Bible-Based

NATIVITY CHRISTMAS PROGRAM



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Song: The First Noel

Narrator: "And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be taxed. . . And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; . . .to be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child." (Luke 2:1, 4-5)

Song: O Little Town of Bethlehem

Narrator: "And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn." (Luke 2:6-7)

Song: Silent Night

Narrator: "And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them." (Luke 2:8–10)

Angel: "Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger." (Luke 2:10-12)

Narrator: "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, good will toward men."

"And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger." (Luke 2:13–16)

Song: Angels We Have Heard on High

Narrator: "Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea . . . behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him. . . and, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy. And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense and myrrh." (Matthew 2: 1–2, 9–11)

Song: We Three Kings

Nativity Program Music Lyrics

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.

Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.

Angels We Have Heard on High

Angels we have heard on high, Sweetly singing o'er the plains, And the mountains in reply Echoing their joyous strains

Glo-ria in excelsis Deo, Glo-ria in excelsis Deo.

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.

We Three Kings of Orient Are

We three kings of Orient are; Bearing gifts we traverse afar, Field and fountain, moor and mountain, Following yonder star.

O star of wonder, star of light, Star with royal beauty bright, Westward leading, still proceeding, Guide us to thy perfect light.

Silent 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.

The First Noel



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Words by Phillips Brooks



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Silent Night Words by Joseph Mohr



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Angels We Have Heard on High French Carol



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