

Week One:

3-4 Recitation:

O God, your love goes round and round the people of the earth.
And now we pray, oh, give to us the joy of Jesus' birth.

3-4 Recitation:

"I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you."

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" (CW 61)

1 Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all you nations rise,
Join the triumph of the skies;
With th' angelic host proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

Refrain:

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

2 Christ, by highest heav'n adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord,
Late in time behold him come,
Offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see,
Hail th' incarnate Deity!
Pleased as man with us to dwell,
Jesus, our Immanuel!

Refrain

3 Hail, the heav'nly Prince of Peace!
Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
Ris'n with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by,
Born that we no more may die,
Born to raise us from the earth,
Born to give us second birth.

Refrain

Week Two:

3-4 Then they made signs to his father, to find out what he would like to name the child. He asked for a writing tablet, and to everyone's astonishment he wrote, 'His name is John.'

3-4 Mary praised the Lord for the great things he had done for his people in the past and the greatest thing he would do for his people in the future by sending the Savior.

3-4 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.

1-4 Song: "Behold, a Branch Is Growing" stanzas 1,2,4 (CW 47)

1 Behold, a Branch is growing
Of loveliest form and grace,
As prophets sang, foreknowing;
It springs from Jesse's race
And bears one little flow'r
In midst of coldest winter,
At deepest midnight hour.

2 Isaiah had foretold it
In words of promise sure,
And Mary's arms enfold it,
A virgin meek and pure.
Through God's eternal will
This child to her is given
At midnight calm and still.

4 This flow'r, so small and tender,
With fragrance fills the air;
His brightness ends the darkness
That kept the earth in fear.
True God and yet true man,
He came to save his people
From earth's dark night of sin.

Week Three:

3-4 This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.’

3-4 “There was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was on him.

PK-8 Song:

Jesus Born on This Day

Today a child is born on earth.
Today a child is born on earth.
Today the glory of God
Shines everywhere
For all the world.

[Chorus:]

Oh Jesus ,born on this day,
He is our light and salvation.
Oh Jesus, born on this day,
He is the King of all nations.

Behold the Lamb of God has come.
Behold the Lamb of God has come.
Behold the Savior is born.
Sing of His love
To everyone.

[Chorus]

Today our hearts rejoice in him.
Today our hearts rejoice in him.
Today the light of His birth
Fills us with hope
And brings peace on earth.

[Chorus]

Today a child is born on earth.
Today a child is born on earth.

He is light, He is love, He is grace.
Born on Christmas day.
He is light, He is love, He is grace.
Born on Christmas day.
He is light, He is love, He is grace.

Born on Christmas day.

Today our hearts rejoice in him.

Today the light of His birth

Fills us with hope.

He is born this day!

1-8 Song:

“O Light of Gentile Nations” (CW 78)

1 O Light of Gentile nations,
O Savior from above,
Drawn by your Spirit’s leading,
We come with joy and love
Into your holy temple
And wait with rev’rent mind
As Simeon once had waited
His God and Lord to find.

2 Dear Lord, your servants meet you
In ev’ry holy place
Where your true Word has promised
That we should see your face.
Today you still allow us
Who gather round you here
In arms of faith to hold you
As did that aged seer.

3 Lord, when life’s troubles touch us,
You seem to hide your face,
And through our tears we often
Can scarcely sense your grace.
Then be our joy and brightness,
Our cheer in pain and loss,
Our sun in darkest terror,
The glory round our cross.

4 Let us, O Lord, be faithful
Like Simeon to the end
So that his prayer exultant
May from our hearts ascend:
“O Lord, now let your servant
Depart in peace, I pray,
Since I have seen my Savior
And here beheld his day.”