

Christmas will soon be here and so will our **Christmas Prayer Service**. The Service will be during the beginning of the last day of classes before the break (**Dec.14 & 15**). During the Service we will be reminded of the Christmas Story and pray with song through carols. I would greatly appreciate your help in preparing your children for this Christmas Service by their **practicing the songs below at home**. We have only a couple of weeks and I believe that they will enjoy it so much more if they can participate fully by being comfortable with the songs. Pk-1st grade will have two special songs: Twinkle Twinkle and Ring the Bells while everyone will join in the other songs.

I encourage all of you to attend as all the children will be in attendance and the sounds of their voices, singing in prayer, are so beautiful!

May you all have a Blessed Christmas and know that His Light shall shine in you as He is born in your heart. Although He could not find a room at the inn, He surely can find a place in the hearts of men.

Thank you, and I look forward to seeing you there!

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TWINKLE TWINKLE (*Twinkle Twinkle Little Star*)

Twinkle twinkle little star
Lead the Magi from afar
As they follow your bright light
To discover what a sight
In a stable filled with hay
Jesus born on Christmas Day.

RING THE BELLS (*Row Row Row Your Boat*)

Ring ring ring the bells
Ring them loud and clear
To tell the children everywhere
That Christmas time is near.

O Little Town of Bethlehem, Away in a Manger, Silent Night, The First Noel, O Come Little Children, What Child Is This, Go Tell It On the Mountain (see following pages)

AWAY IN A MANGER

Away in a manger, no crib for His bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head:
The stars in the sky looked down where He lay,
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the poor Baby wakes,
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 to heaven to live with Thee there.

O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

O little town of Bethlehem
How still we see thee lie
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
The everlasting Light; But
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in Thee tonight.

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!
Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from Thy holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord at Thy birth,
Jesus, Lord at Thy birth.

THE FIRST NOEL

The first Noel, the angels did say,
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay.
In fields where they, lay keeping their sheep,
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Chorus:
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.

They look-ed up and saw a star
Shining in the East beyond them far,
And to the earth it gave great light,
And so it continued both day and night.

Chorus:
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.

O COME, LITTLE CHILDREN

O come little children, O come one and all
O come to the manger in Bethlehem's stall,
And see in His crib, o heavenly sight,
What God has created this high, Holy night.

WHAT CHILD IS THIS

What child is this, who laid to rest,
On Mary's lap is sleeping? Whom angels greet
With anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping.
This, this is Christ the King,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,
The Babe, the Son of Mary.

JOY TO THE WORLD

Joy to the world, the Lord is come;
Let earth receive her King.
Let every heart prepare him room,
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven and nature sing
And heaven and heaven and nature
Sing.

GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN

*Chorus: Go tell it on the mountain
Over the hills and everywhere
Go tell it on the mountain
That Jesus Christ is born.*

While shepherds kept their watching
O'er silent flocks by night,
Behold throughout the heavens
There shone a Holy Light

*Go tell it on the mountain
Over the hill 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 Savior's birth.

Chorus: Go tell it on the

Down in a lowly manger
Our humble Christ was born
And God sent us salvation
That blessed Christmas morn.

*Go tell it on the mountain
Over the hill and everywhere
Go tell it on the mountain
That Jesus Christ is born*