

Christmas Memory Work: Grades 1-2

I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel. (Genesis 3:15)

“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.

When it was time for Elizabeth to have her baby, she gave birth to a son. Her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown her great mercy, and they shared her joy.

He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child.

Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, ‘Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.’ (Luke 2:8-14)

“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

The child's father and mother marveled at what was said about him. (Luke 2:25-33)

"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."

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
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