

Peace Came to Earth



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and see this thing that has come
to pass; which the Lord has
made known to us."**

Luke 2:15, NKJV

Children's Christmas Eve Program

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Congregation Hymn #102 Oh, Come All Ye Faithful

- 1. Oh, come, all ye faithful, triumphantly sing;
Come, see in the manger our Savior and King
To Bethlehem hasten with joyful accord;
Oh, come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!**
- 2. True Son of the Father, He comes from the skies;
To be born of a virgin He doth not despise.
To Bethlehem hasten with joyful accord;
Oh, come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!**
- 3. Hark, hark, to the angels all singing in heaven,
"To God in the highest all glory be given!"
To Bethlehem hasten with joyful accord;
Oh, come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!**
- 4. To Thee, then, O Jesus, this day of Thy birth
Be glory and honor through heaven and earth,
True Godhead incarnate, omnipotent Word!
Oh, come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!**

Children Hymn #713 Your Little One Dear Lord

- 1 Your little ones, dear Lord, are we
And come Your lowly bed to see;
Enlighten ev'ry soul and mind
That we the way to You may find.**
- 2 With songs we hasten You to greet
And humbly fall before your feet.
Oh, blessed hour, oh, sweetest night
That gave You birth, our souls' delight.**



3 Oh, draw us wholly to You, Lord,
To us Your constant grace accord;
True faith and love to us impart
That we may hold You in our heart.

4 Until at last we, too, proclaim,
With all Your saints, Your glorious name;
In paradise our songs renew
And praise You as the angels do.

PreK – K Isaiah 9:6 His name will be called Wonderful Counselor,
Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

PreK – K To us a Child is born *(Rock arms, holding a baby.)*
To us a Son is given. *(Hold both arms out.)*
This Christmas we receive *(Place hands on heart.)*
The blessed gift of heaven. *(Point up.)*

Prek-2 Hymn Away in a Manger

1 Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

2 The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
But little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.
I love you, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky,
And stay by my cradle until morning is nigh.

3 Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask you to stay
Close by me forever and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in your tender care,
And take us to heaven to live with you there.



Peace is Lost

Hayden In the beginning, God created a perfect world filled with stars, mountains, valleys, and animals. There was no sickness, no pain, and no death. The people God had made lived at peace with the animals, with each other, and with God.

Everett Genesis 1:31 Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed *it was very good*.

Hayden One day, the people were tempted to doubt God's Word. They were not content with what was given. They wanted more. They disobeyed God and took what was forbidden. Sin entered the perfect world God had made, and peace was lost. The man and woman hid from God and blamed each other and God for what they had done. Peace was replaced by shame and hurt and sickness and death.

Hunter Q Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

K-2 The holy couple dwelt
With all the world in peace
But when they ate the fruit
Their life with God would cease.

K-8 Christmas Story Part 1: Luke 2:1-7

And it came to pass in those days *that* a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. This census first took place while Quirinius was governing Syria. So all went to be registered, everyone to his own city. Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into 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 wife,



who was with child. So it was, that while they were there, the days were completed for her to be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

Children Hymn #711 See In Yonder Manger Low

1 See in yonder manger low,
Born for us on earth below,
See--the gentle Lamb appears,
Promised from eternal years.

Refrain: Hail the ever blessed morn;
Hail redemption's happy dawn;
Sing through all Jerusalem:
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

2 Lo, within a stable lies
He who built the starry skies,
He who, throned in height sublime,
Sits amid the cherubim. [Refrain]

3 Sacred Infant, all divine,
What a tender love was Thine,
Thus to come from highest bliss
Down to such a world as this. [Refrain]

4 Teach, oh, teach us, holy Child,
By Thy face so meek and mild,
Teach us to resemble Thee
In Thy sweet humility. [Refrain]



Peace is Promised

- Aubrey** God did not give up on the people He had made! He promised to send a Savior to bring back peace.
- Andy** Genesis 3:15 And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, And you shall bruise His heel."
- Aubrey** He chose Abraham and from him made a people and a nation. He revealed Himself with a new name, not only God the creator, but Jehovah the gift giver, the promise keeper. He put upon them His of blessing of peace.
- Sawyer** Numbers 6:24-26 "The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up His countenance on you and give you peace."
- Aubrey** Through this people the Prince of Peace would come. He would take upon Himself the punishment that man deserved. He would defeat sin, death, and Satan and restore peace between God and man.
- Andy** Haggai 2:9 The glory of this latter temple shall be greater than the former,' says the LORD of hosts. 'And in this place I will give peace,' says the LORD of hosts
- 3-8:** The will of man was weak.
The grace of God was strong.
He promised He would come.
To fix what we did wrong.

3-8 Christmas Story Part 2: Luke 2:8-14

Now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the



glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid. Then the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. "For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. "And this will be the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying: "Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!"

Children's Hymn: The King Is Born

Text by Mary Kay Beall

Music by Jay Althouse

The bells ring out the Christmas story, The people lift their hearts to sing. A Child is born, the Son of heaven's glory comes to earth, a King!

Refrain: The King is born in Bethlehem today! The King is born. A star will show the way. The King is born and angels up above invite the world to come and share the King of Love.

The shepherds kneel in adoration, The wise men offer gifts of gold. For there He lies, the Peace of every nations sleeps where prophets had foretold. [refrain]

The heavens gather round to see Him. The earth rejoices at His feet. So come and kneel, together now decree Him. Lord, this child so sweet! [2x refrain]

O come, o come, and share
Come, share the King of Love; The King of Love!



Peace is Proclaimed

- Sam** Thousands of years passed while God's people waited, sometimes wondering if God had forgotten. God reminded them of His promise.
- Remy Millie** Isaiah 7:14 Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel.
- Sam** Many forgot, but some waited. Many did great evil, but some waited. Many were oppressed, enslaved, and killed but some waited. Through all the suffering and wars, they waited for the restoration of peace.
- Wyatt** Numbers 24:17 I see Him, but not now; I behold Him, but not near; A Star shall come out of Jacob; A Scepter shall rise out of Israel,
- Sam** God had not forgotten. He sent prophets to remind the people that He would one day again give peace.
- Jackson Grace Lakely** Isaiah 9:6 For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
- 6-8:** The prophets spoke about
The Savior God would send,
The precious Prince of Peace
Whose kingdom will not end.

6-8 Christmas Story Part 3: Luke 2:15-20

So it was, when the angels had gone away from them into heaven, that the shepherds said to one another, "Let us now go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has come to pass, which the Lord has made known to us." And they came with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the Babe lying in a manger. Now when they had seen Him, they made

widely known the saying which was told them concerning this Child. And all those who heard it marveled at those things which were told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept all these things and pondered them in her heart. Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told them.

Children Hymn #62 O Come O Come Emmanuel

1. Oh, come, Oh, come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

2. Oh, come, Thou Rod of Jesse, free
Thine own from Satan's tyranny;
From depths of hell Thy people save
And give them victory o'er the grave.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

3. Oh, come, Thou Dayspring from on high,
And cheer us by Thy drawing nigh;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night
And death's dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

4. Oh, come, Thou Key of David, come
And open wide our heavenly home:
Make safe the way that leads on high
And close the path to misery.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.



Peace is Given

- Ellie** On the day God had appointed, He sent His gift from heaven. The son who had been promised was born.
- Arianna** Galatians 4:4 But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born¹ of a woman, born under the law,
- Ellie** He sent Gabriel to announce the birth. He sent the angel choirs to proclaim the joyful news. He sent John the messenger to prepare the way.
- Wyatt** Malachi 3:1 Behold, I send My messenger, And he will prepare the way before Me. And the Lord, whom you seek, Will suddenly come to His temple, Even the Messenger of the covenant, In whom you delight.
- Ellie** The baby born in Bethlehem was the promised Prince of Peace, the Son of God, Jesus Christ, our Savior! God the Father sent His only Son into this world to live a perfect life in our place, die on the cross for our sins, and rise again to life, giving us the sure hope of eternal life. All who believe in Him shall have peace with God.
- Preston** Luke 1:31-32 And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name JESUS. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David.
- K-8** The angels sang God's praise
Amid the heavens bright.
We also join in song
And fill the church with light.

Children: One Small Babe

Text by Mary Kay Beall

Music by Jay Althouse

One small babe in a manger lay, One small babe in a stall,
But that small babe on Christmas Day
was born the Lord of all.

The Lord and King of all, The Lord and King of all.
One small babe in a manger lay, The Lord and King of all.

One bright star to shine above, One bright star of gold,
But that bright star leads us to Love,
As prophets once foretold.
As prophets once foretold. As prophets once foretold.
One bright star to shine above, As prophets once foretold.

One sweet song from heaven rang, One song long ago,
But in that song the angels sang, "Excelsis Deo!"
Excelsis Deo! Excelsis Deo!
One sweet song from heaven rang, "Excelsis Deo!"

One small babe in a manger bed, One bright star above.
One sweet song to tell the world of God's great gift of Love.
God's wondrous gift of Love, His wondrous gift of Love.
One small babe in a manger bed
was God's great gift of Love.
One small babe in a manger bed
was God's great gift of Love.

Offering

Congregation Hymn #646 Silent Night

1. 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.



**2. Silent night! Holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight;
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heavenly hosts sing, Alleluia.
Christ, the Savior, is born!
Christ, the Savior, is born!**

**3. 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.**

Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Peace for All

McKenzie This child was given for all. The wisemen came to worship Him. The Canaanites sought his healing. The nations rejoiced in His light.

Preston Isaiah 60:3 Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

McKenzie People search for rest and peace. They seek it in their possessions, in their strength, in power and in technology, but peace comes only as a gift from God.



- Mason** Isaiah 60:2 See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the LORD rises upon you and his glory appears over you.
- McKenzie** There is no rest without Christ. There is no peace without God. This child will wash away all sin. He will give grace to the wicked. He will give you peace.
- Hunter Q** Matthew 11:28 Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.
- McKenzie** This is the Father's gift to you, a child of peace, a son of grace.
- Remy** Isaiah 60:1 Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD rises upon you.
- K-8** We also kneel before
The Babe in humble stall,
The Lord our Righteousness
Who came to save us all.

Benediction

Congregation and Children Hymn #87 Joy to the World

**1. Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare Him room
And heaven and nature sing.**

**2. Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!
Let men their songs employ,
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
Repeat the sounding joy.**



**3. 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.**

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



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