

The Christmas Story

“O Come All Ye Faithful” CW # 55; vs.1-3

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” CW # 61; vs.1-3

Luke 2:1-20

¹ In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. ² (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) ³ And everyone went to his own town to register.

⁴ 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.

Mary and Joseph walk to their seats in the stable.

⁵ He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. ⁶ While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born,

Mary places the baby in the manger.

⁷ 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.

“Away in a Manger” CW # 68; vs. 1 (Students)

The shepherds go out to the fields near Bethlehem.

⁸ And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night.

One angel comes out.

⁹ An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰ But the angel said to them,

“Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. ¹¹ Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. ¹² This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.”

The rest of the angels join the first angel.

¹³ Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

¹⁴ “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests.”

The angels leave.

¹⁵ 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.”

The shepherds leave.

“Silent Night” CW # 60; vs.1-3

The shepherds go to the manger.

¹⁶ So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. ¹⁷ When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, ¹⁸ and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. ¹⁹ But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰ The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

“Go Tell it on the Mountain” CW # 57; vs.1
(Refrain: students; Verse: all)

Matthew 2

¹ After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem ² and asked,

The wise men enter and speak.

“Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him.”

The wise men walk to the house (no longer at the manger) as the narrator speaks.

....⁹ After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen in the east went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰ When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. ¹¹ On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh.

The wise men place gifts before Jesus

“Joy to the World” CW # 62; vs. 1 (Students)

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Key:

1. Hymns are suggestions that may be altered to fit the group.
2. Directions for actors are in italics on the left margin. (The actions can be happening during the narration that describes that action if the narrator can still be clearly heard and understood.)
3. Narrator’s spoken words from Scripture are indented twice, (Narrator sections could be divided to allow more participants).
4. Quotations for actor/speakers are indented, bolded and underlined.
5. The stage setting is limited only by your imagination and the resources available to you.