

**Opening song: Once in Royal David's City (by C.F. Alexander, H.J. Gauntlett)**

Once in royal David's city  
Stood a lowly cattle shed,  
Where a mother laid her baby  
In a manger for his bed:  
Mary was that mother mild,  
Jesus Christ her little child.

He came down to earth from heaven  
Who is God and Lord of all,  
And his shelter was a stable,  
And his cradle was a stall;  
With the poor and mean and lowly  
Lived on earth our Saviour holy.

And through all his wondrous childhood  
He would honour and obey,  
Love and watch the lowly maiden,  
In whose gentle arms he lay:  
Christian children all should be  
Kind, obedient, good as he.

For he is our childhood's pattern,  
Day by day like us he grew,  
He was little, weak, and helpless,  
Tears and smiles like us he knew:  
And he feels for all our sadness,  
And he shares in all our gladness.

And our eyes at last shall see him,  
Through his own redeeming love,  
For that child so dear and gentle  
Is our Lord in heaven above;  
And he leads his children on  
To the place where he has gone.

Not in that poor lowly stable,  
With the oxen standing by,  
We shall see him; but in heaven,

Set at God's right hand on high;  
When like stars his children crowned  
All in white shall wait around.

**First Lesson song: Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring (by Johann Sebastian Bach)**

Jesu joy of man's desiring  
Holy wisdom, love most bright  
Drawn by Thee, our souls aspiring  
Soar to uncreated light

Word of God, our flesh that fashioned  
With the fire of life impassioned  
Striving still to truth unknown  
Soaring, dying round Thy throne

Through the way where hope is guiding  
Hark, what peaceful music rings  
Where the flock in Thee confiding  
Drink of joy from deathless springs

Theirs is beauty's fairest pleasure  
Theirs is wisdom's holiest treasure  
Thou dost ever lead Thine own  
In the love of joys unknown

**Second Lesson song: Reges Terrae (by Pierre de Manchicourt)**

No lyrics.

**Third Lesson song: Creator of the Stars of Night**

1 Creator of the starry height,  
thy people's everlasting light,  
Jesu, redeemer of us all,  
hear thou thy servants when they call.

2 Thou, sorrowing at the helpless cry  
of all creation doomed to die,  
didst come to save our fallen race

by healing gifts of heavenly grace.

3 When earth was near its evening hour,  
thou didst, in love's redeeming power,  
like bridegroom from his chamber, come  
forth from a virgin-mother's womb.

4 At thy great name, exalted now,  
all knees in lowly homage bow;  
all things in heaven and earth adore,  
and own thee King for evermore.

5 To thee, O Holy One, we pray,  
our judge in that tremendous day,  
ward off, while yet we dwell below,  
the weapons of our crafty foe.

6 To God the Father, God the Son,  
and God the Spirit, Three in One,  
praise, honour, might, and glory be  
from age to age eternally.

#### **Fourth Lesson song: O Come, O Come Emmanuel**

1 O come, O come, Immanuel,  
and ransom captive Israel  
that mourns in lonely exile here  
until the Son of God appear.

#### **Refrain:**

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel  
shall come to you, O Israel.**

2 O come, O Wisdom from on high,  
who ordered all things mightily;  
to us the path of knowledge show  
and teach us in its ways to go. **Refrain**

3 O come, O come, great Lord of might,  
who to your tribes on Sinai's height

in ancient times did give the law  
in cloud and majesty and awe. **Refrain**

4 O come, O Branch of Jesse's stem,  
unto your own and rescue them!  
From depths of hell your people save,  
and give them victory o'er the grave. **Refrain**

5 O come, O Key of David, come  
and open wide our heavenly home.  
Make safe for us the heavenward road  
and bar the way to death's abode. **Refrain**

6 O come, O Bright and Morning Star,  
and bring us comfort from afar!  
Dispel the shadows of the night  
and turn our darkness into light. **Refrain**

7 O come, O King of nations, bind  
in one the hearts of all mankind.  
Bid all our sad divisions cease  
and be yourself our King of Peace. **Refrain**

### **Fifth Lesson song: Ave Maria**

Ave Maria  
Gratia plena  
Dominus tecum  
Benedicta tu in mulieribus  
Et benedictus fructus  
Ventris tui, Jesus  
Santa Maria, Santa Maria  
Maria, ora pro nobis  
Nobis peccatoribus  
Nunc et in hora  
Mortis nostrae  
Amen

### **Sixth Lesson song: Silent Night**

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.

2 Silent night, holy night!  
Shepherds quake at the sight;  
Glories stream from heaven afar;  
Heav'nly hosts sing "alleluia!  
Christ, the Savior, is born!  
Christ, the Savior, is born!"

3 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.

### **Seventh Lesson song: We Three Kings (by John H. H. Hopkins)**

We three kings of Orient are  
Bearing gifts we traverse afar  
Field and fountain, moor and mountain  
Following yonder star  
We three kings, we three kings

Born a king on Bethlehem's plain  
Gold I bring to crown Him again  
King forever, ceasing never  
Over us all to reign

Oh, star of wonder, star of night  
Star with royal beauty bright  
Westward leading, still proceeding  
Guide us to thy perfect light

We three kings, we three kings

Myrrh is mine, it's bitter perfume  
Breaths a life of gathering gloom  
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding dying  
Sealed in the stone-cold tomb

Oh, star of wonder, star of night  
Star with royal beauty bright  
Westward leading, still proceeding  
Guide us to thy perfect light

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### **Eighth Lesson song: Verbum Caro Factus Est**

#### **Refrain:**

**Verbum caro factum est de virgine,  
verbum caro factum est de virgine Maria.**

1. In hoc anni circulo vita datur seculo:  
nato nobis paruulo de virgine:  
nato nobis paruulo de virgine Maria.
2. O beata foemina, cuius ventris gloria  
Mundi lauatur crimina: de virgine Maria.
3. Stella solem protulit, sol salutem contulit,  
Carnem veram abstulit de virgine Maria.
4. Fons de suo riuulo nascitur pro populo,

Quem tulit de vinculo: de virgine Maria.

5. Laus, honor, virtus, Domino Deo Patri & Filio,  
Sancto simul Parcleto: de virgine Maria.

**Ninth Lesson song: Go Tell It on the Mountain**

**Refrain:**

**Go tell it on the mountain,  
Over the hills and ev'rywhere;  
Go tell it on the mountain  
That Jesus Christ is born.**

While shepherds kept their watching  
Over silent flocks by night,  
Behold throughout the heavens,  
There shone a holy light:  
Go, Tell It On The Mountain,  
Over the hills 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 Saviour's birth:  
Go, Tell It On The Mountain,  
Over the hills and everywhere;  
Go, Tell It On The Mountain  
That Jesus Christ is born.

Down in a lowly manger  
Our humble Christ was born  
And God send us salvation,  
That blessed Christmas morn:  
Go, Tell It On The Mountain,  
Over the hills and everywhere;  
Go, Tell It On The Mountain  
That Jesus Christ is born.

When I am a seeker,  
I seek both night and day;  
I seek the Lord to help me,  
And He shows me the way:  
Go, Tell It On The Mountain,  
Over the hills and everywhere;  
Go, Tell It On The Mountain  
That Jesus Christ is born.

He made me a watchman  
Upon the city wall,  
And if I am a Christian,  
I am the least of all.  
Go, Tell It On The Mountain,  
Over the hills and everywhere;  
Go, Tell It On The Mountain  
That Jesus Christ is born.

**Closing song: Joy to the World**

Joy to the world! the Lord is come:  
Let earth receive her King;  
Let ev'ry heart prepare him room,  
And heav'n and nature sing,  
And heav'n and nature sing,  
And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the world! the Saviour reigns:  
Let us, our songs employ;  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace,  
And makes the nations prove  
The glories of his righteousness,  
And wonders of his love,  
And wonders of his love,  
And wonders, wonders of his love.