

In the heavenly country bright, need they no created light;
Thou its light, its joy, its crown, thou its sun which goes not down;
There forever may we sing alleluias to our King!

VIDEO

What nativity character would YOU like to play?

BIBLE TALK

by Richard Hopkins

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.

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.

Please stay on now for chat and refreshments.
There's mulled wine and mince pies, coffee and cold drinks.

If you'd like to think a bit more about what you've heard, why not
come to Emmanuel some other time?

We meet **every Sunday at 10.30am** here in Bramcote College.

We'd love to see you there!

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WELCOME

by Rich Adam

CAROL

Joy to the world

the Lord has 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 earth – the Saviour reigns!

Your sweetest songs employ,

while fields and streams

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,

the wonders of his love, the wonders of his love,

the wonders, wonders of his love.

BIBLE READING **Micah 5:2-5a**

A long time before Jesus was born, God promised a shepherd who would come from Bethlehem.

“But you, Bethlehem,

though you are small among the clans of Judah,
out of you will come for me

one who will be ruler over Israel,
whose origins are from of old, from ancient times.”

³ Therefore Israel will be abandoned

until the time when she who is in labor bears a son,
and the rest of his brothers return to join the Israelites.

⁴ He will stand and shepherd his flock

in the strength of the LORD,

in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.

And they will live securely, for then his greatness
will reach to the ends of the earth.

⁵ And he will be our peace”

CAROL

O little town of Bethlehem how still we see you lie!

Above your deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by;

yet in your dark streets shining is everlasting light;

the hopes and fears of all the years are met in you tonight.

O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth!

and praises sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth.

For Christ is born of Mary and, gathered all above,

while mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wondering love.

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 Emmanuel!

BIBLE READING **Matthew 1:18-25**

God tells Joseph about the amazing thing that's going to happen.

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Silent Night! Holy night!

All is calm, all is bright

round the virgin and her child:

holy infant, so gentle and mild,

sleep in heavenly peace; sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night! Holy night!

Shepherds quake at the sight;

glory streams from heaven afar:

heavenly hosts sing 'Alleluia,

Christ the Saviour is born, Christ the Saviour is born.'

Silent night! Holy night!

Son of God, love's pure light:

radiant beams your holy face

with the dawn of saving grace.

Jesus, Lord, at your birth, Jesus, Lord at your birth.

BIBLE READING **Luke 2:1-7**

The birth of Jesus

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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.

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 side until morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask you to stay

close by me for ever, and love me I pray.

Bless all the dear children in your tender care,

and fit us for heaven to live with you there.

BIBLE READING **Matthew 2:1-6**

The wise men ask where the baby will be born

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As with gladness, men of old did the guiding star behold

As with joy they hailed its light leading onward, beaming bright

So, most glorious Lord, may we evermore be led to Thee.

As with joyful steps they sped to that lowly manger bed

There to bend the knee before Him Whom Heaven and earth adore;

So may we with willing feet ever seek Thy mercy seat.

As they offered gifts most rare at that manger rude and bare;

So may we with holy joy, pure and free from sin's alloy,

All our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to Thee, our heavenly King.

Holy Jesus, every day keep us in the narrow way;

And, when earthly things are past, bring our ransomed souls at last

Where they need no star to guide, where no clouds Thy glory hide.