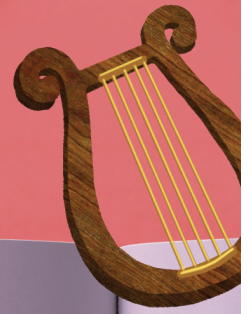


JOY!

GETTY KIDS DEVOTIONAL

25-DAY ADVENT DEVOTIONAL



DAY 25 The glories of his righteousness
and wonders of his love

*"But from everlasting to everlasting the
Lord's love is with those who fear him, and his
righteousness with their children's children."*

PSALM 103:17

Over the years since Jesus was born families and friends have often spent part of Christmas time singing carols together. Maybe by a piano, or by the fire in their home or 'round the dinner table. It doesn't happen as much today. But it would be great if it did!! It is a wonderful way to show we are family as we share the same tune and the same melody at the same time. We show we belong to each other and to the Lord. All over the world families who love the Lord tell the wonders of His love in their own lives. We remind one another that He is the true King.

These devotions have gone through three carols. Hopefully you have learned at least some of them and understand them better! Hopefully they have helped you sing with your family. Below is a short carol service you could do together that includes readings and a prayer.

Thank you for singing with us!

MERRY CHRISTMAS CAROLERS!



FAMILY CAROL SERVICE

READING 1

Prophesy from Long Ago

ISAIAH 9:2 & 6 (NIV)

"The people walking in darkness
Have seen a great light;
On those living in the land of deep darkness
A light has dawned.

For unto us a child is born,
To us a son is given,
And the government will be on his shoulders.
And he will be called
Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."



JOY TO THE WORLD

Words by Isaac Watts
Melody by Lowell Mason

Energetic (♩ = 105)



1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come: Let earth re - ceive her King! Let
2. Joy to the world! the Sav - ior reigns: Let men their songs em - ploy, Whiule
3. No more let sins and sor - rows grow, Northorns in - fest theground: He
4. He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the na - tions prove The



ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him room, And heav - en and na - ture sing, and
fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains Re - peat the sound - ing joy, re -
comes to make His bles - sings flow Far as the curse is found, far
glo - ries of his righ - teous - ness And won - ders of his love, and



heav - en and na - ture sing, and hea - v'n and heav'n and na - ture sing.
- peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.
won - ders of his love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.



FAMILY CAROL SERVICE

READING 2

The Christmas Story

LUKE 2:4-14 (NIV)

"So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.'

Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.'"



ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH

French Carol Melody
Lyrics by James Chadwick

1. An - gels we have heard on high sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,
2. Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?
3. Come to Beth - le - hem and see He Whose birth the an - gels sing;

and the mount - ains in re - ply ech - o - ing their joy - ous strain:
What the glad - some ti - dings be, whic in - spire your heav'n - ly songs?
Come, a - dore on bend - ed knee, Christ the Lord, the new - born King;

Glo - ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o! Glo - ri - a

unis.
ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o!
unis.

JOY HAS DAWNED

Words and Music by
Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

With Life (♩ = 116)

D Em⁷ D/F# Asus A Bm⁷ Em⁷ D/A A

1. Joy has dawned up - on the world, prom - ised from cre - a - tion:
 2. Sounds of won - der fill the sky with the songs of an - gels,
 3. Shep - herds bow be - fore the Lamb, gaz - ing at the glo - ry;
 4. Son of A - dam, Son of Heav'n, giv - en as a ran - som;

D Em⁷ D/F# Asus A Bm⁷ Em⁷ Asus A D

God's sal - va - tion now un - furled, hope for ev - ery na - tion.
 as the might - y Prince of Life shel - ters in a sta - ble.
 Gifts of men from dis - tant lands pro - phes - y a sto - ry.
 Re - con - cil - ing God and man - Christ our might - y Champ - ion!

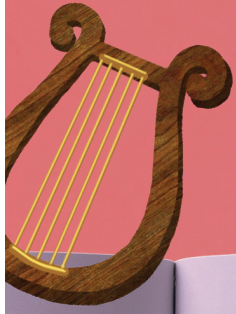
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Not with fan - fares from a - bove, not with scenes of glo - ry,
 Hands that set each star in place, shaped the earth in dark - ness,
 Gold, a King is born to - day; In - cense, God is with us;
 What a Sav - iour, what a Friend, what a glo - rious mys - t'ry:

D Em⁷ D/F# Asus A Bm⁷ Em⁷ Asus A D

but a hum - ble gift of love: Je - sus, born of Ma - ry.
 cling now to a moth - er's breast, vul - n'ra - ble and help - less.
 Myrrh, His death will make a way and by His blood He'll win us.
 Once a babe in Beth - le - hem, now the Lord of his - t'ry.

FAMILY CAROL SERVICE

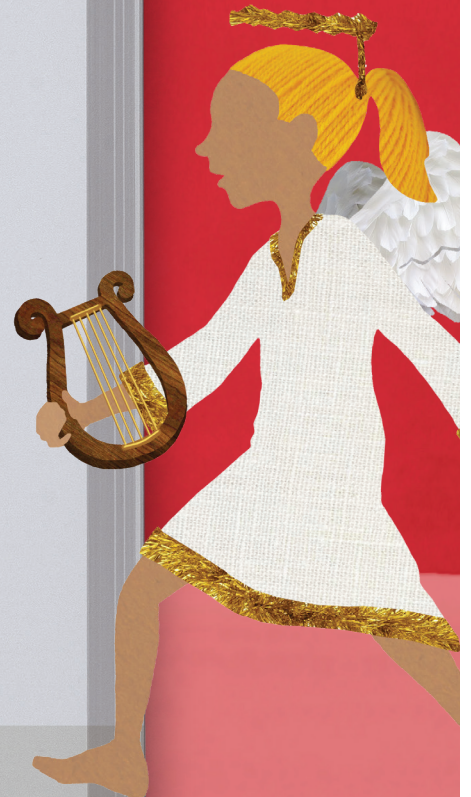


PRAYER

Father in heaven, we thank you for making this story of Christmas known to our family. We thank you that we can join the angels in heaven and families all over the world to sing this good news of great joy that is for all people—a Savior has been born to us! May we know your deep and steady joy throughout this Christmas season and share it with all those we meet,

In Jesus' name, the friend of little children, we pray

Amen



JESUS, JOY OF THE HIGHEST HEAVEN

Words and Music by
Keith & Kristyn Getty

Slow & Simple (♩ = 66)

D G/D D A/C#F#m⁷ Bm A G D/F#Em⁷ A⁷sus⁴ DSus D

1. Je - sus, joy of the high - est Heav - en, born as a lit - tle ba - by un - der a won - drous star.
2. Je - sus, joy of the high - est Heav - en, learn - ing to take His first steps that He might bring us life.

D G/D D A/C#F#m⁷ Bm A G D/F# Em⁷ A⁷sus⁴ DSus D

Like us, cry - ing, he takes His first breath, held by His mo - ther, help - less, close to her beat - ing heart.
Like us, know - ing our smiles and sor - rows, He showed the way to fol - low, a way that is true and right.

G G AG/BD/AD/F#D/F# G Em D/F#G D/F# D A/C# F#m⁷ Bm A⁷

Je - sus, laid in a low - ly man - ger, fac - ing a world of dan - gers; come to turn me, a
Je - sus, take a - way ev - ery dark - ness; Stead - y my sim - ple foot - steps that I might, in Your

G D/F#Em⁷ A⁷sus⁴

1. D G/D D A⁷sus⁴/D D G/D D A⁷sus⁴/D D

stran - ger, in - to a child of God.
good - ness, live as a child of God.

2. D