



Let There Be Light

A Jesus Cares Christmas Service

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praise your Father in heaven.” Matthew chapter 5, verses 14 through 16.

Students sing: “This Little Gospel Light of Mine”

Congregation: “God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. If we claim to have fellowship with him yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live by the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.” First John chapter 1, verses 5 through 7.

All students: God is light.

Students sing: “Shine, Jesus, Shine,” refrain

Pastor speaks.

Students sing: “We Are Singing,” refrain

Pastor and students speak.

Students and congregation sing: “Silent Night! Holy Night,” hymn 60

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Students sing: “Jesus Loves Me,” stanza 1

Pastor and students speak.

Students sing: “This is the Day”

Student speaks.

Students sing: “My God Is So Great,” stanza 1

Pastor and students speak. Student concludes by saying,

Student: “On those living in the land of the shadow of death, a light has dawned.”

Students and congregation: The prophet Isaiah also said in the ninth chapter, “For to 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.”

Students sing: “His Name is Wonderful”

Pastor and students speak. Student concludes by saying,

Student: Jesus would soon be born. And God had a plan to get Joseph and Mary to Bethlehem.

Congregation: “In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) And everyone went to his own town to register. 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.” Luke chapter 2, verses 1 through 5.

Congregation sings: “O Little Town of Bethlehem,”
hymn 65, stanzas 1 and 4

Congregation: “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 room for them in the inn.” Luke chapter 2, verses 6 and 7.

Students sing: “Away in a Manger”

Students: Some shepherds were out in the field watching their sheep. Suddenly an angel appeared and spoke to them. “Today in the city of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.

Congregation: “This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.” Luke chapter 2, verses 11 and 12.

All students: Many angels appeared and sang this song: “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to [all people].” Luke chapter 2, verse 14.

Students and congregation sing: “Angels We Have Heard on High,” hymn 63 (*Students sing stanza 1. Congregation sings stanzas 2 and 3.*)

Congregation: “When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, ‘Let’s go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.’
“So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered

them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.” Luke chapter 2, verses 15 through 20.

Students and congregation sing: “Go, Tell It on the Mountain,” hymn 57 (*Students sing stanza 1. Congregation sings stanzas 2 and 3.*)

Pastor and student speak.

Students sing: “Thy Word Is a Lamp”

Students speak.

Students sing: “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light,”
stanza 1

Pastor and students speak.

Students sing: “Open Our Eyes, Lord”

Pastor speaks.

Students sing: “Alleluia! Alleluia! Give Thanks,” hymn 154, stanzas 1 and 2

Pastor: Jesus told his followers to let their light shine before men. This means that as we follow Jesus, when others watch us and listen to us, they will know that we are Jesus’ followers.

Congregation and students: “You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and