the animals were kept."
READ	Luke 2:4-7
ASK	Why did Mary and Joseph travel to Bethlehem? Do you remember what the prophet said about Bethlehem? (Micah 5:2) Are babies ever born in mangers or places like mangers today?
SING	"Away In a Manger"
PRAY	Dear Lord, we thank you for the home we live in and the love we share here. We pray for all the children in the world who have no food or clothing, or even a place to live. Help us to love them and help them in whatever way we can. Amen.







LIGHT OF LOVE



TUESDAY (DEC 8)

LIGHT	THE CANDLES OF FAITH AND LOVE
SAY	"Mary and Joseph weren't the only ones at the manger with their newborn baby. There were some other visitors who came who found out about Jesus' birth in quite an amazing way."
READ	Luke 2:8-12
ASK	Why were the shepherds afraid at first? What made them so excited and happy? What would you have done if you were one of the shepherds?
ACT OUT	what it would be like to be an angel and a shepherd (have some be the angels and some be the shepherds).
PRAY	Heavenly Father, we thank you for the shepherds and all the people who take care of the animals you have made. We also thank you for those who take care of those in need. Bless all the sick and the poor this Christmas season. Amen.









WEDNESDAY (DEC 9)	LIGHT OF LOVE
LIGHT	THE CANDLES OF FAITH AND LOVE
SAY	"Even though it was probably the most amazing thing the shepherds had ever seen, the angels who appeared in the sky were not putting on a big show. They actually had a wonderful and very important message."
READ	Luke 2:8-15
ASK	What was the Good News the angels told? Is this Good News for us? How? What is a Savior? Is He your Savior?
SING	"Joy to the World"
PRAY	We thank you, dear God, that you want everyone to find joy and peace. We ask that you would help each of us so that Your will is done on earth. Help us to do what is pleasing in Your sight this Christmas time. Amen.









THURSDAY (DEC 10)

LIGHT OF LOVE

LIGHT	THE CANDLES OF FAITH AND LOVE
SAY	"After the shepherds went and saw the baby Jesus in the manger, they went and told others about the message from the angels and about the Good News of the Messiah."
READ	Luke 2:16-20
ASK	Are there people today who have never heard of Jesus? Who should be the one to tell them about Jesus? Have you every tried to tell them? What happened?
SING	"Go Tell It on the Mountain"
PRAY	Lord, we thank you for the Good News of Jesus being born to die and rise again for our sins. Help us to follow the example of the shepherds and to tell many people about Your Son, Jesus. Amen.







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FRIDAY (DEC 11)	LIGHT OF LOVE
LIGHT	THE CANDLES OF FAITH AND LOVE
SAY	"The shepherds weren't the only visitors to see baby Jesus. The wisemen came all the way from a different country to see Him because the believed God would send a Savior to the earth. They all brought Jesus gifts and worshipped Him."
READ	Matthew 2:1-12
ASK	What were the gifts they gave to Jesus? What is one time you gave a special gift to someone? What gifts can you give to Jesus?
SING	"We Three Kings of Orient"
PRAY	Dear God, we thank you that people from all over world can be Christians and follow You. We ask that You help us to follow and obey You no matter where we are. Amen.







LIGHT OF LOVE



SATURDAY (DEC 12)

LIGHT	THE CANDLES OF FAITH AND LOVE
SAY	"The faith and love candles remind us that God sent Jesus so that we might have God's best during our lives, and also so that we might be prepared to live a life of true worship and happiness forever in Heaven with Him."
READ	John 3:16
ASK	What gifts would you like to have under your Christmas tree? What gifts would you like to have in your heart? What gift did God give to us?
SING	"O Come All Ye Faithful"
PRAY	Oh Lord, we thank you for all the great things You provide us with all year round. Thank you for the ultimate gift of sending Your Son Jesus to die on the cross for our sins. We look forward and trust in the ways You will continue to provide for and take care of us. Amen.









SUNDAY (DEC 13)	LIGHT OF PEACE
LIGHT	THE CANDLES OF FAITH, LOVE, AND PEACE
SAY	"Today, as we light the candle of peace, we are reminded of the angels who sang of peace on earth. Sadly, there will always be those in this world who do not want peace."
READ	Matthew 2:7-12
ASK	Why did Herod want to know where Jesus was born? Why do we have some much hate and greed in this world? How can Jesus give us peace?
ACT OUT	what you would do and say to protect Jesus if you were one of the wisemen when King Herod demanded to know where He was.
PRAY	Lord, please forgive us of the anger and hatred we sometimes have. Forgive us and wash away the bad things in us. Please make us clean and pure to honor You. Amen.









MONDAY (DEC 14)	LIGHT OF PEACE
LIGHT	THE CANDLES OF FAITH, LOVE, AND PEACE
SAY	"Today, as we light the candle of peace, we are reminded that peace is a gift, and we read about a man named Simeon. He was promised that he would not die until he saw the Savior. One day, it finally happened."
READ	Luke 2:25-31
ASK	Where was Simeon when he saw Jesus? Why did Simeon have peace? What are some of the reasons we go to church?
ACT OUT	what it would have been like to be Simeon and to be waiting for so long to see the Savior, Jesus Christ. What would it be like to finally see him?
PRAY	Dear God, help us to always find time to thank You and praise You, whether we are at home, at church, or wherever we are. Help us to always remember and thank You for sending Jesus to the earth for us all. Amen.









TUESDAY (DEC 15)	LIGHT OF PEACE
LIGHT	THE CANDLES OF FAITH, LOVE, AND PEACE
SAY	"As we light this candle of peace, we remember that when we are scared we can't feel peaceful. The angels said to the shepherds in Judea, "Do not be afraid". Later Jesus Himself gave a special promise to those who might be scared."
READ	Luke 2:9-10 and John 14:27
ASK	What scares you the most? Are there some things we should be afraid of? How does Jesus help us with our fears?
SING	"Away In A Manger"
PRAY	Heavenly Father, please help us to always know that if we afraid that we are not alone. You are always with us and will never leave us. Help us to keep from doing the things You don't want us to do, and to always love and trust You. Amen.









WEDNESDAY (DEC 16)

LIGHT OF PEACE

LIGHT	THE CANDLES OF FAITH, LOVE, AND PEACE
SAY	"These Christmas lights burning so peacefully remind us that we should let our lights shine all the time and live at peace with one another."
READ	Romans 12:18
ASK	What can spoil our peace and put the light out? Why are we sometimes so selfish? How can Jesus help us?
WRITE OUT	three areas in your life that you want God to help you have peace in.
PRAY	Dear God, we thank You for Your patience with us and for Your forgiving love. Help us to be kind and thoughtful to one another and forgiving, too. Amen.









THURSDAY (DEC 17)	LIGHT OF PEACE
LIGHT	THE CANDLES OF FAITH, LOVE, AND PEACE
SAY	"These lights tell us of God's gifts to us, faith, love, peace. If we think only of getting and not of giving, we become selfish. God gave us His very best when He sent His Son."
READ	2 Corinthians 9:6-8
ASK	Name some of the things Jesus gave while here on earth. What are some of the things He gives us now? Can we have peace if we are selfish and greedy?
SING	"O Little Town of Bethlehem"
PRAY	Dear Father in Heaven, may we receive a special joy as we give our gifts this year and may they carry with them our love to those to whom these gifts are given. We thank You, Lord, for each one in our family and for all our loved ones. Amen.









FRIDAY (DEC 18)	LIGHT OF PEACE
LIGHT	THE CANDLES OF FAITH, LOVE, AND PEACE
SAY	"The Bible tells us that Jesus is the Prince of Peace and King of Kings. This light of peace tells us that He came to save people of all races and of all colors of skin everywhere. He loves them all and He loves us."
READ	Isaiah 9:6-7
ASK	Why do wars happen? How can we help to make a more peaceful world? How would Jesus have us treat people of other races?
SING	"O Come, All Ye Faithful"
PRAY	O God of all the earth, we need peace in our world today. Help our nation and all the nations of the world at this Christmas time to stop and listen to Jesus and obey Your will. Let peace begin in us, for Jesus' sake. Amen.









SATURDAY (DEC 19)	LIGHT OF PEACE
LIGHT	THE CANDLES OF FAITH, LOVE, AND PEACE
SAY	"We cannot light the candle of peace without remembering that not all people have the peace of God. It is our jobs as Christians to do all we can to spread the message of peace through Jesus to the whole world."
READ	Matthew 28:18-20
ASK	Who are the people Jesus is commanding to spread the Gospel to? What would the world be like if everyone had the peace of God in their hearts? How does it make you feel to know that God is always with you?
WRITE OUT	two or three people who you know that do not know of the peace that is found in Jesus, and at least one way that you could possibly share that with them.
PRAY	Dear God, we thank you that You love us all enough to send Your Son Jesus to the earth to die for us. Please help us to do everything we can to spread Your love and peace to those who don't know You this Christmas time. Amen.







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SUNDAY (DEC 20)

LIGHT	THE CANDLES OF FAITH, LOVE, PEACE, AND HOPE
SAY	"We light the hope candle as a symbol of our trust in the Lord. We have hope that the Lord will always be with us and that He will someday return to take us home with Him forever."
READ	Psalm 33:18
ASK	Who does the Lord look after and take care of? How is the Lord's love different than our own love? How can we find hope in the birth of Jesus?
SING	"It Came Upon A Midnight Clear"
PRAY	We thank You Heavenly Father that we can put our hope in Your perfect love that never fails. Let our imperfect love bring others to Your perfect love this Christmas season. Amen.











IONDAY (DEC 21)	LIGHT OF HOPE
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LIGHT	THE CANDLES OF FAITH, LOVE, PEACE, AND HOPE
SAY	"When we light the candle of hope we remember that when we look at what God has done in the past for us we should find hope in what He will continue to do for us. What a wonderful thought that is!
READ	Luke 2:16-20
ASK	What was the response of the shepherds when they saw it was true that Jesus was born? What is one way the Lord has provided for you or your family in the last few months? What can keep us from having hope in the Lord?
SING	"Silent Night"
PRAY	We praise You Lord that we can have hope in Your faithfulness. Help us to trust You completely no matter what because You always provide for us. Amen.







TUESDAY (DEC 22)

LIGHT	THE CANDLES OF FAITH, LOVE, PEACE, HOPE AND LIFE
SAY	"Just like God delivered the Israelites from the slavery of the Egyptians, so the people looked for the day when the Messiah would come and save them. Jesus came to save us, and now we look forward to the day when He will return for all His people."
READ	Isaiah 11:10
ASK	How is Jesse related to Jesus? In war, what does a flag or banner represent? How will Jesus be like a banner for the nations?
SING	"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"











LIGHT	THE CANDLES OF FAITH, LOVE, PEACE, AND HOPE
SAY	"Another part of the hope candle is the wonderful thought that there is a happy ending for those of us who believe in Jesus, even if it means we must go through some hard times along the way."
READ	Psalm 33:20-22
ASK	How might things have been hard for Mary and Joseph on their journey to Bethlehem? What are some of the hard things we face in life? If we believe in Jesus, what is our happy ending?
SING	"O Little Town of Bethlehem"
PRAY	Lord, we thank You that You have promised to be with us even during the difficult times in our lives. Help us to not get discouraged when things get tough, but to remember that we don't have to face the challenges alone. Amen.











LIGHT	THE CANDLES OF FAITH, LOVE, PEACE, AND HOPE
SAY	"Christmas is the celebration of the birth of Jesus, whose life has changed the entire world. It is because of His life, and death, and resurrection, that we can have life. We can have real life, eternal life, starting now and lasting forever with God. That is the good news of the gospel and the true meaning of Christmas. Praise God!"
READ	1 John 5:11-12
ASK	What is eternal life? Where does it come from? Who has it? Why is it so amazing that Jesus came to earth to live with us? Now what does Jesus want us to do and share with others?
SING	"Happy Birthday" to Jesus!
ТНАМК	God for sending His Son to our world to live a perfect life, to die on the cross for our sin, to rise from the dead, and to pave the way to be with Him forever!
PRAY	Happy birthday Jesus! We love You Lord and we thank You for doing what You said You would do, send Your Son to our world. You were born in a manger, but You were and are our King. This special day that we celebrate, Christmas, is all about You. We love You and ask that You would help us to share Your love to the entire world. Amen.





Song Lyrics

JESUS LOVES ME

Jesus loves me this I know For the Bible tells me so Little ones to Him belong They are weak but He is strong

Chorus: Yes, Jesus loves me Yes, Jesus loves me Yes, Jesus loves me The Bible tells me so

Jesus loves me He who died Heaven's gate to open wide He will wash away my sin Let His little child come in

[Chorus]

Jesus loves me He will stay Close beside me all the way He's prepared a home for me And some day His face I'll see

[Chorus]

HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING

Hark! the herald angels sing Glory to the new-born King! Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled! Joyful, all ye nations, rise, Join the triumph of the skies; With the angelic host proclaim Christ is born in Bethlehem! Hark! the herald angels sing Glory to the new-born King!

Christ, by highest heaven adored; Christ, the everlasting Lord; Late in time behold him come, Offspring of the Virgin's womb. Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; Hail the incarnate Deity, Pleased as man with man to dwell; Jesus, our Emmanuel! Mild he lays his glory by, Born that man no more may die, Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them second birth. Risen with healing in his wings, Light and life to all he brings, Hail, the Sun of Righteousness! Hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace!

O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

O little town of Bethlehem, How still we see the 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 to-night.

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.

How silently, how silently, The wondrous gift is given! So God imparts to human hearts The blessings of his heaven. No ear may hear his coming, But in this world of sin, Where meek souls will receive him, still The dear Christ enters in.

Where children pure and happy Pray to the blessed 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. O holy Child of Bethlehem! Descend to us, we pray; Cast out our sin and enter in, Be born in us to-day. We hear the Christmas angels The great glad tidings tell; O come to us, abide with us, Our Lord Emmanuel!

SILENT NIGHT

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.

Silent night, holy night, Shepherds quake at the sight, Glories stream from heaven afar, Heavenly hosts sing alleluia; Christ the Savior, is born! Christ the Savior, is born!

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.

AWAY IN A MANGER

Away in a manger, no crib for his 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.

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes, but little Lord Jesus no crying he makes. I love thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky, And stay by my side until morning is nigh.

JOY TO THE WORLD

Joy to the world! the Lord is come; Let earth receive her King; Let every heart prepare Him room, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

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Joy to the earth! the Savior reigns; Let men their songs employ; while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground; He comes to make His blessing flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.

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

GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN

When I was a seeker I sought both night and day, I asked the Lord to help me, And he showed me the way.

Chorus

Go tell it on the mountain, Over the hills and everywhere, Go tell it on the mountain, Our Jesus Christ is born.

He made me a watchman Upon a city wall, And if I am a Christian, I am the least of all.

Chorus

WE THREE KINGS OF ORIENT

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

Chorus

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

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

(Chorus)

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

(Chorus)

Myrrh is mine: Its bitter perfume Breaths a life of gathering gloom. Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding dying, Sealed in the stone-cold tomb.

(Chorus)

Glorious now behold Him arise, King and God and Sacrifice. Alleluia, alleluia! Sounds through the earth and skies.

(Chorus)

O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, Come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem. Come and behold Him, born the King of angels;

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O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

True God of true God, Light from Light Eternal, Lo, he shuns not the Virgin's womb; Son of the Father, begotten, not created;

(Refrain)

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation; Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above! Glory to God, all glory in the highest;

(Refrain)

See how the shepherds, summoned to His cradle, Leaving their flocks, draw nigh to gaze; We too will thither bend our joyful footsteps;

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(Refrain)

Child, for us sinners poor and in the manger, We would embrace Thee, with love and awe; Who would not love Thee, loving us so dearly?

(Refrain)

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning; Jesus, to Thee be glory given; Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing.

(Refrain)

IT CAME UPON A MIDNIGHT CLEAR

It came upon the midnight clear, That glorious song of old, From angels bending near the earth To touch their harps of gold: "Peace on the earth, good will to men, From heaven's all-gracious King." The world in solemn stillness lay To hear the angels sing.

Still through the cloven skies they come With peaceful wings unfurled, And still their heavenly music floats O'er all the weary world; Above its sad and lowly plains They bend on hovering wing, And ever o'er its Babel-sounds The blessed angels sing.

Yet with the woes of sin and strife The world has suffered long; Beneath the heavenly strain have rolled Two thousand years of wrong; And man, at war with man, hears not The tidings which they bring; O hush the noise, ye men of strife, And hear the angels sing!

O ye, beneath life's crushing load, Whose forms are bending low, Who toil along the climbing way With painful steps and slow, Look now! for glad and golden hours Come swiftly on the wing; O rest beside the weary road And hear the angels sing!

For lo! the days are hastening on, By prophets seen of old, When with the ever-circling years Shall come the time foretold, When peace shall over all the earth Its ancient splendors fling, And the whole world give back the song Which now the angels sing.

O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL

O come, O come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel, That mourns in Ionely exile here Until the Son of God appear. Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, O come, Thou Lord of Might, Who to Thy tribes, on Sinai's height, In ancient times didst give the law, In cloud, and majesty, and awe.

[Refrain]

O 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.

[Refrain]

O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer Our spirits by Thine advent here; Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, And death's dark shadows put to flight.

[Refrain]

O 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.

[Refrain]

O come, Thou Wisdom from on high, And order all things, far and nigh; To us the path of knowledge show, And cause us in her ways to go.

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O come, Desire of nations, bind In one the hearts of all mankind; Bid Thou our sad divisions cease, And be Thyself our King of peace.

[Refrain]

O HOLY NIGHT

O holy night! The stars are brightly shining,

It is the night of the dear Saviour's birth. Long lay the world in sin and error pining. Till He appeared and the Spirit felt its worth.

A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices, For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn.

Fall on your knees! Oh, hear the angel voices!

O night divine, the night when Christ was born;

O night, O holy night, O night divine! O night, O holy night, O night divine!

Led by the light of faith serenely beaming, With glowing hearts by His cradle we stand.

O'er the world a star is sweetly gleaming, Now come the wisemen from out of the Orient land.

The King of kings lay thus lowly manger; In all our trials born to be our friends. He knows our need, our weakness is no stranger,

Behold your King! Before him lowly bend! Behold your King! Before him lowly bend!

Truly He taught us to love one another, His law is love and His gospel is peace. Chains he shall break, for the slave is our brother.

And in his name all oppression shall cease. Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we,

With all our hearts we praise His holy name.

Christ is the Lord! Then ever, ever praise we,

His power and glory ever more proclaim! His power and glory ever more proclaim!

