



Advent Guide

Ten Days of Family Worship
or Homeschool Morning Time Plans

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Daily Plans

Scripture memory passage printables
and
doxology and hymn sheet music
can be found at the end of the guide
in the Resources section.

Piano accompaniments
for all hymns and the doxology
can be found in the
[free G3 app](#).

Scripture readings are taken from the ESV,
and the KJV has been hyperlinked.

10-DAY OVERVIEW

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5
Advent Doxology	Advent Doxology	Advent Doxology	Advent Doxology	Advent Doxology
Lesson from Scripture: <i>Genesis 3:8-19</i>	Lesson from Scripture: <i>Genesis 22:1-18</i>	Lesson from Scripture: <i>Isaiah 9:2-7</i>	Lesson from Scripture: <i>Isaiah 11:1-9</i>	Lesson from Scripture: <i>Luke 1:26-38</i>
Prayer	Prayer	Prayer	Prayer	Prayer
Hymn: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"	Hymn: "O Little Town of Bethlehem"	Hymn: "Angels From the Realms of Glory"	Hymn: "Lo! How a Rose E'er Blooming"	Hymn: "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks"
Scripture Memory (3 options)	Scripture Memory (3 options)	Scripture Memory (3 options)	Scripture Memory (3 options)	Scripture Memory (3 options)
Poem: "Despised and Rejected" by Christina Rossetti	Picture Study: <i>Census at Bethlehem</i> by Bruegel the Elder	Music Study: "For Unto Us a Child is Born" from <i>Messiah</i>	Handicraft: Dried Orange Ornaments	Recipe: Christmas Cut- Out Sugar Cookies
<i>The Christmas Miracle of Jonathan Toomey</i>	<i>Christmas Tapestry</i>	<i>Christmas Day in the Morning</i>	<i>An Orange for Frankie</i>	<i>Silver Packages</i>

Day 6	Day 7	Day 8	Day 9	Day 10
Advent Doxology	Advent Doxology	Advent Doxology	Advent Doxology	Advent Doxology
Lesson from Scripture: <i>Luke 2:1-7</i>	Lesson from Scripture: <i>Luke 2:8-16</i>	Lesson from Scripture: <i>Matthew 2:1-12</i>	Lesson from Scripture: <i>John 1:1-14</i>	Lesson from Scripture: <i>Philippians 2:5-11</i>
Prayer	Prayer	Prayer	Prayer	Prayer
Hymn: "Away in a Manger"	Hymn: "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"	Hymn: "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing"	Hymn: "Silent Night"	Hymn: "Joy to the World"
Scripture Memory (3 options)	Scripture Memory (3 options)	Scripture Memory (3 options)	Scripture Memory (3 options)	Scripture Memory (3 options)
Poem: "A Hymn on the Nativity of My Savior" by Ben Jonson	Music Study: "Glory to God" from <i>Messiah</i>	Picture Study: <i>Procession of the Magi</i> by Gozzoli	Recipe: Gingerbread	Handicraft: Gingerbread House
<i>The Little Fir Tree</i>	<i>The Year of the Perfect Christmas Tree</i>	<i>The Gift of the Magi</i>	<i>Christmas in the Trenches</i>	<i>The Story of Holly and Ivy</i>

DAY 1

Advent Doxology: “Gloria in Excelsis Deo”

See Resources at the end of this guide to find sheet music for the doxology.

Piano accompaniment can be found on the free G3 app under the *Hymns to the Living God* tab.

Advent Lesson from Scripture: Genesis 3:8-19 ([KJV linked here](#))

God tells sinful Adam that he has lost the life of Paradise and that his seed will bruise the serpent’s head.

⁸ And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. ⁹ But the Lord God called to the man and said to him, “Where are you?” ¹⁰ And he said, “I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself.” ¹¹ He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?” ¹² The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate.” ¹³ Then the Lord God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

¹⁴ The Lord God said to the serpent,

“Because you have done this,
cursed are you above all livestock
and above all beasts of the field;
on your belly you shall go,
and dust you shall eat
all the days of your life.

¹⁵ I will put enmity between you and the woman,
and between your offspring and her offspring;
he shall bruise your head,
and you shall bruise his heel.”

¹⁶ To the woman he said,

“I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing;
in pain you shall bring forth children.
Your desire shall be contrary to your husband,
but he shall rule over you.”

¹⁷ And to Adam he said,

“Because you have listened to the voice of your wife
and have eaten of the tree
of which I commanded you,
‘You shall not eat of it,’
cursed is the ground because of you;
in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life;

¹⁸ thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you;
and you shall eat the plants of the field.



¹⁹ By the sweat of your face
you shall eat bread,
till you return to the ground,
for out of it you were taken;
for you are dust,
and to dust you shall return.”

Prayer:

Praise God for both his justice and his mercy
Confess our sin in believing the lies of the world, the flesh, and the devil
Thank God for sending his Son so that one day Satan will be crushed and sin destroyed
Intercede on behalf of those you know who are believing the lies of the devil

Advent Hymn: “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

See Resources for the sheet music of all the hymns in the guide.

Piano accompaniment for all hymns can be found on the free G3 app under the *Hymns to the Living God* tab.

Advent Scripture Memory:

See Resources for printouts in both ESV and KJV. The Scripture memory will stay the same throughout the guide so that you can work on learning one passage.

Option 1—Luke 2:1-16

Option 2—John 1:1-14

Option 3—Isaiah 9:2-7

Advent Poem: “Despised and Rejected” by Christina Rossetti

This poem by beloved British Victorian poet Christina Rossetti (1830-1894) recollects Mary and Joseph seeking lodging—but there was no room at the inn. In this turn of imagery, Christ, with bleeding feet (bruised heel) seeks lodging, knocking on the door of the sinner’s home. But the sinner shuts him out, “dwell[ing] in darkness as a dead man.” Even young children are captivated by the imagery of the man standing outside in the cold, bleeding, pleading for entrance to the warm house. They want the man inside to realize Who is at the door!

In this season of Advent, amid the twinkle and glitter all around, this poem reminds us that, as we remember Christ’s first coming, we still wait for the Light of the world to return a second time and release us from this world of sin. He will come again in glory, and all creation groans until that day. Yet he earnestly pleads and seeks fellowship with us, sinners, even now, and claims us as his own!

“Despised and Rejected”

by Christina Rossetti

My sun has set, I dwell
In darkness as a dead man out of sight;
And none remains, not one, that I should tell
To him mine evil plight
This bitter night.
I will make fast my door
That hollow friends may trouble me no more.



'Friend, open to Me.'—Who is this that calls?
Nay, I am deaf as are my walls:
Cease crying, for I will not hear

Thy cry of hope or fear.
Others were dear,
Others forsook me: what art thou indeed
That I should heed
Thy lamentable need?
Hungry should feed,
Or stranger lodge thee here?

'Friend, My Feet bleed.
Open thy door to Me and comfort Me.'
I will not open, trouble me no more.
Go on thy way footsore,
I will not rise and open unto thee.

'Then is it nothing to thee? Open, see
Who stands to plead with thee.
Open, lest I should pass thee by, and thou
One day entreat My Face
And howl for grace,
And I be deaf as thou art now.
Open to Me.'

Then I cried out upon him: Cease,
Leave me in peace:
Fear not that I should crave
Aught thou mayst have.
Leave me in peace, yea trouble me no more,
Lest I arise and chase thee from my door.
What, shall I not be let
Alone, that thou dost vex me yet?

But all night long that voice spake urgently:
'Open to Me.'
Still harping in mine ears:
'Rise, let Me in.'
Pleading with tears:
Open to Me that I may come to thee.'
While the dew dropped, while the dark hours were cold:
'My Feet bleed, see My Face,
See My Hands bleed that bring thee grace,
My Heart doth bleed for thee,
Open to Me.'



So till the break of day:
Then died away
That voice, in silence as of sorrow;
Then footsteps echoing like a sigh

Passed me by,
Lingering footsteps slow to pass.
On the morrow
I saw upon the grass
Each footprint marked in blood, and on my door
The mark of blood for evermore.

Advent Story Book: [The Christmas Miracle of Jonathan Toomey](#) by Susan Wojciechowski
Content consideration: This book contains one illustration of a wooden nativity scene.



DAY 2

Advent Doxology: “Gloria in Excelsis Deo”

Advent Lesson from Scripture: Genesis 22:1-18 ([KJV linked here](#))

God promises to faithful Abraham that in his seed all the nations of the earth will be blessed.

¹After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, “Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.” ²He said, “Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you.” ³So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. ⁴On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. ⁵Then Abraham said to his young men, “Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you.” ⁶And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. ⁷And Isaac said to his father Abraham, “My father!” And he said, “Here I am, my son.” He said, “Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?” ⁸Abraham said, “God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son.” So they went both of them together.

⁹When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. ¹⁰Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. ¹¹But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven and said, “Abraham, Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.” ¹²He said, “Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.” ¹³And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. ¹⁴So Abraham called the name of that place, “The Lord will provide”; as it is said to this day, “On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided.”

¹⁵And the angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time from heaven ¹⁶and said, “By myself I have sworn, declares the Lord, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, ¹⁷I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies, ¹⁸and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice.”

Prayer:

Praise God for his promise to Abraham to bless all nations through his offspring, Jesus Christ
Confess our fear and lack of trust when faced with trials
Thank God for his sovereign provision when we trust in him
Intercede on behalf those going through trials in their lives right now

Advent Hymn: “O Little Town of Bethlehem”

Advent Scripture Memory:

- Option 1—Luke 2:1-16
- Option 2—John 1:1-14
- Option 3—Isaiah 9:2-7



Advent Art of the Week: [Census at Bethlehem by Bruegel the Elder](#)

This painting does not contain any images of Christ.

Advent Story Book: [Christmas Tapestry](#) by Patricia Polacco

Content consideration: This book contains one illustration of a Christmas pageant nativity scene.



DAY 3

Advent Doxology: "Gloria in Excelsis Deo"

Advent Lesson from Scripture: Isaiah 9:2-7 ([KJV linked here](#))

The prophet Isaiah foretells the coming of the Savior.

²The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness,
on them has light shone.
³You have multiplied the nation;
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as they are glad when they divide the spoil.
⁴For the yoke of his burden,
and the staff for his shoulder,
the rod of his oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.
⁵For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult
and every garment rolled in blood
will be burned as fuel for the fire.
⁶For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given;
and the government shall be upon his shoulder,
and his name shall be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
⁷Of the increase of his government and of peace
there will be no end,
on the throne of David and over his kingdom,
to establish it and to uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time forth and forevermore.
The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Prayer:

Praise God that he is the wonderful counselor, mighty God, everlasting Father, prince of peace
Confess that we have walked and dwelt in darkness
Thank God for giving us a Son from the line of David whose kingdom will have no end
Intercede on behalf of those who face oppression for their faith in Christ

Advent Hymn: "Angels From the Realms of Glory"



Advent Scripture Memory:

Option 1—Luke 2:1-16

Option 2—John 1:1-14

Option 3—Isaiah 9:2-7

Advent Music of the Week: ["For Unto Us a Child is Born" from Handel's Messiah](#)

Watch this 4-minute video, which includes a nice variety of choir and orchestra.

Advent Story Book: [Christmas Day in the Morning](#) by Pearl S. Buck

Content consideration: This book contains one illustration of a nativity scene.



DAY 4

Advent Doxology: "Gloria in Excelsis Deo"

Advent Lesson from Scripture: Isaiah 11:1-9 ([KJV linked here](#))

The prophet Isaiah foretells the peace that Christ will bring.

- ¹There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.
- ²And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him,
the Spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the Spirit of counsel and might,
the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.
- ³And his delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.
He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide disputes by what his ears hear,
⁴but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.
- ⁵Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist,
and faithfulness the belt of his loins.
- ⁶The wolf shall dwell with the lamb,
and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat,
and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together;
and a little child shall lead them.
- ⁷The cow and the bear shall graze;
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.
- ⁸The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra,
and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den.
- ⁹They shall not hurt or destroy
in all my holy mountain;
for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord
as the waters cover the sea.

Prayer:

Praise God for his perfect plan for the world
Confess our strife and contention with each other in our homes
Thank God for sending Christ to bring peace to earth in the end
Intercede on behalf of those who face God's judgment because they do not know him

Advent Hymn: "Lo! How a Rose E'er Blooming"



Advent Scripture Memory:

Option 1—Luke 2:1-16

Option 2—John 1:1-14

Option 3—Isaiah 9:2-7

Advent Story Book: [*An Orange for Frankie*](#) by Patricia Polacco

Advent Handicraft: [Dried Orange Christmas Ornaments](#)



DAY 5

Advent Doxology: “Gloria in Excelsis Deo”

Advent Lesson from Scripture: Luke 1:26-38 ([KJV linked here](#))

The angel Gabriel announces to Mary that she will give birth to Jesus.

²⁶ In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, ²⁷ to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ And he came to her and said, “Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!” ²⁹ But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰ And the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹ And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. ³² He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, ³³ and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.”

³⁴ And Mary said to the angel, “How will this be, since I am a virgin?”

³⁵ And the angel answered her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God. ³⁶ And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. ³⁷ For nothing will be impossible with God.” ³⁸ And Mary said, “Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word.” And the angel departed from her.

Prayer:

Praise God for his faithfulness to his promises
Confess our doubts and our unfaithfulness
Thank God that nothing is impossible with him
Intercede on behalf of those you know who desire a child or are expecting a child

Advent Hymn: “While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks”

Advent Scripture Memory:

Option 1—Luke 2:1-16
Option 2—John 1:1-14
Option 3—Isaiah 9:2-7

Advent Story Book: [Silver Packages](#) by Cynthia Rylant

Advent Recipe: [Christmas Cut-Out Sugar Cookies](#)



DAY 6

Advent Doxology: “Gloria in Excelsis Deo”

Advent Lesson from Scripture: Luke 2:1-7 ([KJV linked here](#))

Luke tells of the birth of Jesus.

¹In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³And all went to be registered, each to his own town. ⁴And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, ⁵to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. ⁶And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. ⁷And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

Prayer:

Praise God for his sovereignty
Confess our sins before God
Thank God for his perfect plan in sending his Son into human history
Intercede on behalf of those you know who are traveling this Christmas season

Advent Hymn: “Away in a Manger”

Advent Scripture Memory:

Option 1—Luke 2:1-16
Option 2—John 1:1-14
Option 3—Isaiah 9:2-7

Advent Poem: “A Hymn on the Nativity of My Savior” by Ben Jonson

This poem by British Renaissance poet Ben Jonson (1572-1637), a contemporary of Shakespeare, tells of Christ’s birth, reminding the reader that though we sing about the birth of a baby boy wrapped in swaddling cloths, we are really singing about a “Martyr born in our defense.” Listen to the play on words in the line “The Son’s obedience knew no ‘No.’” Indeed, Christ willingly “made himself the Prince of sin, / To make us heirs of glory!” These are profound Scriptural truths, presented to us by a poet who, though a man of uncertain religion and lifestyle, nevertheless writes stunningly impactful lines through the Christian worldview and Christian imagination of his day.

“A Hymn on the Nativity of My Savior”

by Ben Jonson

I sing the birth was born tonight,
The author both of life and light;
The angels so did sound it.
And like the ravish'd shepherds said,
Who saw the light, and were afraid,
Yet search'd, and true they found it.



The Son of God, the Eternal King,
That did us all salvation bring,
 And freed the soul from danger;
He whom the whole world could not take,
The Word, which heaven and earth did make,
 Was now laid in a manger.

The Father's wisdom will'd it so,
The Son's obedience knew no "No,"
 Both wills were in one stature;
And as that wisdom had decreed,
The Word was now made Flesh indeed,
 And took on him our nature.

What comfort by him do we win?
Who made himself the Prince of sin,
 To make us heirs of glory!
To see this Babe, all innocence
A Martyr born in our defense:
 Can man forget this story?

Advent Story Book: [*The Little Fir Tree*](#) by Margaret Wise Brown

This book has also been illustrated by Barbara Cooney, but the Cooney edition is out of print.



DAY 7

Advent Doxology: “Gloria in Excelsis Deo”

Advent Lesson from Scripture: Luke 2:8-16 ([KJV linked here](#))

The angels announce the birth of Christ to the shepherds, and the shepherds go to the manger.

⁸ And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹ And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. ¹⁰ And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. ¹¹ For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. ¹² And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.” ¹³ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

¹⁴ “Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!”

¹⁵ When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.” ¹⁶ And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger.

Prayer:

Praise God for his great glory and majesty
Confess our uncleanness and unworthiness to come to God
Thank God for sending his Son to bring the good news of the gospel for all people
Intercede on behalf of those in the world who have never heard the good news

Advent Hymn: “Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”

Advent Scripture Memory:

Option 1—Luke 2:1-16
Option 2—John 1:1-14
Option 3—Isaiah 9:2-7

Advent Music of the Week: [“Glory to God” from Handel’s Messiah](#)

Watch this 2-minute video of choir and orchestra.

Advent Story Book: [The Year of the Perfect Christmas Tree](#) by Gloria Houston

Content consideration: This book contains one illustration of a Christmas pageant nativity scene.



DAY 8

Advent Doxology: “Gloria in Excelsis Deo”

Advent Lesson from Scripture: Matthew 2:1-12 ([KJV linked here](#))

Some time later, the wise men, who were led by a star, found Jesus, the king whom they were seeking.

¹ Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, ² saying, “Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.” ³ When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴ and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. ⁵ They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:

⁶ “‘And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who will shepherd my people Israel.’”

⁷ Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. ⁸ And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him.” ⁹ After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. ¹⁰ When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. ¹¹ And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. ¹² And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

Prayer:

Praise God that he is king over the whole earth
Confess that we are lost without God
Thank God that we can come to worship him
Intercede on behalf of those you know who face persecution for worshipping God

Advent Hymn: “Hark, the Herald Angels Sing”

Advent Scripture Memory:

Option 1—Luke 2:1-16
Option 2—John 1:1-14
Option 3—Isaiah 9:2-7

Advent Art of the Week: [Procession of the Magi](#) by Gozzoli

This painting does not contain any images of Christ. (The webpage shows one photo of the chapel where this fresco is located, in which hangs Adoration of the Child in the distance.)

Advent Story Book: *The Gift of the Magi* by O. Henry ([illustrated by Zwerger](#))
or ([illustrated by Lynch](#))



DAY 9

Advent Doxology: “Gloria in Excelsis Deo”

Advent Lesson from Scripture: John 1:1-14 ([KJV linked here](#))

John unfolds the great mystery of the incarnation.

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. ⁴In him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. ⁸He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

⁹The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. ¹²But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Prayer:

Praise God for his eternity and his light and his glory
Confess our dark hearts and our dependence on him
Thank God that he gives light, in darkness, to everyone who believes
Intercede on behalf of those you know who have not received him

Advent Hymn: “Silent Night, Holy Night”

Advent Scripture Memory:

Option 1—Luke 2:1-16
Option 2—John 1:1-14
Option 3—Isaiah 9:2-7

Advent Story Book: [Christmas in the Trenches](#) by John McCutcheon

Advent Recipe: [Gingerbread](#)

You will use the gingerbread you make today for the gingerbread house project tomorrow. If you want to eat some today, make extra and shape into cookies. Note that this link has both the gingerbread recipe and also the instructions for the gingerbread house.



DAY 10

Advent Doxology: “Gloria in Excelsis Deo”

Advent Lesson from Scripture: Philippians 2:5-11 ([KJV linked here](#))

Paul tells the Philippian church of the humility and eventual exaltation of the God-man, Jesus Christ.

⁵ Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹ Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Prayer:

Praise God for his glory and his humility

Confess our pride and unworthiness

Thank God for sending his Son to earth to live a perfect life and die in our place

Intercede on behalf of those you know who do not confess Christ as Lord

Advent Hymn: “Joy to the World”

Advent Scripture Memory:

Option 1—Luke 2:1-16

Option 2—John 1:1-14

Option 3—Isaiah 9:2-7

Advent Story Book: [The Story of Holly and Ivy](#) by Rumer Godden

This story is a little bit longer, so you may want to spread it out over the weekend.

Advent Craft Idea: [Gingerbread House](#)

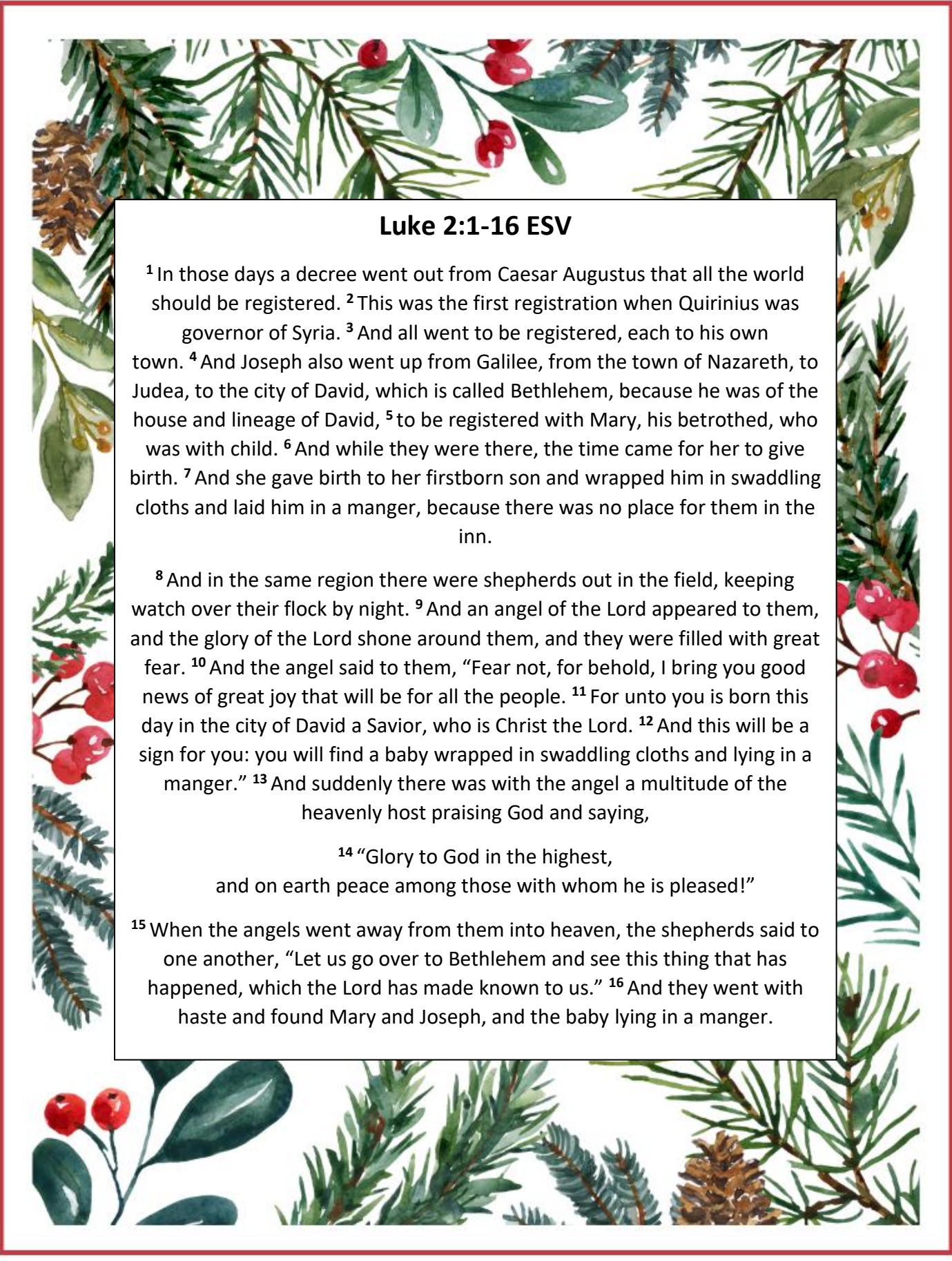




Resources

Scripture Memory Passages
(ESV and KJV)

Advent Doxology and Hymn
Sheet Music



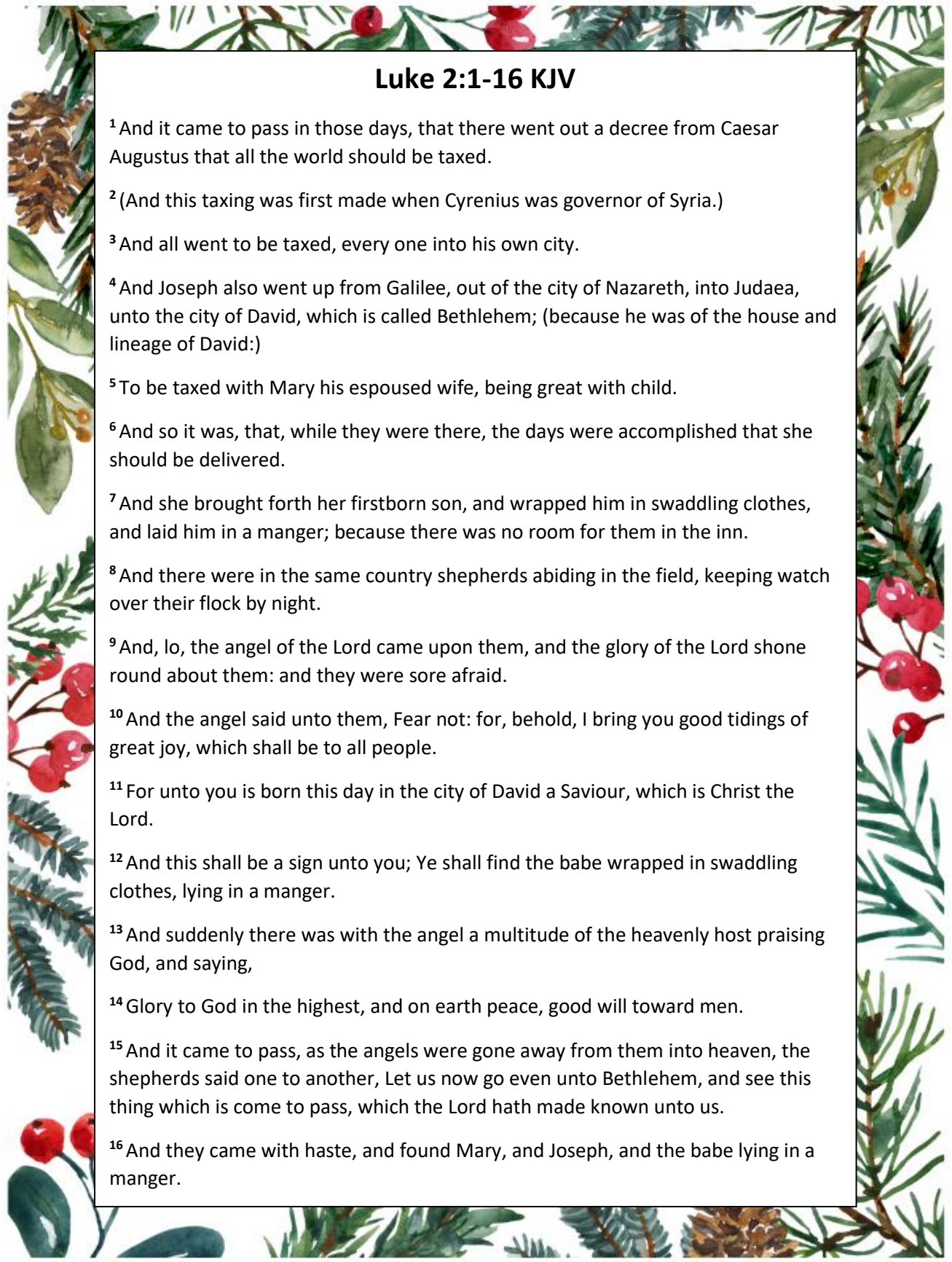
Luke 2:1-16 ESV

¹In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³And all went to be registered, each to his own town. ⁴And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, ⁵to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. ⁶And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. ⁷And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

⁸And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. ¹⁰And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. ¹¹For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. ¹²And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

¹⁴"Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"

¹⁵When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." ¹⁶And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger.



Luke 2:1-16 KJV

¹ And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be taxed.

² (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.)

³ And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.

⁴ And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:)

⁵ To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

⁶ And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.

⁷ 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.

⁸ And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

⁹ 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.

¹⁰ And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

¹¹ For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

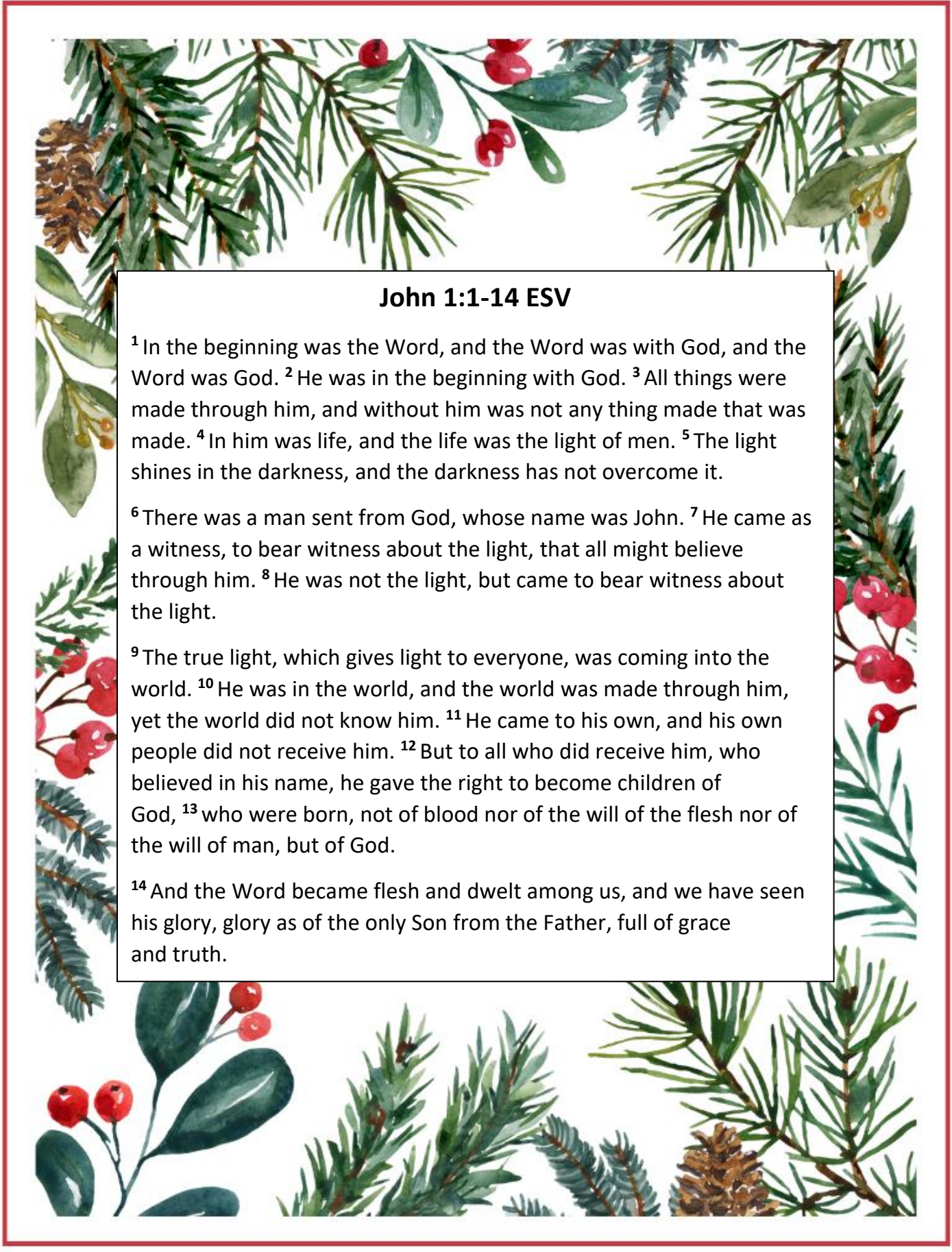
¹² And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

¹³ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

¹⁴ Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

¹⁵ 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.

¹⁶ And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.



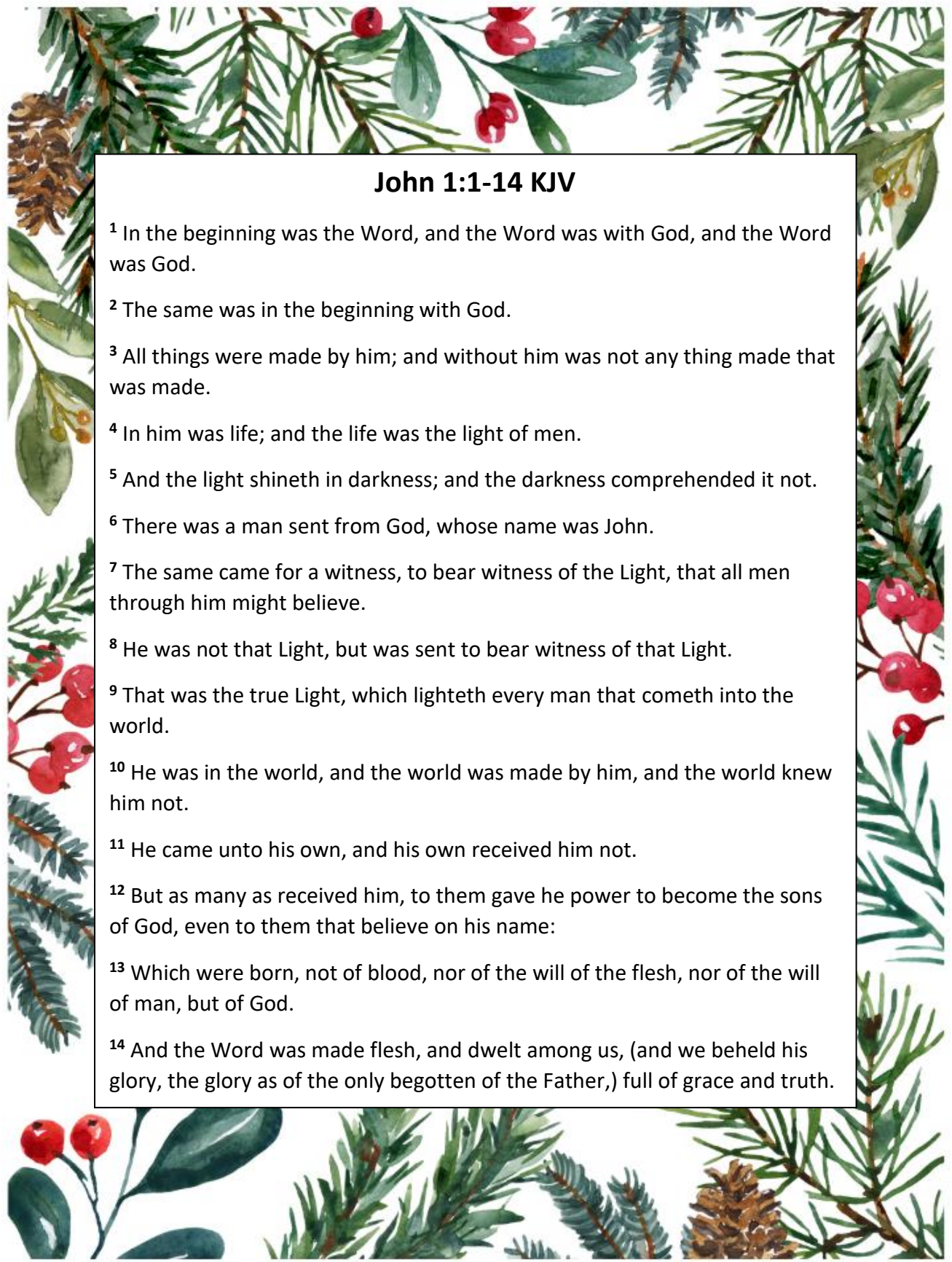
John 1:1-14 ESV

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. ⁴ In him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

⁶ There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. ⁸ He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

⁹ The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. ¹¹ He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. ¹² But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, ¹³ who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.



John 1:1-14 KJV

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

² The same was in the beginning with God.

³ All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

⁴ In him was life; and the life was the light of men.

⁵ And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.

⁶ There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.

⁷ The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe.

⁸ He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light.

⁹ That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.

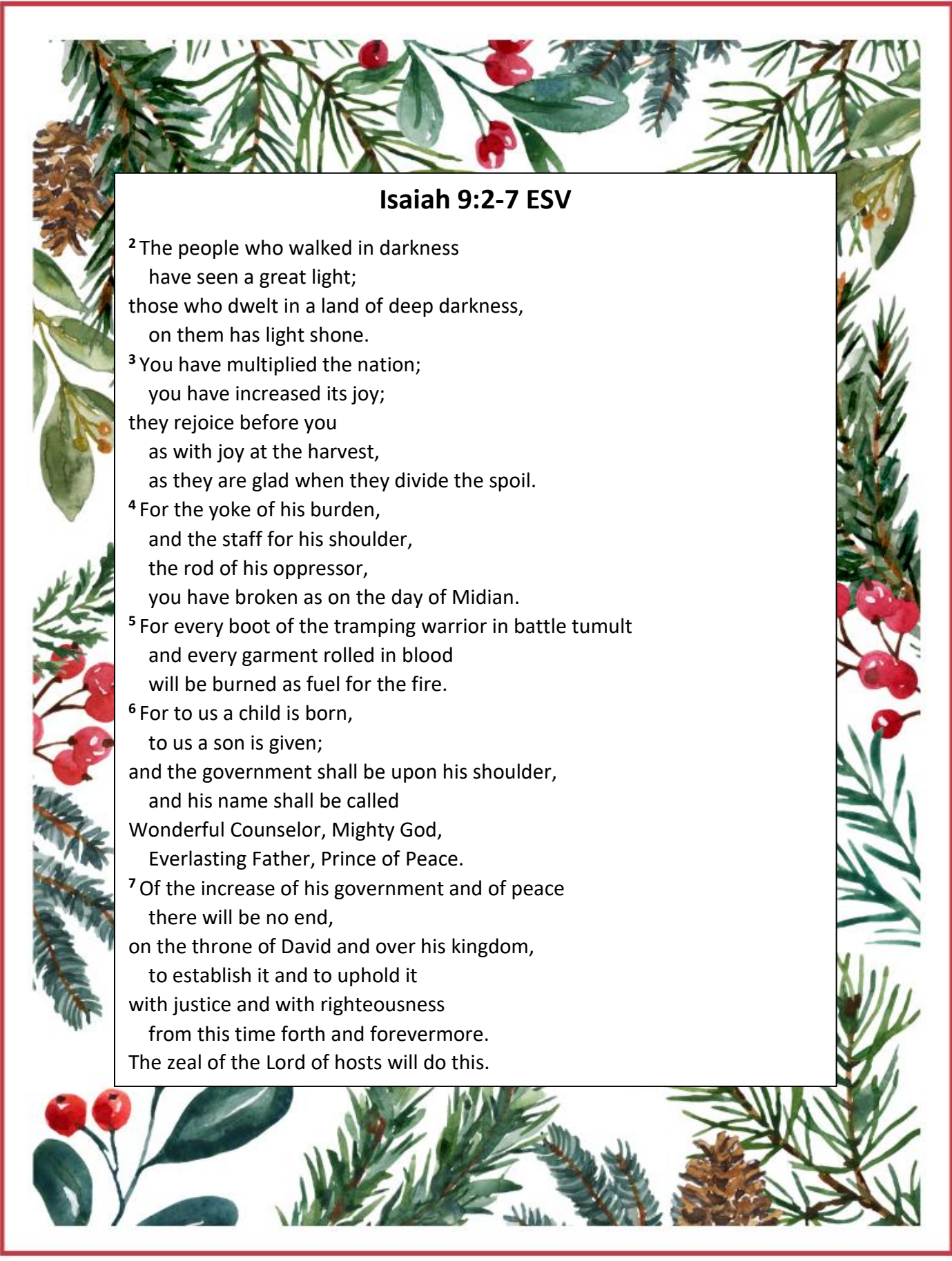
¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not.

¹¹ He came unto his own, and his own received him not.

¹² But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:

¹³ Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴ And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.



Isaiah 9:2-7 ESV

² The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness,
on them has light shone.

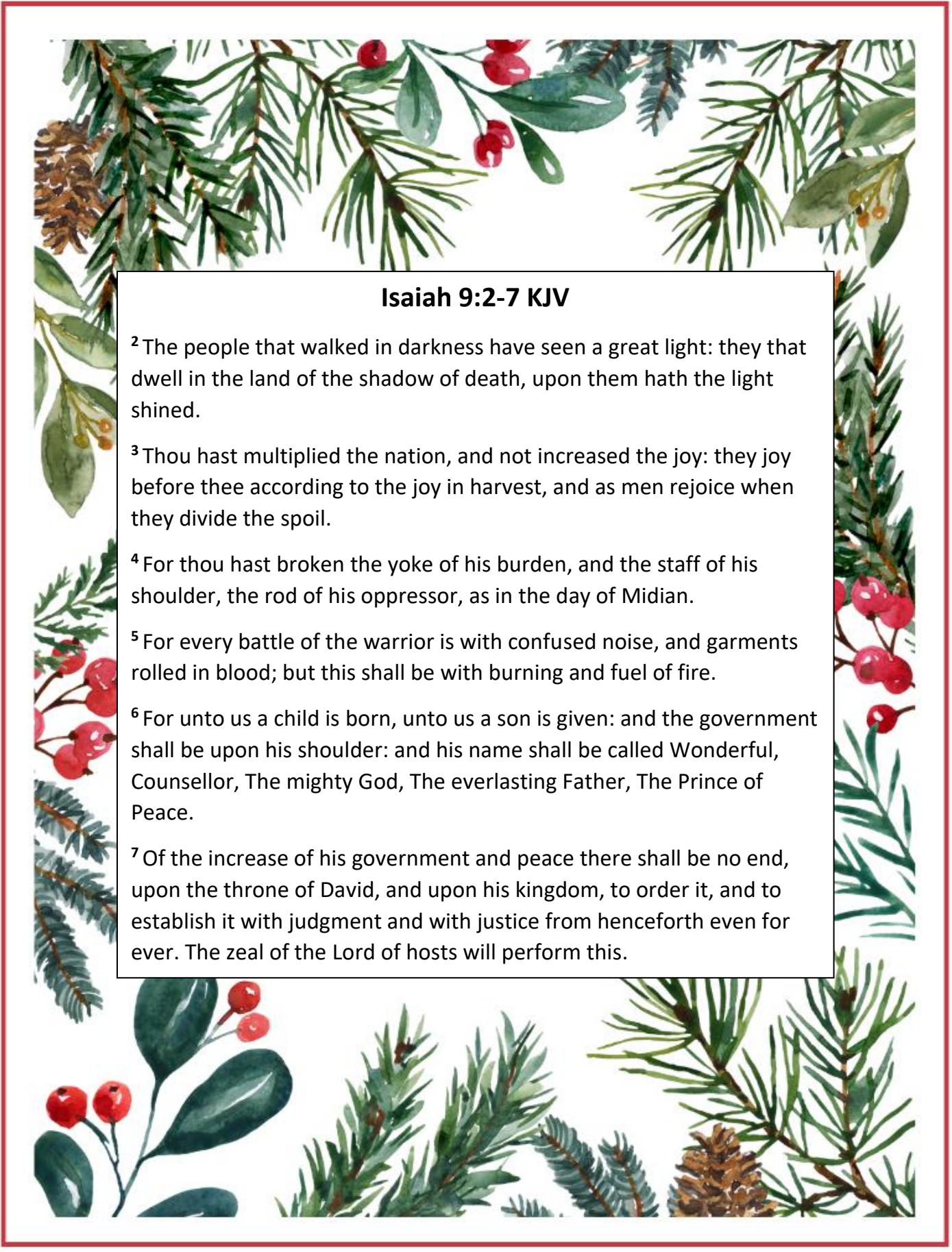
³ You have multiplied the nation;
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as they are glad when they divide the spoil.

⁴ For the yoke of his burden,
and the staff for his shoulder,
the rod of his oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

⁵ For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult
and every garment rolled in blood
will be burned as fuel for the fire.

⁶ For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given;
and the government shall be upon his shoulder,
and his name shall be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

⁷ Of the increase of his government and of peace
there will be no end,
on the throne of David and over his kingdom,
to establish it and to uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time forth and forevermore.
The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.



Isaiah 9:2-7 KJV

²The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined.

³Thou hast multiplied the nation, and not increased the joy: they joy before thee according to the joy in harvest, and as men rejoice when they divide the spoil.

⁴For thou hast broken the yoke of his burden, and the staff of his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, as in the day of Midian.

⁵For every battle of the warrior is with confused noise, and garments rolled in blood; but this shall be with burning and fuel of fire.

⁶For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

⁷Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.

Gloria in Excelsis Deo

The musical score is written for a two-part setting (Soprano and Bass) in B-flat major, 7/7 time. It consists of three systems of staves. The first system shows the beginning of the piece with the lyrics 'Glo - ri - a,'. The second system continues with 'in ex - cel - sis De - o! Glo -'. The third system concludes with '- ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!'. The melody is characterized by a series of eighth and sixteenth notes, often beamed together, and is supported by a bass line of chords and single notes. The piece ends with a double bar line.

Glo - ri - a,

in ex - cel - sis De - o! Glo -

- ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!

WORDS: Traditional French carol, 18th cent.; tr. *Crown of Jesus*, 1862
MUSIC: Traditional French melody, 18th cent.; arr. Edward S. Barnes, 1937

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O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

VENI EMMANUEL



1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran-som cap-tive
2. O come, Thou Rod of Jes - se, free Thine own from Sa-tan's
3. O come, Thou Day-spring, come and cheer our spir - its by Thine
4. O come, Thou Key of Da - vid, come, and o - pen wide our



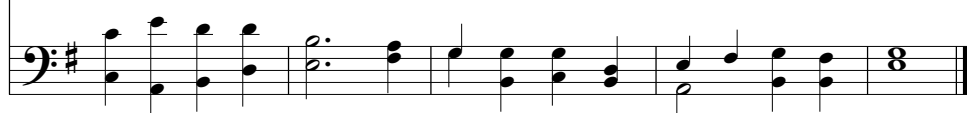
Is - ra - el, that mourns in low - ly ex - ile here, un -
tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell Thy peo - ple save, and
ad - vent here; dis - perse the gloom-y clouds of night, and
heav'n - ly home; make safe the way that leads on high, and



til the Son of God ap - pear.
give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave. Re - joice! Re - joice! Em -
death's dark shad-ows put to flight.
close the path to mis - er - y.



man - u - el shall come to Thee, O Is - ra - el.



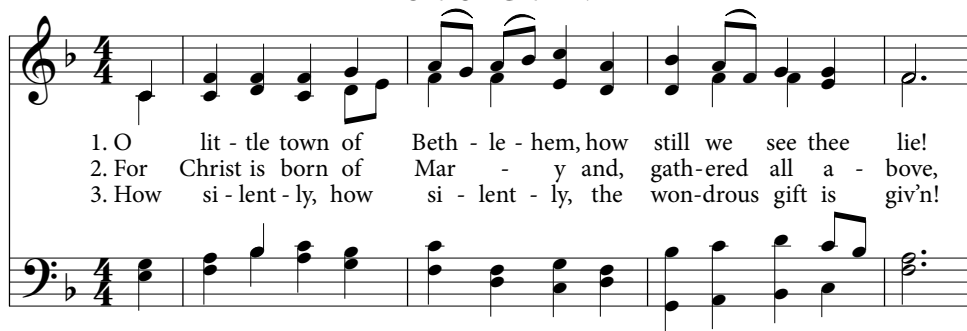
WORDS: Latin hymn, 12th cent.; tr. John M. Neale, 1851

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MUSIC: Ancient plainsong, 13th cent.; adapt. Thomas Helmore, 1854

O Little Town of Bethlehem

FOREST GREEN



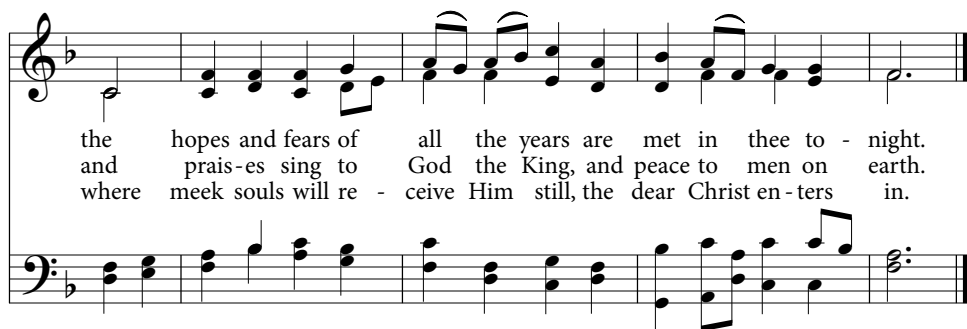
1. O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!
2. For Christ is born of Mar - y and, gath - ered all a - bove,
3. How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, the won - drous gift is giv'n!



A - bove thy deep and dream - less sleep the si - lent stars go by.
while mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won - d'ring love.
So God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of His heav'n.



Yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing light;
O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth,
No ear may hear His com - ing, but in this world of sin,



the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.
and prais - es sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth.
where meek souls will re - ceive Him still, the dear Christ en - ters in.

Angels from the Realms of Glory

REGENT SQUARE



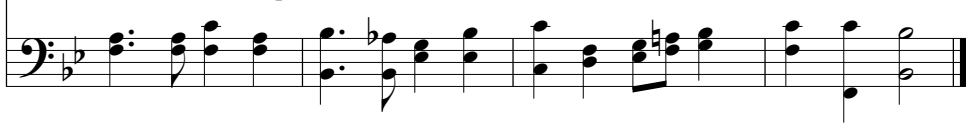
1. An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
2. Shep - herds, in the fields a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your flocks by night,
3. Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions; bright - er vi - sions beam a - far;
4. Saints be - fore the al - tar bend - ing, watch - ing long in hope and fear,



ye, who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry, now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:
God with man is now re - sid - ing; yon - der shines the in - fant Light:
seek the great De - sire of na - tions; ye have seen His na - tal star:
sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scend - ing, in His tem - ple shall ap - pear:



come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the new - born King!



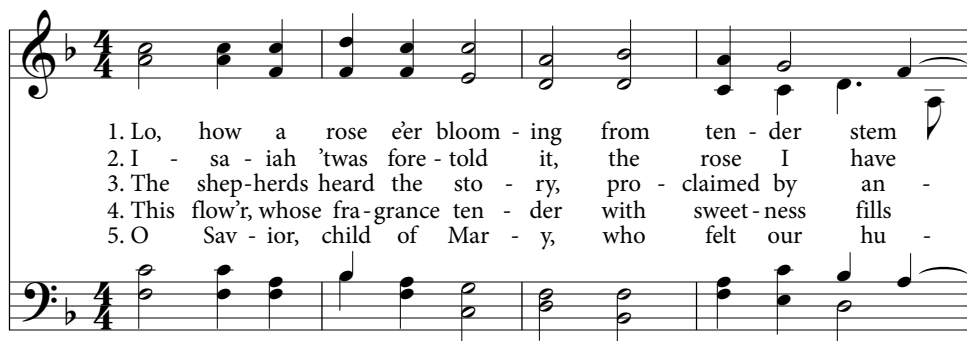
WORDS: James Montgomery, 1816

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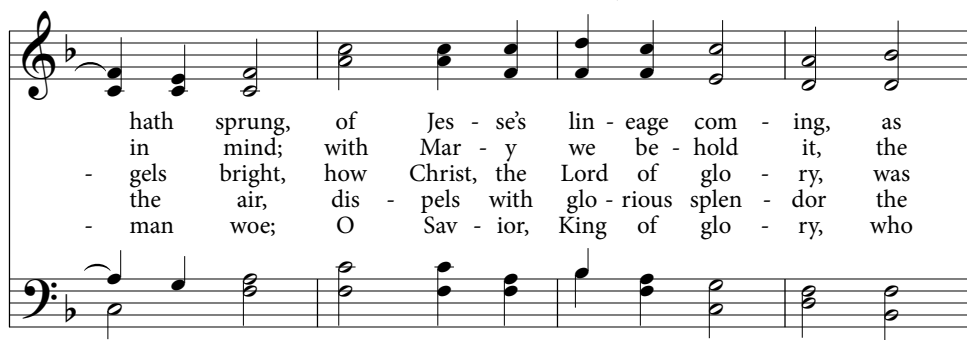
MUSIC: Henry T. Smart, 1867

Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming

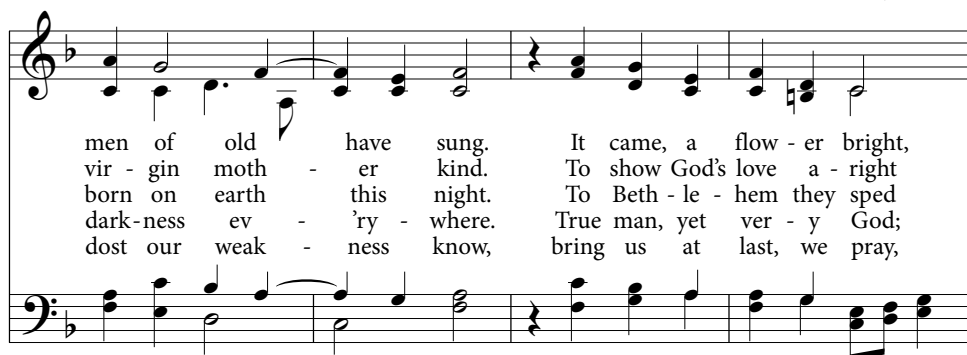
ES IST EIN' ROS' ENTSPRUNGEN



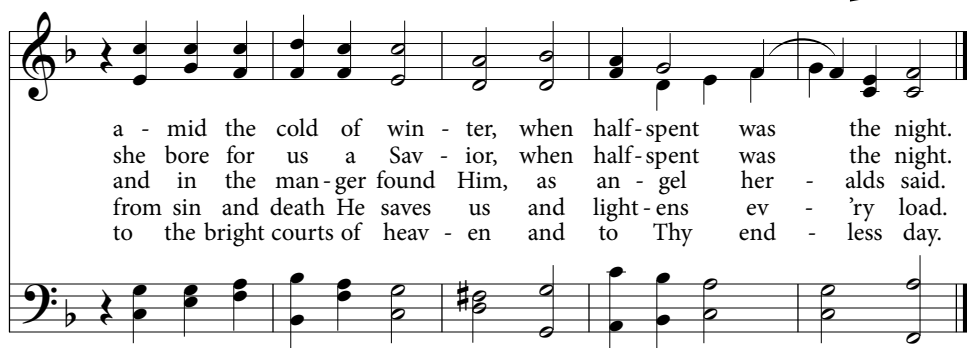
1. Lo, how a rose e'er bloom - ing from ten - der stem
 2. I - sa - iah 'twas fore - told it, the rose I have
 3. The shep - herds heard the sto - ry, pro - claimed by an -
 4. This flow'r, whose fra - grance ten - der with sweet - ness fills
 5. O Sav - ior, child of Mar - y, who felt our hu -



hath sprung, of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing, as
 in mind; with Mar - y we be - hold it, the
 - gels bright, how Christ, the Lord of glo - ry, was
 the air, dis - pels with glo - rious splen - dor the
 - man woe; O Sav - ior, King of glo - ry, who



men of old have sung. It came, a flow - er bright,
 vir - gin moth - er kind. To show God's love a - right
 born on earth this night. To Beth - le - hem they sped
 dark - ness ev - 'ry - where. True man, yet ver - y God;
 dost our weak - ness know, bring us at last, we pray,



a - mid the cold of win - ter, when half - spent was the night.
 she bore for us a Sav - ior, when half - spent was the night.
 and in the man - ger found Him, as an - gel her - alds said.
 from sin and death He saves us and light - ens ev - 'ry load.
 to the bright courts of heav - en and to Thy end - less day.

WORDS: German carol, 15th cent.; tr. Theodore Baker, 1894,

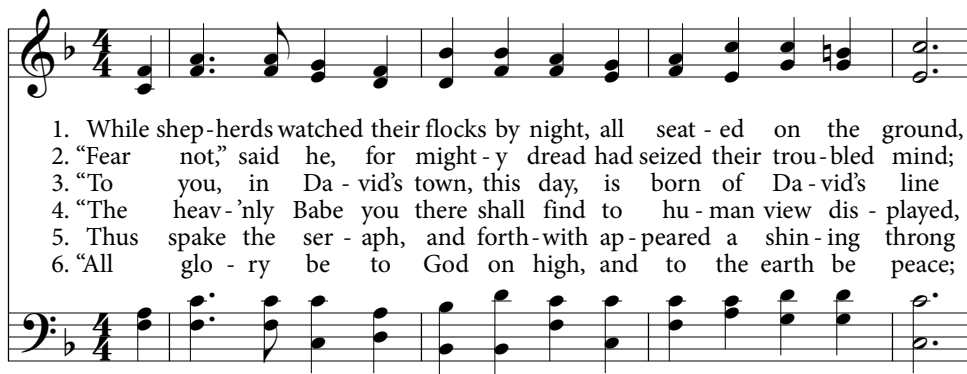
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Harriet Spaeth, 1875, John Mattes, 1914, alt.

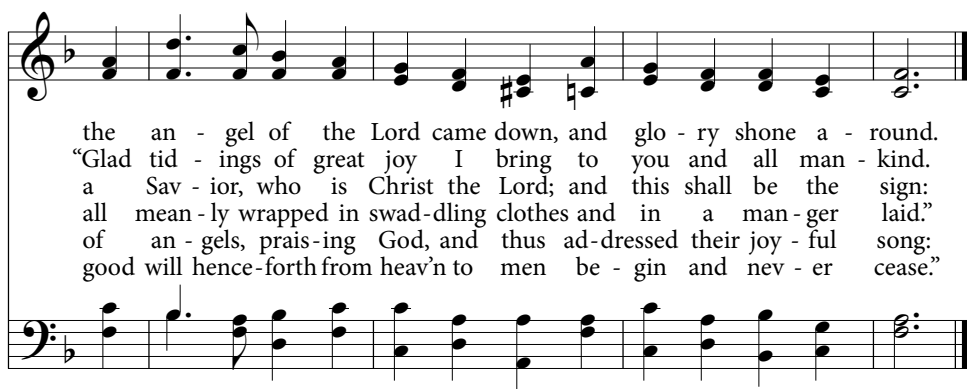
MUSIC: German melody, 16th cent.; arr. Michael Praetorius, 1609

While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks

WINCHESTER OLD



1. While shep-herds watched their flocks by night, all seat-ed on the ground,
2. "Fear not," said he, for might-y dread had seized their trou-bled mind;
3. "To you, in Da-vid's town, this day, is born of Da-vid's line
4. "The heav-'nly Babe you there shall find to hu-man view dis-played,
5. Thus spake the ser-aph, and forth-with ap-peared a shin-ing throng
6. "All glo-ry be to God on high, and to the earth be peace;



the an-gel of the Lord came down, and glo-ry shone a-round.
"Glad tid-ings of great joy I bring to you and all man-kind.
a Sav-ior, who is Christ the Lord; and this shall be the sign:
all mean-ly wrapped in swad-dling clothes and in a man-ger laid."
of an-gels, prais-ing God, and thus ad-dressed their joy-ful song:
good will hence-forth from heav'n to men be-gin and nev-er cease."

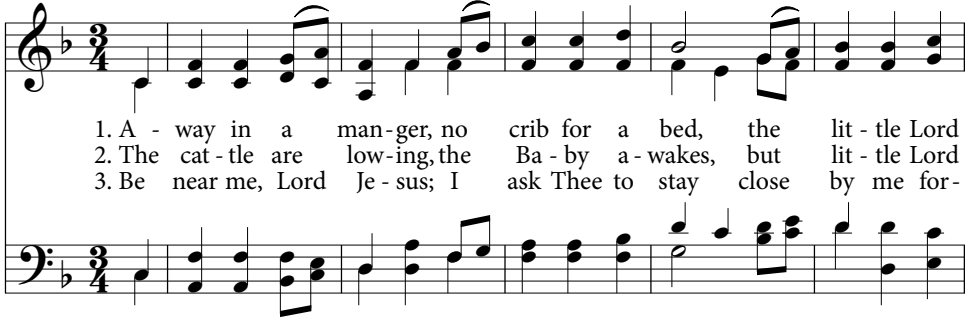
WORDS: Nahum Tate, 1700

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MUSIC: Este's *Psalmes*, 1592

Away in a Manger

CRADLE SONG



1. A - way in a man-ger, no crib for a bed, the lit - tle Lord
2. The cat - tle are low-ing, the Ba - by a - wakes, but lit - tle Lord
3. Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask Thee to stay close by me for -



Je - sus laid down His sweet head; the stars in the heav - ens looked
Je - sus, no cry - ing He makes. I love Thee, Lord Je - sus, look
ev - er, and love me, I pray. Bless all the dear chil - dren in



down where He lay, the lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.
down from the sky and stay by my side un - til morn-ing is nigh.
Thy ten - der care, and fit us for heav-en, to live with Thee there.

WORDS: Anonymous, 1885; st. 3, 1892

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MUSIC: William J. Kirkpatrick, 1895

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

W ZLOBIE LEZY



1. In - fant ho - ly, in-fant low - ly, for His bed a cat-tle stall;
2. Flocks were sleeping, shepherds keep - ing vig-il till the morn-ing new



ox - en low - ing, lit-tle know-ing Christ the Babe is Lord of all.
saw the glo - ry, heard the sto - ry, tid-ings of a gos-pel true.



Swift are wing-ing an-gels sing-ing, no-els ring-ing, tid-ings bring-ing:
Thus re-joic-ing, free from sor-row, prais-es voic-ing, greet the mor-row:



Christ the Babe is Lord of all, Christ the Babe is Lord of all.
Christ the Babe was born for you. Christ the Babe was born for you.



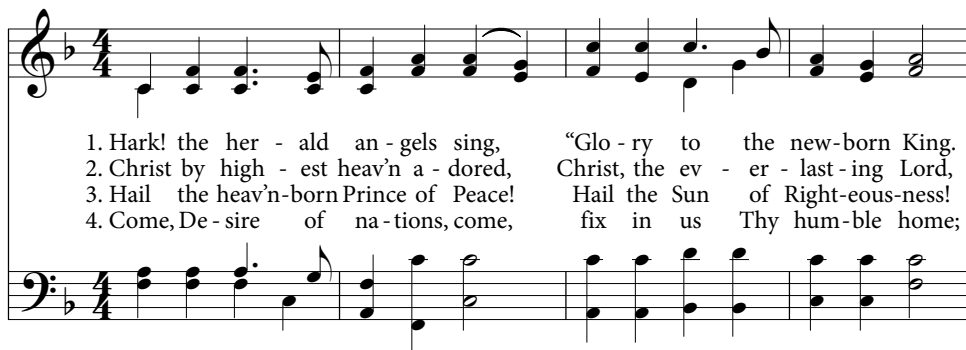
WORDS: Polish carol; tr. Edith M. G. Reed, 1921

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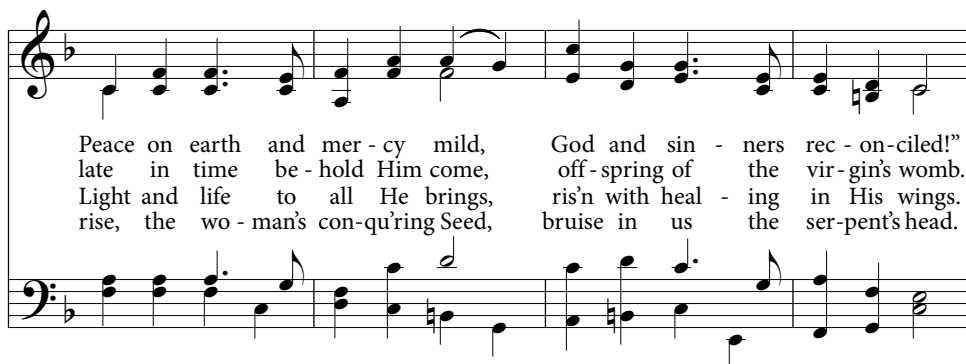
MUSIC: Polish folk melody

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

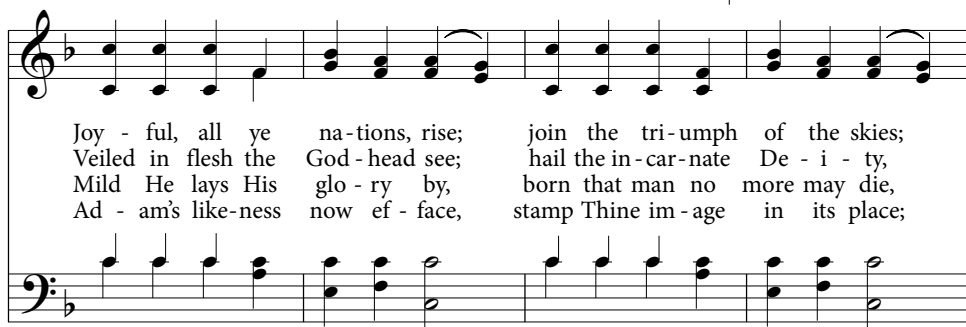
MENDELSSOHN




1. Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, “Glo - ry to the new-born King.
 2. Christ by high - est heav’n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord,
 3. Hail the heav’n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Right-eous-ness!
 4. Come, De - sire of na - tions, come, fix in us Thy hum - ble home;



Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on-ciled!”
 late in time be - hold Him come, off - spring of the vir - gin’s womb.
 Light and life to all He brings, ris’n with heal - ing in His wings.
 rise, the wo - man’s con-qu’ring Seed, bruise in us the ser - pent’s head.



Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise; join the tri - ump of the skies;
 Veiled in flesh the God - head see; hail the in - car - nate De - i - ty,
 Mild He lays His glo - ry by, born that man no more may die,
 Ad - am’s like-ness now ef - face, stamp Thine im - age in its place;



with th’ an - gel - ic host pro - claim, “Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!”
 pleased as man with men to dwell, Je - sus our Em - man - u - el.
 born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them sec - ond birth.
 Sec - ond Ad - am from a - bove, Re - in - state us in Thy love.

WORDS: Charles Wesley, 1739; alt. George Whitefield, 1753, and others

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MUSIC: Felix Mendelssohn, 1840; harm. William H. Cummings, 1855



Hark, the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born King!"

This musical score is written for a two-part setting, likely for soprano and bass voices. The key signature is one flat (B-flat major or D minor), and the time signature is common time (C). The melody is primarily composed of half notes and quarter notes, with some eighth notes in the final phrase. The lyrics are: "Hark, the her - ald an - gels sing, 'Glo - ry to the new-born King!'". The score concludes with a double bar line.

Silent Night

STILLE NACHT

1. Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! All is calm, all is bright
2. Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! Shep - herds quake at the sight.
3. Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! Son of God, love's pure light
4. Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! Won - drous star, lend thy light;

'round yon vir - gin moth - er and child! Ho - ly in - fant, so ten - der and mild,
Glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far, heav'n - ly hosts sing, "Al - le - lu - ia!
ra - diant beams from Thy ho - ly face with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace,
with the an - gels let us sing "Al - le - lu - ia" to our King:

sleep in heav - en - ly peace, sleep in heav - en - ly peace.
Christ the Sav - ior is born! Christ the Sav - ior is born!"
Je - sus, Lord, at Thy birth! Je - sus, Lord, at Thy birth!
"Christ the Sav - ior is born! Christ the Sav - ior is born."

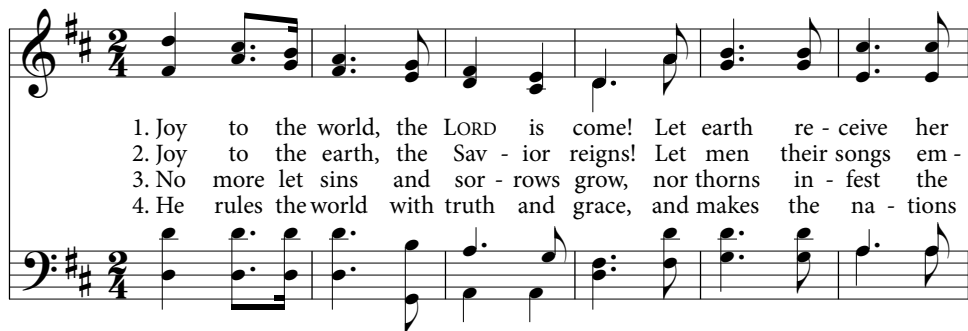
WORDS: st. 1–3, Joseph Mohr, 1818; tr. John F. Young, 1863; st 4., Anonymous

Irregular

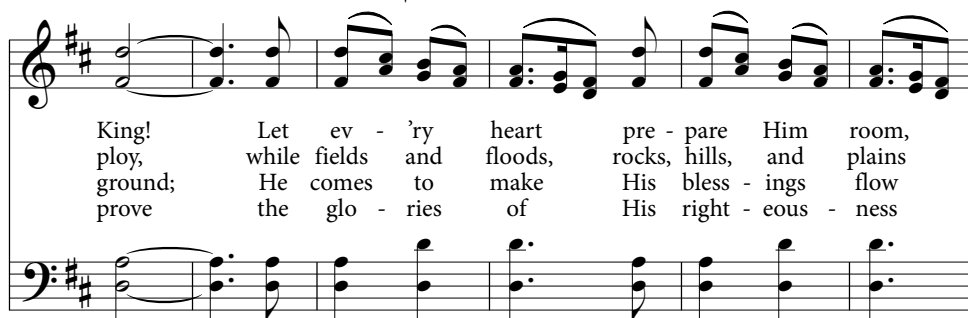
MUSIC: Franz Gruber, 1818

Joy to the World

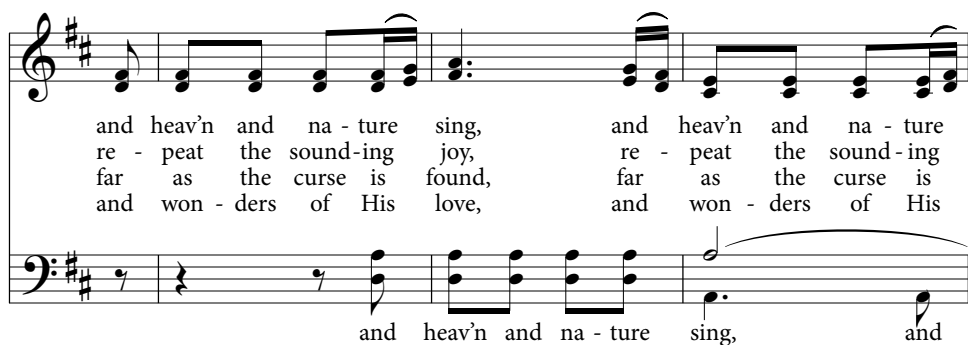
ANTIOCH



1. Joy to the world, the LORD is come! Let earth re - ceive her
 2. Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let men their songs em -
 3. No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in - fest the
 4. He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the na - tions



King! Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare Him room,
 ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
 ground; He comes to make His bless - ings flow
 prove the glo - ries of His right - eous - ness



and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture
 re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing
 far as the curse is found, far as the curse is
 and won - ders of His love, and won - ders of His

and heav'n and na - ture sing, and



sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of His love.

heav'n and na - ture sing,

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