

# *Behold the Child* - A Christmas Service for Children

## **The Processional Hymn: Hark! The Herald Angels Sing**

**LSB 380**

*Children Sing from the back before processing in:*

Hark! The herald angels sing,  
“Glory to the newborn King;  
Peace on earth and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled!”  
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,  
Join the triumph of the skies;  
With th’angelic host proclaim,  
“Christ is born in Bethlehem!”

*Refrain (sung by all)*

Hark! The herald angels sing,  
“Glory to the newborn King!”

[Congregation sings remaining 2 verses as children process to the front]

## **Song: Sing Glory, Glory**

*Sing and Wonder, p. 30 (Tune: Jesus Loves Me)*

1. In a manger on the hay,  
Jesus lay on Christmas Day.  
Born as our Immanuel,  
He is God with us to dwell.

← All children

*Refrain*

Sing glory, glory!  
Sing glory, glory!  
Sing glory, glory!  
God’s Son has come to us.

← All children sing the refrain each time

2. Shepherds with their flocks that night  
Saw an angel’s glory bright.  
“Do not fear,” he said to them.  
“Christ is born in Bethlehem.” *Refrain*

← Kennedy and Kambree Duet

3. Then the heav’nly host appeared,  
Praising God for all to hear!  
With this news, the shepherds fled  
Quickly to the manger bed. *Refrain*

← All children

4. There they saw the holy Child  
Wrapped in cloths, so meek and mild.  
Joyfully, the shepherds raced,  
Spread this news in ev’ry place. *Refrain*

← Sylvia Solo

Parents' copy

5. Jesus is God's own dear Son,  
Sent from heav'n for ev'ryone;  
Lived and died for you and me,  
So from sin we could be free.

← All children

*Refrain*

Sing alleluia!

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Sing alleluia!

The Savior has been born.

## **The Christmas Meditation**

*The children will gather around pastor for a brief meditation or book. All children in the audience will be invited to come forward.*

## **The Message Presented by the Children**

The Story of Jesus' Birth - Reading: Luke 2:1-20

**Addison**: In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered.

**Naomi**: This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria.

**Lynna**: And all went to be registered,

**Ledger**: each to his own town.

**Sylvia**: And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child.

**Kambree**: And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth.

**Isabella**: And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths and laid Him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

**Arian**: And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

**Greyson**: And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear.

**Teagan**: And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.

**Kennedy:** For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

**Elena:** "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"

**Walter:** When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us."

**Sylvia:** And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child.

**Hawken:** And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them.

**Lebron:** But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart.

**Addison:** And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

**All Children together: Luke 2:1-20**

## Angel, Angel

*Everyone that is not an Angel: Angel! Angel! What do you see?*

*Angels: I see that Mary will have a baby!*

## Hymn: Angels from the Realms of Glory

**LSB 367:1**

*Children:*

Angels from the realms of glory,  
Wing your flight o'er all the earth;  
Ye who sang creation's story,  
Now proclaim Messiah's birth.

*Refrain*

Come and worship, come and worship;  
Worship Christ, the newborn King.

### Children PreK-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade:

"Behold the Child," the angels sing.  
A baby boy will be our King!  
And just not any king is here.

(Cup mouth with hands to proclaim.)<sup>[L] [SEP]</sup>  
(Hands form a crown on head)<sup>[L] [SEP]</sup>  
(Shake head no.)

He's God's own Son, so give a cheer!

(Wave hands in celebration.)

**We provide the costumes. Here is the assignment of parts:**

**Angels:** Addison, Naomi, Lynna, Sylvia, Kambree, Isabella, Teagan, Elena

**Shepherds:** Ledger, Arian, Walter, Hawken, Lebron

**Mary:** Kennedy    **Joseph:** Greyson

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## **Shepherd, Shepherd**

*Everyone except Shepherds: Shepherd! Shepherd! What do you see?*

*Shepherds: I see angels singing to me!*

## **Hymn: Angels from the Realms of Glory**

**LSB 367:2**

*Children:*

Shepherds in the field abiding,  
Watching o'er your flocks by night,  
God with us is now residing,  
Yonder shines the Infant Light.

*Refrain*

Come and worship, come and worship;  
Worship Christ, the newborn King.

## **Children Grades 3–6:**

Behold the Child! The shepherds see  
The baby born for you and me.  
He came to lead, He came to guide,  
For He is always at my side.

Behold the Child, the perfect lamb,  
The Son of God, the great I AM.  
He came to die, He came to rise.  
One day, we'll see Him with our eyes!

## **The Apostles' Creed**

*Children with the Congregation:*

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

## Recessional Hymn: Silent Night

LSB 363

*It is ok if you are not able to practice the German at home. We will do our best during practice time to get it down.*

*Children Verse 1 in German: (We are trying to keep this a surprise from Miss Sarah! 😊)*

Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht!  
Alles schläft, einsam wacht  
Nur das heilige Elternpaar  
Das im Stalle zu Bethlehem war,  
Bei dem himmlischen Kind,  
Bei dem himmlischen Kind.

*Children verse 1 in English:*

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.

*Congregation: vs. 2 & 3 as children create final manger scene*

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