

A Christmas Carol
EC Christmas Service

Welcome: Pastor Steve

Processional: "Ring Those Bells" (All)

(Tune: "Jimmy Crack Corn")

Ring those bells and clap your hands,
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Ring those bells and clap your hands,
For Christmas time has come.

Ring those bells and shout hooray,
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Opening Song: "It's Christmas" (CD) (All)

Were gonna dance, lift out hands celebrate it's Christmas
Light up the world Jesus is born woah oh-oh
Raise your voice make some noise, it's Christmas
Let's celebrate and shout for joy (freestyle)

There's a reason why we sing and why we celebrate
It's Christmas time it's Christmas time
It's the season that he's given us a gift so great
It's Christmas time it's Christmas time
He's the light of the world come down to us
From heaven now everybody sing

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(Students 1 – 7 come to front during last verse)

Student 1: I just love Christmas!

Student 2: Me, too! It's my favorite time of the year!

Vicar: Bah Humbug! What's so great about Christmas, anyway?

Student 3: What's so great about Christmas?

Student 4: It's the most wonderful time of the year!

Vicar: What is so wonderful about Christmas?

Student 5: Well, to answer that question, we have to take a trip back in time.

Student 6: We need to go to Bethlehem.

Vicar: Bethlehem, why Bethlehem?

Student 7: Come with us, and we will show you.

(Students 1 – 7 lead Vicar to stable and return to their spots)

Song: "Oh, What a Special Night" (CD) (All)

(Nativity)

Oh what a special night
When baby Jesus was born
The sheep who were there that day
Sang a song for His birthday
This is what they sang
Ba Ba Babababa Ba Ba Ba
Thank you God for baby Jesus
Ba Ba Babababa Ba Ba Ba
Baby Jesus is born
Ba Ba Babababa Ba Ba Ba
Thank you God for baby Jesus
Ba Ba Babababa Ba Ba Ba
Baby Jesus is born

Oh what a special night
When baby Jesus was born

The cows who were there that day
Sang a song for His birthday
This is what they sang
Moo moo moomoomoo moo moo moo
Thank you God for baby Jesus
Moo moo moomoomoo moo moo moo
Baby Jesus is born
Moo moo moomoomoo moo moo moo
Thank you God for baby Jesus
Moo moo moomoomoo moo moo moo
Baby Jesus is born

Oh what a special night
When baby Jesus was born
The donkeys who were there that day
Sang a song for His birthday
This is what they sang
He Haw Haw Haw Haw
He Haw Haw Haw Haw
Thank you God for baby Jesus
He Haw Haw Haw Haw
Baby Jesus is born
He Haw Haw Haw Haw
Thank you God for baby Jesus
He Haw Haw Haw Haw
Baby Jesus is born

Oh what a special night
[sheep sounds]
Baby Jesus was born
[cow sounds]
Oh what a special night
[donkey sounds]
Baby Jesus is born

(Students 8 – 13 start coming to the stable on the last verse)
(All Sit)

Vicar: Well, we're here. All I see is an ordinary old barn.

Student 8: That is no ordinary barn. That's where Jesus was born.

Vicar: Jesus? Who is this Jesus you speak of, and what does He have to do with Christmas?

Student 9: Jesus is God's own Son. He came to the world to save us from our sins.

Student 10: He was born in a manger on that first Christmas.

Vicar: Wait a minute. You are telling me that God's Son was born in a barn with only animals around?

Student 11: Yep! It was all part of God's plan. But Jesus did have other visitors.

Student 12: Some angels appeared to shepherds who were out in a field watching their sheep.

Student 13: They were so excited that they left their sheep and went to see the newborn King.

(Students 8 – 13 back to spots)

(PK4 stands)

Song: "In a Little Stable" (PK4)

In a little stable far across the sea
Was a little baby just like you and me.

Not a bed or cradle, not a pillow deep,
But a lowly manger was His place to sleep.

Shepherds stood around Him, Angels watched with car,
For this Babe was Jesus, Lying, smiling there.

Oh, I love this Jesus, who was little then,
For I know He loves me, little though I am.

(PK4 sits)

(Students 14 – 19 come to the stable)

Student 14: And don't forget about the wisemen.

Vicar: Wisemen? What makes them so wise?

Student 15: Well, they studied the star.

Student 16: A special star led the way to Jesus, the newborn King.

Student 17: They brought him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

Vicar: So, what does this have to do with Christmas?

Student 18: Every year we celebrate Christmas because it is Jesus' birthday.

Vicar: So, it's like a big birthday party?

Student 19: Well kind of. Come back with us, and we will show you how we celebrate.

(Students 14 – 19 lead Vicar to the Christmas tree and go back to their spots)

(K stands)

Song: “How Many Days?” (K)

(Tune: “She’ll Be Coming Round the Mountain”)

Oh, the birthday of our Lord we celebrate.
Oh the birthday of our Lord we celebrate.
There are 11 more days
Just 11 more days
‘Til the birthday of our Lord we celebrate

We will decorate our tree to celebrate.
We will decorate our tree to celebrate
There are 11 more days
Just 11 more days
‘Til the birthday of our Lord we celebrate.

We’ll give presents to each other on that day.
We’ll give presents to each other on that day.
There are 11 more days
Just 11 more days
‘Til the birthday of our Lord we celebrate.

We’ll sing Happy Birthday to our Lord that day.
We’ll sing Happy Birthday to our Lord that day.
There are 11 more days
Just 11 more days
‘Til the birthday of our Lord we celebrate.

(Christmas Tree/Lights/Gifts)

(Students 20 – 25 come to the tree)

(K sits)

Vicar: Now you’re talking. Presents! Who doesn’t like presents?

Student 20: Well, presents are nice, but there’s a reason we give gifts.

Student 21: Jesus is the best gift of all!

Student 22: We give gifts to remind us of that.

Vicar: And what about the tree?

Student 23: Well, the tree is green. Green is the color of life.

Student 24: Plus, it is shaped like a triangle.

Student 25: Some people say that it points the way to heaven.

(Students 20 – 25 return to their spots)

(PK3 stands up)

Song: “Oh Christmas Tree” (PK3)

O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree

You point the way to heaven

O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree

To us new life is given.

Your leaves of green tell of new life

Your colored lights they shine so bright.

O Christmas tree, O Christmas Tree

You point the way to heaven

O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree

To us new life is given.

(PK3 sits down)

(Students 26 – 29 come to the tree)

Vicar: And what about the lights? I suppose there is a reason that you have lights on the tree?

Student 26: Well, actually there is.

Student 27: The Bible says that Jesus is the light of the world.

Student 28: The Bible also says that we should go and shine our light.

Vicar: And the star at the top reminds us of the star that the wisemen followed, right?

Student 29: I think he’s starting to get it!

(Students 30 – 32 come walking out)

Vicar: Where are you guys going?

Student 30: We are going to church.

Vicar: Wait a minute! You are going to leave all of these presents to go to church?

Student 31: Yes. We will come back to open the gifts.

Student 32: But first we need to go celebrate in God’s house.

(All Stand)

Song: “Oh, Come Little Children” (vs. 1 – 2)

O come, little children, O come, one and all,
O come to the manger in Bethlehem’s stall,
And see the Lord Jesus asleep in the hay,
The little Lord Jesus was born Christmas day.

He lies in the manger, the hay is his bed.
The star high in heaven shines over His head.
And Mary and Joseph look down on the boy,
While shepherds and wise men kneel down in their joy.

(Students 33 – 35 come to the center)

Vicar: Wow! I didn’t realize how amazing Christmas really is. I thought it was just about the presents. Oh, my! It is almost Christmas morning! I ‘m sorry to run off, but I need to go tell my family the Good News about Christmas! Thank you for teaching me the true meaning of Christmas!

(Students 30 – 33 go back)

(Vicar runs over to his “family” in the center.)

Vicar: Oh my goodness! I made it on time. I have to tell you something very important about Christmas! Christmas is Jesus’ birthday! Jesus was born in a manger in Bethlehem. He is God’s own Son, and He came to the earth to save us from our sins. It is incredible!

Student 33: We already knew that!

Student 34: We are on our way to church now to celebrate.

Student 35: Why don’t you join us!

Closing: Mrs. Willocks: Why don’t you all join us as we sing together a special Christmas song!

Song: “Joy to the World”

(Sing the first verse, the start walking back to the classroom while congregation sings vs. 2-3)

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.