

Go, tell it on the mountain,
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
Over silent flocks by night
Behold throughout the heavens
There shone a holy light.

The shepherds feared and
trembled,
When lo! above the earth,
Rang out the angels chorus
That hailed the Savior's birth.

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

Ideas for serving this Christmas:

1. Bring some home made treats to your neighbors and wish them a Merry Christmas.
2. If you know someone who does not have family in town, invite them over for dinner or dessert on Christmas day.
3. If you are out on Christmas, take some baked goods or gift cards to share with people who are working while you are out. Leave large tips to servers if you go out to eat.
4. Serve at a local homeless shelter, retirement home, or community center.

Pray:

Share with each other what you are thankful for.. Take time to be grateful what God has done for you this past year.

Jesus came to make all things new (Revelation 21:5) and to fix what is broken in the world. What broken thing do you hope Jesus will fix this year?

After you have shared pray together. (It might be good if you allowed everyone to pray for someone else.)

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,
Shepherds quake at the sight,
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heavenly hosts sing alleluia;
Christ the Savior, is born!
Christ the Savior, is born!

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.



Big Idea: Make this Christmas About Jesus. On the morning of December 25 we hope that every person at New City will celebrate Christ's birth. Family, food, and giving are great, but if Christmas is not about Jesus, it is missing the greatest gift the world has ever been given. We have created this resource to help you celebrate Jesus.

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“on earth as it is in
heaven.” –Matthew 6:10

Scripture Reading:

Luke 2:1-12 (ESV)

2 In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. ² This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³ And all went to be registered, each to his own town. ⁴ And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, ⁵ to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. ⁶ And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. ⁷ And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. ⁸ And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹ And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. ¹⁰ And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. ¹¹ For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. ¹² And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger."

Isaiah 9:6-7 (ESV)

⁶ For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷ Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Matthew 2:1-2, 9-11 (ESV)

2 Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, ² saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him."

⁹ After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. ¹⁰ When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. ¹¹ And going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh.

Talk About Jesus:

1. King Jesus was born in a manger. What does that say about Jesus? (Note: ⁹ For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich. - 2 Corinthians 8:9)
2. How does the first Christmas (the birth of Jesus) differ from the way we celebrate Christmas today?

3. What can we learn from the first Christmas that might change the way we celebrate Christmas in the future?
4. In what way or for what reasons are you thankful for Jesus today?
5. Why did Jesus come to earth? (Note: "...the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." -Matthew 20:28)
6. Why did we need to be rescued from slavery (ransomed)? (Note: "But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life." -Romans 6:22)
7. The world is broken and in slavery because of sin. (Note: "For the creation waits... that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain... freedom..." -Romans 8:19-21) Jesus "makes all things new" (Revelations 21:5). What needs restoration in our world today?

Sing:

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.

Joy to the World, the Savior reigns!
Let men their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills
and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat, the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow,
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings
flow
Far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found,
Far as, far as, the curse is found.

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.

Oh, come, all ye faithful,

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,
Oh, come, let us adore him,
Oh, come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord.

Highest, most holy,
Light of light eternal,
Born of a virgin,
A mortal he comes;
Son of the Father
Now in flesh appearing!
Oh, come, let us adore him,
Oh, come, let us adore him,
Oh, come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord.

Sing, choirs of angels,
Sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven
above!
Glory to God
In the highest:
Oh, come, let us adore him,
Oh, come, let us adore him,
Oh, come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord.