

Midnight Stars Make Bright the Skies

Grades 1-4 only

1. Midnight stars make bright the skies,
Bethlehem in slumber lies:
Glist'ning heaven sends forth a great light,
Shepherds see a wondrous sight!

Angel ranks in chorus sing.
Silken sounds from heaven ring.
Frightened shepherds hear them say;
"Christ is born on earth today!"

Refrain

Glory be to God on high,
Blest are all beneath the sky.

2. Midnight slumber lies o'er all,
One lone bright lamp lights the stall.
Choose old clothing, wrap him warmly,
Manger shall his cradle be.

Born to save us from our sin,
Word made flesh, our lives to win,
Came to earth from heaven's throne
Mortals' sin to bear alone. *Refrain*

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Grades 1-8

1. O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here,
Until the Son of God appear.

Refrain

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

All Children and Congregation

4. O come, Desire of nations, bind
All peoples in one heart and mind;
Bid envy, strife and quarrels cease;
And fill the world with heaven's peace. *Refrain*

Advent Blessing

Grades 1-4 only

1. Bless all you sons and daughters who await the
coming child:
The only Son, the Promised One.
Who comes to us born in a stable, in a stable.

2. Bless all the children of the light, with their
brilliant faces.
Lift high your candles, show the night;
That Christ overcomes the darkness, the darkness.

Refrain

Alleluia, Alleluia.
The light of Light overshadows.
Alleluia, Alleluia.
Brighter than the things of Earth,
Son of God, humble birth,
Son of God, humble birth.

3. Bless all who worship in this place, the coming
breath of heaven.

The One whose life and death becomes
Salvation to the nations, to the nations. *Refrain*
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Silent Night, Holy Night

Grades 1-8

1. 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.

Away in a Manger

Grades 1-8

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1. Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,
The little Lord Jesus lay down His sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay.
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

Grades 1-8 and Congregation

2. The cattle are lowing, the poor baby wakes,
But little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.
I love you, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky
And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

Grades 1-8 and Congregation

3. Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask you to stay.
Close by me forever and love me I pray.
Bless all the dear children in your tender care,
And fit us for heaven to live with you there.

Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful

All Children and Congregation

1. Oh, come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
Oh, come, ye, oh, come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold Him! Born the King of angels;
Oh, come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

2. Sing choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
Sing all you citizens of heav'n above;
Glory to God in the highest;
Oh, come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

Luke 2:1-7

Spoken by Grades 1-4 only

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. And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.
2. And all went to be taxed, everyone into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, unto the city of David which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David; to be taxed with Mary, his espoused wife, being great with child.
3. And so it was that while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her first-born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger because there was no room for them in the inn.