# Following Jesus to Share...

# **Through Small Group Christmas Party (SGCP)**

Overall Goal: Each 1 Target 10 Bring 1 in 141 days

Event goal: One of the bridging and touchpoints to reinvite guests to Church

Christmas Service.

Date: Any day between 9 – 23 December 2022

Duration: Approx. 3.5 hours

Venue: Homes preferred. Condo function room, Jubilee Hall or Church

seminar room as alternative.

Time / Duration	Program	Remarks
1 hour to event	Arrival of members	
	Final preparation and	
	Prayer	
15 mins to event	Ready for arrival of	Suggest to pre-assign small group
	guests	member to pair off with invited
	Serve drinks and	guest. Encourage members to
	snacks	make special effort to relate with
	Informal chats	them.
20mins - Event	Ice-Break 1	Allow up to 10mins buffer if
begins	Ice-Break 2 (optional)	necessary.
40mins	Program	Choose between A or B. Small
		group should rehearse and be
		familiar with program flow.
		Program include one member to
		share his / her personal testimony.

45mins	Dinner	Suggest Give thanks for the food		
		and pray blessings for guests.		
		Members should mingle with		
		guests.		
20 mins	'The Gift' activity	Final activity to end program with		
	Followed by dessert &	organised fun.		
	extended fellowship	Group can facilitate simple gift		
	time	exchange or gift giving if desired.		
End	Clean up	If possible, members should stay to		
		help with clean up.		

# **General Logistics checklist:**

- a. Simple decoration if desired
- b. Name tags for identification
- c. Door gifts, e.g. party hats
- d. Drinks, snacks and talking point materials (e.g. church books and photos)
- e. Music player to provide background music during arrival, ice break and dinner
- f. Suggest assign an event photographer

## Ice Break 1: "My New Friend"

- 1. Each person to find someone you do not know well in the group and form a pair.
- 2. Each person to take turns in 60 seconds each to find out as many things about that person as possible. Time it. Total time: 120 seconds.
- 3. Each person will not be given 15 seconds each to introduce their "New Friend".

# Ice Break 2: "Superlatives" (optional)

1. Form small groups of 4. Allow groups to have members who do not wish to participate but remain part of the team.

- 2. Each group nominates a representative for each criterion called out by Gamemaster. E.g. "Please send a rep with \_\_\_\_\_"
  - a. The longest...
  - b. The shortest...
  - c. The broadest...

Criterion will be called out one at a time.

- 3. When representatives are gathered, Gamemaster reveals full criterion:
  - a. "Who can hold the longest breath?"
     Suggest use timer to record each rep saying "ahhh" as long as they can!
     Longest time wins.
  - b. "Who has the shortest thumb?"Suggest use ruler to measure and record. Shortest thumb length wins.
  - c. "Who has the broadest smile?"Suggest use ruler to measure and record. Longest smile length wins.
- 4. Winner gets group prize!

## Program - Choose between A or B

# **Program A: The Christmas Candlelight**

# Logistics checklist:

- 1. Songsheets of carols (Make as many copies as required).
- 2. Music player with Christmas songs or guitar for carols
- 3. A table (preferably the size of a 6-seater dining table).
- 4. Several books or small sturdy boxes to go under coverings creating 'hillsides' on the table.
- 5. One or more large, drab coverings for the table (one or more 3x1m length cloth, a very soft and dark plain cloth is preferred).

- 6. Candlelighter and a long candle (Church to provide?)
- 7. A thick 'cone-shaped' paper (with aluminum foil underneath) to extinguish flame.
- 8. Matches or Lighter
- 9. Candles (church to provide?) to represent characters in the story:
  - a. 7 yellow candles for The Angels
  - b. 3 purple candles for The Wise Men
  - c. 6 green candles for The Shepherds
  - d. 1 dark blue candle for Joseph
  - e. 1 light blue candle for Mary
  - f. 1 small white candle representing Baby Jesus
- 10. Paper cutout figures of Angels, Wisemen, Shepherds, Joseph, Mary and Baby Jesus to be placed in front of candles (church to provide?).
- 11. Script for the narrators.
- 12. Small candles with cardboard drip protectors for all members.

## **Preparation:**

- Place boxes or books on top of the big table with cloth coverings creating a "hillside" effect.
- 2. Position the candles on the "hill". 'Cut-out' character figures should be placed in front of the candles to enhance the significance of each candle.
- 3. Place the whole setup in an ideal location where everyone during the drama can see it.

## Personnel checklist:

- 1. Narrator 1
- 2. Narrator 2
- 3. A member to light and to extinguish the candles
- 4. A member to control the music or play the guitar
- 5. A member to share his/her testimony

# **Program and script:**

Gather the people and distribute song sheets and candles with cardboard protectors to everyone. Have everyone sing song #1 "O Come All Ye Faithful" as an introduction to the program.

Narrator 1	Christmas is a time when we celebrate the	
	birth of Jesus. Today we're going to sing some	
	Christmas carols that will tell the Christmas	
	story in a special way. Let us go back to 2000	
	years ago to witness the first Christmas.	
Narrator 2	One day the angel of the Lord appeared to	
	Mary who was engaged to Joseph. The angel	
	told her that she will conceive a son	
	supernaturally. About this time, the emperor	
	commanded that all Roman citizens must	
	return to their hometown to be registered.	Light Joseph and
	Joseph and Mary went to Bethlehem. It was a	Mary candles
	very long journey for both of them. And Mary	
	was about to give birth soon.	
	Let's sing song # 2: "O Little Town of	
	Bethlehem"	

Narrator 1	When they were in Bethlehem, Mary gave birth	Light Christ
	to her first child, a son. There was no place for	candle
	them in the inn, so she laid him in a manger.	
	Let's sing song # 3: "Away in a Manger"	
Narrator 2	That night some shepherds were guarding	Light shepherd
	their sheep outside the village.	candles
	Let's sing song # 4: "The First Noel"	
Narrator 1	Suddenly angels appeared to the shepherds	
	and all around them was very bright. They	
	were afraid. But the angels said to the	
	shepherds, "Do not be afraid. I have good	
	news for you. This night Jesus was born in	Light the tallest
	Bethlehem. Go and see Him. Jesus is wrapped	angel candle
	in cloth and is lying in a manger."	
Narrator 2	Suddenly, a huge number of angels appeared	Light the entire
	praising God saying, "Give glory to God in	angel candles as
	Heaven, and on earth let there be peace to the	the narrator
	people that please God."	continues reading
	Let's sing song # 5: "Hark! The Herald Angels	
	Sing"	
Narrator 1	The shepherds hurried to Bethlehem to see	
	what the angels had told them. At about the	Light wise men
	same time three wise men saw a bright star in	candles
	the east. They followed the star all the way to	
	Bethlehem.	
	The star stopped over the manger where	
	Jesus was. The three wise men knew they had	
	found Jesus and were very happy. They went	

	to the manger and saw baby Jesus with his	
	mother Mary. They fell on their knees and	
	worshipped Jesus. And they gave him gifts of	
	incense, gold and myrrh.	
	Let's sing song # 6: "What Child Is This"	
Narrator 2	Then, since they were warned in a dream not	Extinguish wise
	to return to Herod, the wise men went back to	men candles.
	their own country by a different route.	While
		extinguishing the
		candles each
		time, have the
		'actors' move
		quietly away from
		the stage
	And the shepherds went back to work,	Extinguish
	glorifying and praising God for everything they	shepherd candles
	had seen and heard.	
	And the angels returned to heaven.	Extinguish angel
		candles
	And many years later, Mary and Joseph died.	Extinguish Mary
		and Joseph
		candles
Narrator 1	But the Light that began in Bethlehem was life.	
	And this life was the Light of all humanity. The	
	Light still shines in the darkness, and the	
	darkness can never put it out.	
	And it all began on a silent, holy night, long	
	ago	

	Let's sing song # 7: "Silent Night, Holy Night"	Narrator 1 comes	
		to light a small	
		candle from the	
		flame of the	
		Christ candle.	
		The flame is	
		passed from	
		candle to candle.	
		Singing continues	
		until all candles	
		are lit.	
		Alternate the	
		stanzas with male	
		and female	
		singing	
	Let's sing song # 8: "O Holy Night"	Get a good singer	
		to sing solo and	
		everyone else	
		joins in at the	
		chorus.	
Narrator 2	Jesus Christ, being the Light still shines today		
	and is living in the hearts of those who believe		
	in His name. In a short while, the flame in our	Extinguish all	
	hands will be extinguished. However, to those	candles held by	
	who have received Him, we know that the light	members	
	of Christ still lives in our hearts.		

I have personally received this gift of light and so have all of us who invited you to tonight's Christmas celebration.

I am happy to invite (name of member) to come and share with us what it means to him/her to have received this gift of God's Light.

# **Sharing of Testimony**

Member should begin by saying, "Christmas is a special time to me because of the joy of having received God's gift of love. Because of Jesus, my life has been changed..."

## Narrator 1

From the sharing we know that God is a personal God. The Bible tells us that God loves everyone and has given us His only Son so that everyone who believes in Jesus will not perish but have eternal life. His invitation to you this Christmas is for you to receive His gift of love. He wants to come into your heart, and He will when you open your heart to Him.

The gift is only truly yours when you make a decision to receive it. I would like you to make this Christmas even more special by inviting Jesus into your life as your Lord and Savior. I would like everyone to bow our heads and close our eyes right now and I want to give you the opportunity to receive this gift of love from God by inviting Jesus Christ into your hearts. If this is what you

Invite everyone to close their eyes and bow their heads and encourage them to follow the prayer with you.

# **Special Note:**

- The narrator and candlelighter should rehearse the presentation several times
  prior to the actual day. It is important that candlelighter knows the cues for
  lighting the candles, as it is difficult for that person to gracefully refer to a script
  during the reading.
- 2. The candlelighter should also feel comfortable moving around the mini stage to light the various groups of candles.
- 3. At the end of the presentation, the candlelighter should be standing to one side of the stage and not at the back-center position.
- 4. Do ensure proper ventilation as the lighted candles may cause the room to be a little warm and stuffy.
- 5. Feel free to be creative, involve particularly the children and your guests.

# **Program B: The Christmas Hunt**

# **Logistics Checklist**

- 1. Songsheets of carols (Make as many copies as required).
- 2. 6 group prizes (or more depending on your selection of "hunt" items).
- 3. One beautifully gift-wrapped box (It should appear bigger and more attractive than any of the group prizes).
- 4. Score board (optional).

### **Personnel Checklist**

- 1. Narrator 1
- 2. Narrator 2
- 3. A member to control the music
- 4. A member to share his/her testimony

# **Program and Script**

Gather the people to sit together according to the pre-arranged groups and form a circle around you. Distribute songsheets. Have everyone sing the song # 1 "O Come All Ye Faithful" as an introduction to the Main Program.

Narrator 1	Christmas is a time when we celebrate the birth of	Have a score
	Jesus. Therefore we have prepared a very special	board ready
	Christmas Hunt through which we would like to	to keep score
	present to you the Christmas story. (Name of	to add more
	Narrator 2) and I will be narrating the Christmas	excitement to
	story and leading us in a number of familiar	the hunts.
	Christmas carols. Join us as we sing these carols.	
	As we narrate the Christmas story, we will pause	
	from time to time to ask for items that your group will	
	need to hunt for. Christmas is a time of giving. So,	
	whichever group produces these items to me first	
	will get a prize. No penalties for wrong items	
	produced, so relax and have fun.	
Narrator 2	One day the angel of the Lord appeared to Mary	
	who was engaged to Joseph. The angel told her that	
	she would conceive a son supernaturally.	
	Now we are starting our first Christmas Hunt. I will	Proceed to
	be collecting items related to marriage or	Christmas
	relationships just like Mary and Joseph who were	Hunt
	engaged to one another. Let's see which group can	
	produce the following for me	
	1	

Christmas Hunt 1:		
You need to choose 1 or more items or create new suitable items on your		
own.		
Item #1	One item that is a symbol of marriage (eg. a wedding photograph,	
	wedding ring with name of spouse, etc.)	
Item #2	Add up the total number of years of your past and present courtship	
	and see which group has the highest number of courtship years.	
Item #3	Think of 4 wishes you would say to a couple at their wedding.	

Narrator 2	The winner of this round is Group	Prize	giving
		and	
		applau	se.
Narrator 1	About this time, the emperor commanded that all		
	Roman citizens must return to their hometown to be		
	registered.		
	For the second hunt, I will be collecting items related		
	to citizenship after all Mary and Joseph went to	Procee	ed to
	register as citizens of the Roman empire.	Christn	nas
		Hunt	
	Let's see which group can give me		

Christma	Christmas Hunt 2:		
You need to choose 1 or more items or create new suitable items on your			
own			
Item #1	Two identity cards which have both the digits "2" and "5" in them.		
Item #2	A person with the biggest thumb for thumbprinting.		
Item #3	A person who can sing the National Anthem.		

Narrator 1	The winner is Group	Prize	givir	ng
		and		
		applau	ıse	
Narrator 2	Joseph and Mary went to Bethlehem. It was a very			
	long journey for both of them. And Mary was about			
	to give birth soon.			
	Let's sing song #2 "O Little Town of Bethlehem".			
	Now for the 3rd hunt, I want to collect items related	Procee	ed	to
	to the nation of Israel where Bethlehem is. Let's see	Christr	mas	
	if each group can give me the following:	Hunt.		

Christma	Christmas Hunt 3:			
You need	You need to choose 1 or more items or create new suitable items on your			
own.				
Item #1	List 5 famous fruits from Israel. (Ans: Fig, olive, pomegranate, dates, persimmon, Jaffa orange)			
Item #2	Which year was Israel recognized as an independent nation? (Ans: 1948)			
Item #3	Name the two feasts that are celebrated in Israel. (Ans: Unleavened Bread, Passover, First Fruits, Trumpets and Day of Atonement)			

Narrator 2	The winner is Group	Prize	giving
		and	
		applau	ıse
Narrator 1	When they were in Bethlehem, Mary gave birth to		
	her first child, a son. There was no place for them		
	in the inn, so she laid him in a manger.		
	Let's sing song # 3: "Away In The Manger".		

Now for the 4th Hunt, let's see if each group can give	Proceed	to
me the following:	Christmas	
	Hunt	

# Christmas Hunt 4: You need to choose 1 or more items or create new suitable items on your own. Item #1 One thing associated with BABIES (eg. baby photographs, toys, baby clothes, etc.) Item #2 The names to 4 brands of baby milk powder. Item #3 The age when a baby boy is circumcised in Israel? (Ans: 8 days)

Narrator 1	And the winner is Group	Prize	giving
		and	
		applau	ıse
Narrator 2	That night some shepherds were guarding their		
	sheep outside the village.		
	Let's sing song # 4: "The First Noel".		
	Suddenly angels appeared to them and all around		
	them was very bright. They were afraid. But the		
	angels said to them. "Do not be afraid. I have good		
	news for you. This night Jesus was born in		
	Bethlehem. Go and see Him. Jesus is wrapped in		
	cloth and is lying in a manger."		
	Suddenly, a huge number of angels appeared		
	praising God saying, "Give glory to God in Heaven,		
	and on earth let there be peace to the people that		
	please God."		

Let's sing song # 5: "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing".		
For the 5th Hunt, I want to collect items that are	Proceed	to
related to the Christmas season after all the angels	Christmas	
sang about Jesus. Can each group give me	Hunt	

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Narrator	The winner is Group	Prize	giving
2		and	
		applau	ıse
Narrator	The shepherds hurried to Bethlehem to see what the		
1	angels had told them. At about the same time three		
	wise men saw a bright star in the east. They followed		
	the star all the way to Bethlehem. The star stopped		
	over the stable where Jesus was. The three wise men		
	knew they had found Jesus and were very happy.		
	They went to the stable and saw baby Jesus with his		
	mother Mary. They fell on their knees and		
	worshipped Jesus. And they gave him gifts – incense		
	gold and myrrh.		
	Let's sing song # 6: "What Child is This?"		

Narrator	For the last Hunt, we have a little quiz for you. It	Distribute the
1	revolves around the word "JESUS" in the crossword	crossword
	puzzle given to you. See if each group can complete	puzzle
	this crossword puzzle using the clues given.	(provided by
		Church).
	(The answers to the puzzle are as follows: 1. JOY, 2.	
	LOVE, 3. SIN, 4. YOU, 5. SON)	
	The winner is Group	Prize giving
		and
		applause
Narrator	The Christmas Story did not end with the wise men	
2	worshipping the King of kings. There's more to	
	Christmas than that. You see, the wonderful thing	
	about Jesus the King of kings is that He is not an	
	uncaring or impersonal king. On the contrary, He is	
	the King who cared so much for His people that He	
	came to live amongst us on Christmas Day.	
	On Christmas Day, He left the glory and comfort of	
	His heavenly home to be born in a dirty manger in a	
	little inn. Jesus, the Son of God, humbled Himself	
	and became a man on Christmas Day, as a gift of	
	God to mankind.	
	On that silent night, that holy night, some 2000 years	
	ago, He came, as a gift from God to us	
	Let's sing song # 7: "Silent Night, Holy Night".	Alternate the
		stanzas with
		male and

		female
		singing
	Let's sing song # 8: "O Holy Night".	Get a good
		singer to sing
		solo and
		everyone
		else joins in
		at the
		chorus.
Narrator	Tonight, in this Christmas Hunt, we have been	
1	searching and hunting for things and getting little gifts	
	for finding them quickly. But on Christmas Day, the	
	King of kings came to mankind on earth, searching	
	and hunting for us and offering Himself to us as the	
	greatest gift of all (hold out with both hands the	
	biggest and most nicely wrapped present which you	
	have prepared beforehand).	
	I have personally received this greatest gift, and so	
	have all of us who invited you to tonight's Christmas	
	Hunt. I invite (name of the member) to come and	
	share with us what it means to him/her to have	
	received this gift from God.	

# **Sharing of Testimony**

Member should begin by saying, "Christmas is a special time to me because of the joy of having received God's gift of love. Because of Jesus, my life has been changed..."

Narrator 2	From the sharing we know that God is a personal	
	God. The Bible tells us that God loves everyone and	
	has given us His only Son so that everyone who	
	believes in Jesus will not perish but have eternal life.	
	His invitation to you this Christmas is for you to	
	receive His gift of love. He wants to come into your	
	heart, and He will when you open your heart to Him.	
	The gift is only truly yours when you make a decision	
	to receive it. I would like you to make this Christmas	
	even more special by inviting Jesus into your life as	
	your Lord and Savior. I would like everyone to bow	
	our heads and close our eyes right now and I want to	
	give you the opportunity to receive this gift of love	
	from God by inviting Jesus Christ into your hearts. If	
	this is what you would like to do, then I invite you to	
	repeat this prayer after me:	
	"Lord Jesus, thank you that you love me and came	
	2000 years ago to give yourself to me. I acknowledge	
	that I am a sinner in need of forgiveness for all my	
	sins. Please forgive my sins. Right now, I invite you	
	to come into my life to be my Saviour, Lord and King.	
	Come into my life right now and help me to be the kind	
	of person You want me to be. I will worship You and	
	You only. Let me experience your love daily from now	
	on. In Jesus' Name I pray. Amen."	
	Let's sing song # 9: "Joy to the World".	

Narrator 1	As we end tonight's program, I would like for us to pair	
	up with one another so that we may share a little more	
	with you and also that we may pray God's blessings	
	upon you and your family.	
	Small group members to share their personal	
	testimony and any sharing tool. Also check with guest	
	whether he or she prayed the sinner's prayer just	
	now. If they have, congratulate them! And let them	
	know you would like to follow up with them to help	
	them grow in their faith and know more about Jesus	
	and the Bible. If they have not prayed, encourage	
	them by sharing your personal testimonies on how	
	you receive Jesus as your Lord and Savior. Do not	
	pressurize them to receive Christ if they are not ready.	

## **Christmas Dinner**

- 1. The main purpose of Christmas Dinner is to fellowship with one another around a meal. Learn to relax and enjoy the company of each other with soft background Christian music.
- 2. Ensure that all guests are attended to by small group members during the meal. You can have a very simple meal or an elaborate one if your small group wants to.
- 3. Do remember that the priority of small group members is to mingle and interact with the invited guests. Leave all the washing and clearing up to the end of the whole program.

# Suggestions that may add color to the Christmas Dinner:

- 1. Light candles on a cake and sing a "Happy Birthday" song to Jesus during the meal.
- 2. Creatively decorate the food items or stick cute labels of Christmas symbols onto the dish. E.g. "Star" on a star fruit, "Shepherd" on a plate of Shepherd's Pie, etc.
- 3. Proposed a toast to the invited guests. E.g. "I want to propose a toast to John. May he live a healthy life."

## The Gift

- 1. Prepare a music player with fun exciting music or a guitar.
- Prepare a gift item wrapped eight times! Before each wrapping, print and cut
  one of the following instructions, paste it on the surface before you proceed to
  the next wrap. The idea is for one person to unwrap <u>one layer</u> and answer
  question.

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
Name the town	What does the	Mary had an	It was very
where Mary and	word	angelic house call	admirable of Mary
Joseph	"Christmas"	to tell her that she	and Joseph to go
were from?	mean to you?	is pregnant. The	through what they
Please choose	-	angel said to	did despite the
one:		Mary, "Mary, you	odds and the
Navarone		have found favour	uncertainties.
Nanjing		with God. You will	They both trusted
Nazareth		be with child and	God.
Nepal		give birth to a son,	Name 2 persons
-		and you are to	whom you
		give him the name	admire very
		Jesus."	much and why?
		It was a very	-
		memorable day for	
		Mary!	
		What was the	
		most memorable	
		day in your life?	

(5)	(6)	(7)	
You are highly	Three wise men	Congratulations!	
'flavoured' and	from the East [no	You are the	
chosen among	not Tampines or	winner!	
many to share	Pasir Ris] came to	Shout "I WIN"!	
your life.	see Jesus and His	Now receive this	
Tell us the	parents. And they	gift and enjoy the	
following:	did not come	blessing!	
Your place of	empty handed.		
birth	They came with		
Your time of birth	gifts –		
Your favourite	frankincense, gold		
food	and myrrh.		
Your favourite	For this		
hobby or past-	Christmas, what		
time?	gift do you hope		
	to receive?		

- 3. To begin, have everyone sit in a circle.
- 4. Once ready, play the music. While the music is playing, the gift is passed from one player to another. Stop the music randomly. The person holding the gift will now unwrap **one layer** and answer the question.
- 5. Play the music again and repeat until all 7 questions are answered.

(After	activity	And now, it is time for desserts!
ends)		So don't be in a hurry. Stay and enjoy the rest of the evening.
MC		After all, it is Christmas season, a time of joy, blessings and
		love!

# **Appendix: Christmas Carols**

#### 1. O Come All Ye Faithful

O come all ye faithful Joyful and triumphant O come ye O come ye to Beth-le-hem Come and behold Him Born the King of angels

#### Chorus

O come let us adore Him O come let us adore Him O come let us adore Him Christ..... the Lord

Sing choirs of angels
Sing in exultation
O sing all ye bright hosts Of heaven
above
Glory to God
All glory in the highest
(Chorus)

Yea Lord we greet Thee Born this happy morning Jesus to Thee be all glory given Word of the Father Now in flesh appearing (Chorus)

## 2. O Little Town Of Bethlehem

O little town of Bethlehem
How still we see Thee lie
Above Thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by
Yet in Thy dark streets shineth
The everlasting Light
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in Thee tonight

For Christ is born of Mary And gathered all above While mortals sleep The angels keep their watch Of wond'ring love O morning stars together Proclaim the holy birth And praises sing to God the King And peace to men on earth

How silently how silently
The wondrous gift is given
So God imparts to human hearts
The blessings of His heaven
No ear may hear His coming
But in this world of sin
Where meek souls will receive Him still
The dear Christ enters in

O holy Child of Bethlehem
Descend to us we pray
Cast out our sin and enter in
Be born in us today
We hear the Christmas angels
The great glad tidings tell
O come to us abide with us
Our Lord Immanuel

## 3. Away In A Manger

Away in a manger no crib for a 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 cradle till 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 fit us for heaven to live with Thee there

#### 4. The First Noel

The first Noel the angel 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

#### Chorus

Noel, Noel, Noel Born is the King of Israel

For all to see there was a star Shining in the east beyond them far And to the earth it grace great light And so it continued both day and night Then let us all with one accord

Sing praises to our heavenly Lord Who hath made heav'n and earth of naught

And with his blood mankind hath brought

# 5. Hark The Herald Angels Sing

Hark the herald angels sing
Glory to the new-born King
Peace on earth and mercy mild
God and sinners reconciled
Joyful all ye nations rise
Join the triumph of the skies
With the angelic hosts proclaim
Christ is born in Bethlehem
Hark the herald angels sing
Glory to the new-born 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 God-head see
Hail th' incarnate Deity
Pleased as man with men to dwell
Jesus our Immanuel
Hark the herald angels sing
Glory to the new-born 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 new-born King

#### 6. What Child Is This

What Child is this who laid to rest On Mary's lap is sleeping Whom angels greet with anthems sweet While shepherds watch are keeping

#### Chorus

This, this is Christ the King Whom shepherds guard and angels sing Haste, haste to bring Him laud The Babe, the Son of Mary

Why lies He in such mean estate Where ox and ass are feeding Good Christian, fear for sinners here The silent Word is pleading. (Chorus)

So bring Him incense, gold and myrrh Come, rich and poor to own Him The King of Kings salvation brings Let loving hearts enthrone Him (Chorus)

## 7. Silent Night Holy Night

Silent night holy night
All is calm all is bright
Round yon virgin mother and child
Holy infant so tender and mild
Sleep in heavenly peace
Sleep in heavenly peace

Silent night holy night
Shepherds quake at the sight
Glorious stream from heaven afar
Heavenly hosts sing alleluia
Christ the Savior is born
Christ the Savior is born

Silent night holy night
Son of God love's pure light
Radiant beams from thy holy face
With the dawn of redeeming grace
Jesus Lord at thy birth
Jesus Lord at thy birth

## 8. O Holy Night

O holy night
The stars are brightly shining
It is the night of the
Dear Saviour's birth
Long lay the world
in sin and error pining
Till He appeared
And the soul felt His worth

#### **Chorus**

A thrill of hope
The weary world rejoices
For yonder breaks
A new and glorious morn
Fall on your knees
O hear the angel voices
O night divine O night
When Christ was born
O night divine
O night O night divine

Led by the light
O faith serenely beaming
With glowing hearts
By His cradle to stand
Led by the light of
The star so brightly shining
Here came the wise men
From Orient land
(Chorus)

## 9. Joy To The World

Joy to the world
The Lord is come
Let earth receive her King
Let every heart prepare Him room
And heaven and nature sing
And heaven and nature sing
And heaven and heaven and nature sing

Joy to the world
The Savior reigns
Let men their songs employ
While fields and floods
Rocks hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat repeat the sounding joy

No more let sins and sorrows grow Nor thorns infest the ground He comes to make His blessings flow Far as the curse is found Far as the curse is found Far as far as the curse is found

He rules the world with truth and grace And makes the nations prove The glories of His righteousness And wonders of His love And wonders of His love And wonders and wonders of His love