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ACTIVITY

Bible or Bananas?!

BIBLE READING & TALK

from Richard Hopkins

The socially un-distanced first Christmas

Luke 2:1-7

"In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) And everyone went to their own town to register. 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. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them."

In our closing song we celebrate that Jesus didn't come to be distant from us but to be with us!

CAROL

Come and join the celebration

It's a very special day

Come and share our jubilation;

There's a new King born today!

See, the shepherds

Hurry down to Bethlehem,

Gaze in wonder

At the Son of God who lay before them

Come and join the celebration....

Wise men journey,

Led to worship by a star

Kneel in homage

Bringing precious gifts from lands afar, so

Come and join the celebration....

"God is with us"

Round the world the message bring

He is with us

"Welcome", all the bells on earth are pealing

Come and join the celebration....

CLOSING PRAYER

from Rich Adam



CHRISTMAS DAY 2020

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WELCOME

from Rich Adam

Jesus coming into the world brings us great joy which we celebrate in our opening song

CAROL

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 Saviour 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.

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, wonders of his love
and wonders, wonders of His love
and wonders, wonders of His love

Joy to the world
The wonders of Your love
The wonders of Your love

ZOOM BREAKOUT ROOMS (for live service)

God tells Joseph through a dream what would happen with the birth of Jesus

BIBLE READING

Matthew 1:18-25

¹⁸This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: his mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.

²⁰But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.'

²²All this took place to fulfil what the Lord had said through the prophet:
²³'The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel' (which means 'God with us').

²⁴When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. ²⁵But he did not consummate their marriage until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.

In our next song we marvel at Jesus being Emmanuel, God with us.

CAROL

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing
'Glory to the new-born King,
peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled.'
Joyful, all you nations, rise,
join the triumph of the skies;
with the angelic host proclaim,
'Christ is born in Bethlehem.'

*Hark! The herald-angels sing,
'Glory to the new-born King.'*

Christ, by highest heaven adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord;
late in time behold him come,
offspring of a Virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see.
Hail, the incarnate Deity!
Pleased as man with man to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel.

Hark! The herald-angels sing...

Hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace.
Hail, the Sun of Righteousness;
light and life to all he brings,
risen 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...

PRAYERS

led by Toni Davies

In our next song we continue to celebrate the birth of Jesus for us

CAROL

On Christmas night all Christians sing
to hear the news that the angels bring;
on Christmas night all Christians sing
to hear the news that the angels bring:
news of great joy, news of great mirth,
news of our merciful King's birth.

Then why should men on earth be sad
since our Redeemer made us glad;
then why should men on earth be sad
since our Redeemer made us glad
when from our sins he set us free,
all for to gain our liberty?

When sin departs before his grace,
Then life and health come in its place.
When sin departs before his grace,
Then life and health come in its place.
Angels and men with joy may sing
All for to see the new-born King!

All out of darkness we have light,
which made the angels sing this night;
all out of darkness we have light
which made the angels sing this night:
'Glory to God, and peace to men
now and forever more, Amen!'