

# Christmas Family Worship Service

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## Family Worship

### Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

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

Christ by highest heav'n adored, Christ the everlasting Lord!  
Late in time behold Him come—Offspring of a Virgin's womb  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see. Hail the incarnate Deity  
Pleased as man with man to dwell Jesus, our Emmanuel  
Hark! The herald angels sing: "Glory to the newborn King!"

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Son of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all He brings—Ris'n with healing in His wings  
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  
Hark! The herald angels sing: "Glory to the newborn King!"

### The First Noel

The First Noel, the Angels 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.  
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel! Born is the King of Israel!

They looked up and saw a star  
Shining in the East beyond them far  
And to the earth it gave great light  
And so it continued both day and night.  
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel! Born is the King of Israel!

Then let us all with one accord  
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord  
That hath made Heaven and earth of nought  
And with his blood mankind has bought.  
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel! Born is the King of Israel!

### Scripture Reading: Luke 2:7-14

"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. Now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields keeping watch over their flocks by night. And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid. And the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid for behold I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be for all people: For unto you is born this day in the City of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be the sign unto you: You will find the Babe, wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying: 'Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.'"

## **Family Sharing (Choose some of your favorites.)**

1. What might have caused Mary and Joseph a lot of family stress?
2. How do you react to stressful situations?
3. Would you like to be a Shepherd? What is one job you'd hate to do?
4. Is there someone with a low-paying, dirty job you could honor this week?
5. What are the things that distract you from seeing God at work?
6. What makes you very afraid? What brings you the greatest joy?
7. How would you share the gospel with a stranger in a few minutes?
8. Would you run to see a baby and a manger?
9. How and when and where do you best praise God?
10. Who do you struggle to show good will toward?

## **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 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, 'Til morning is nigh.

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

## **Family Prayer Time**