

# JOY!

## GETTY KIDS DEVOTIONAL

25-DAY ADVENT DEVOTIONAL

### DAY 17 "JOY TO THE WORLD"

—The story behind the carol

*'Let the rivers clap their hands,  
let the mountains sing together for joy;  
let them sing before the Lord,  
for he comes to judge the earth'.*

PSALM 98:8 & 9

'Joy to the World' is celebrating its 300th birthday! An English man called Isaac Watts wrote it. The lyrics were inspired by Psalm 98—that's where the Bible reading is from above.

It wasn't meant to be a Christmas Carol but the words remind us of all that Christmas means for us. The King has come and He is the Savior of the world and will set everything right. We welcome Him with worship, with singing and with lives that follow Him. Its melody and poetry are bursting with energy and joy. Every year at our Christmas concerts it is the last carol the band plays and sings with everyone.

This carol always reminds me of the words spoken about the great Lion Aslan in Lewis's Narnia stories

*"Wrong will be right, when Aslan comes in sight.  
At the sound of his roar, sorrows will be no more,  
When he bares his teeth, winter meets its death.  
And when he shakes his mane, we shall have spring again."*

Just like the bright green leaves burst out of the trees after a long winter Jesus brings new life to us. He came once before and will come again. When He does all will be made right!



Why should all of the earth be joyful at the birth of Jesus?



*Father in Heaven,*

*Great is Your name in all the earth. Your kingdom  
come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven,*

*In Jesus name,  
Amen*

