A Christmas Story: The Greatest Gift of All

Harvest Community Church Christmas Program 2026

Children's Church Christmas Program | Approximately 20 Minutes | Grades 1–5

Theme: Celebrating the birth of Jesus



Songs in order:

1. Go Tell It on the Mountain
2. O Come, All Ye Faithful
3. Away in a Manger
4. Silent Night



Style: A simple, joyful retelling of the Christmas story through character dialogue, with no narrator. Children speak directly to one another and to the audience.

The script is designed to be easy for elementary-age children to learn, with short lines, opportunities for group speaking, and some fun moments for the younger children.

Cast of Characters

You can adjust the number of children for each role.

- 1 Angel Gabriel
- 1 Mary
- 1 Joseph
- 3–5 Shepherds
- 3 Wise Men (Kings)
- 4–8 Sheep/Animals (sheep, donkey, cow, etc.)
- Optional: 1–3 additional angels

Props and costumes:

- Mary: Blue scarf or robe
- Joseph: Brown robe and walking stick
- Gabriel: White robe and angel wings
- Shepherds: Robes, staffs
- Wise Men: Crowns, robes, gift boxes
- Animals: Ears, simple animal headbands
- Manger: A small basket or wooden box with a baby doll
- Star: Large star on a stick or hanging decoration

Scene 1 – The Shepherds and the Angels



The shepherds are gathered together, watching their sheep.

Shepherd 1:
"What a quiet night! Just me, my sheep, and the stars."

Shepherd 2:
"I'm getting sleepy. These sheep aren't very exciting to watch!"

Shepherd 3:
"Hey! Watch out! Those sheep are eating your blanket!"

All Sheep Together:
"Baaa! We're hungry! Baaa! We're sleepy! Baaa! We're just happy to be here!"

Suddenly, Angel Gabriel appears, along with a group of angels.

Shepherd 1:
"What's that bright light?"

Shepherd 2:
"Look! It's an angel!"

Angel Gabriel:
"Do not be afraid! I bring you good news of great joy for all people!"

Angel 1:
"We have wonderful news to share!"

Angel 2:
"Today, in the town of David, a Savior has been born!"

Angel 3:
"He is Christ the Lord!"

Angel Gabriel:
"You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

Shepherd 3:
"A Savior? The promised King?"

Angel Gabriel:
"Yes! The Son of God has come!"

All Angels Together:
"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men!"

Shepherd 1/2/3
"We have to go see Him!"
"Let's hurry to Bethlehem!"
"Come on, everyone! Let's go find the baby Jesus!"

All Sheep Together:
"Baaa! We're coming too! We want to see the special baby!"

Song 1: **Go Tell It on the Mountain**



All children join in.

Scene 2 – Mary, Joseph, and the Animals

Joseph:
"Mary, we have finally arrived in Bethlehem. You must be tired from our long journey."

Mary:
"I am tired, Joseph, but God has been with us every step of the way."



Joseph:
"I wish we could find a comfortable place for you to rest."

Mary:
"God has a plan, Joseph. We just need to trust Him."

Joseph:
"This stable isn't much, but at least we have a place to stay."

Stable Animals Together:
"Moo! Baa! Hee-haw! Welcome to our stable!"

Joseph:
"Well, it may not be a palace, but it looks like we have some friendly company!"

Stable Sheep Together:
"Baaa! We are happy you're here! We don't get visitors very often!"

Mary:
"Thank you, everyone. This is just where God wants us to be."

Joseph:
"Mary, look at Him. Jesus, the Son of God!"

Mary:
"His name is Jesus, just as the angel promised. God has kept His promise!"



Stable Animals Together:
"What a special baby! We are so glad He is here!"

Joseph:
"Tonight, our Savior has been born!"

Stable Animals Together:
"Welcome, baby Jesus!"

Song 2: O Come, All Ye Faithful





Scene 3 – The Wise Men Follow the Star

Wise Man 1:
"Look! There it is! The star we've been watching for!"

Wise Man 2:
"We have traveled a very long way to find the newborn King."

Wise Man 3:
"Look! There He is! The baby we have traveled so far to see!"

The wise men kneel before Jesus.

Wise Men 1/2/3:
"We bring You gold, frankincense, and myrrh. You are our King and savior!

Mary:
"God has brought people from near and far to celebrate Jesus!"

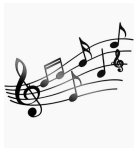
Shepherd 1/2/3:
"We came from the fields!"
"We heard the good news from the angels!"

Wise Men 1/2/3:
"We followed the star!"
"We came to worship the King!"

All Sheep Together:
"Baaa! Everyone came to see baby Jesus!"

All Angels Together:
"Jesus is God's gift to the whole world! He came because God loves us!"

Song 3: **Away in a Manger**

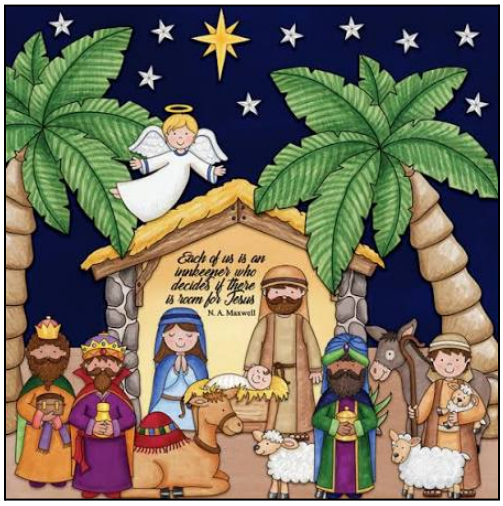


Scene 4 – The Greatest Gift

Angel Gabriel:
"Tonight, we celebrate the birth of Jesus, God's Son!"

All Angels Together:
"Jesus came to bring hope, peace, joy, and love to the whole world!"

Mary:
"God chose our family to be part of His wonderful plan."



Joseph:
"Jesus came to show us God's love."

Shepherds 1/2/3:
"He is the Savior the angels told us about!"

Wise Man 1/2/3:
"He is the King of Kings!"

All Sheep Together:
"Baaa! We may be little sheep, but we know something BIG!"

Stable Animals Together:
"God loves us, and He sent Jesus for us!"

Angel Gabriel:
"John 3:16 tells us, 'For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son.'"

All Angels Together:
"That is the best news of all!"

Mary:
"That is what Christmas is all about!"

Joseph:
"Jesus is the reason we celebrate!"

All Children Together:
"Jesus is the greatest gift of all!"



Song 4: [Silent Night]

Great job, everyone! Thank you for your dedication in bringing **JOY** this Christmas season!



All: "Merry Christmas!" Take a bow.

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Harvest Christmas Program 2026 Song lyrics

Song 1-





Go Tell It On The Mountain

While shepherds kept their watching
over silent flocks by night,
behold throughout the heavens,
there shone a holy light. (long drawn out 4 beats- “liiiiiiiiiiiiiiiight”)

Go, tell it on the mountain,
over the hills and everywhere.
Go, tell it on the mountain
that Jesus Christ is born.

The shepherds feared and trembled
when lo! above the earth
rang out the angel chorus
that hailed our Saviour’s birth. (long drawn out 4 beats- “birrrrrrrrrrrth”)

Go, tell it on the mountain,
over the hills and everywhere.
Go, tell it on the mountain
that Jesus Christ is born.

Down in a lowly manger
the humble Christ was born,
and God sent us salvation,
that blessed Christmas morn. (long drawn out 4 beats- “mooooooooorn”)

Go, tell it on the mountain,
over the hills and everywhere.
Go, tell it on the mountain
that Jesus Christ is born.

Go, tell it on the mountain,
over the hills and everywhere.
Go, tell it on the mountain
that Jesus Christ is born.

Go, tell it on the mountain!

Song 2-

O Come all Ye Faithful



O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant!
O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem
Come and behold Him
Born the King of Angels
O come, let us adore Him
O come, let us adore Him
O come, let us adore Him
Christ the Lord!

O Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation.
Sing, all that hear in heaven God's holy word.
Give to our Father, glory in the Highest.

O come, let us adore Him
O come, let us adore Him
O come, let us adore Him
Christ the Lord!

All Hail! Lord, we greet thee.
Born this happy morning.
O Jesus for evermore be Thy name adored.
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing.

O come, let us adore Him
O come, let us adore Him
O come, let us adore Him
Christ the Lord!

Song 3-

Away in a Manger (with hand movements)



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

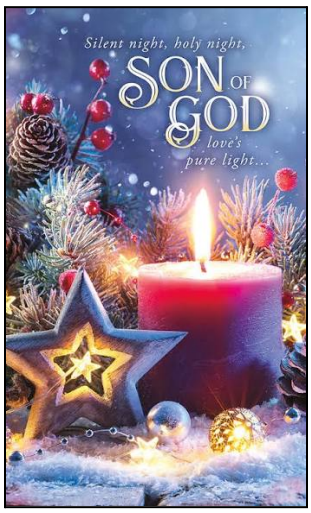
I love You, Lord Jesus
Look down from the sky
And stay by my cradle
Til morning is nigh

Be near me, Lord Jesus
I ask Thee to stay
Close by me forever
And love me I pray

Bless all the dear children
In Thy tender care
And take us for heaven
To live with Thee there

And take us for heaven
To live with Thee there

Song 4-
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.

Silent Night, holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight.
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia!
Christ, the Savior, is born!
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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!
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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.