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Christmas Eve 2017

Family Service

4 p.m.

Welcome

Setting the Stage

The Two Key Individuals of Christmas

Telling the Christmas Story: Luke & Matthew

Who are the characters in the nativity?

The Saint Nicholas Story: Santa Claus.

Light the Candle of the Advent Wreath

Hope, Peace, Joy & Love. The Christ Candle

Sunday School Song: "Little Jesus, Sweetly Sleep"

A Christmas Scavenger Hunt (#1 to #7)

The Giving of Gifts

A Christmas Scavenger Hunt (#8 & #9)

Closing Words / Benediction

Journey Song: "We Wish You a Merry Christmas"

Family Service – lyrics

"Up On the Rooftop"

Up on the rooftop reindeer pause.

Out jumps good old Santa Claus

Down thru the chimney with lots of toys

All for the little ones Christmas joys

Ho, ho, ho! Who wouldn't go!

Ho, ho, ho! Who wouldn't go!

Up on the rooftop: Click, click, click

Down thru the chimney with Good Saint Nick

"Santa Claus is coming to Town"

You better watch out. You better not cry. Better not pout.

I'm telling you why: Santa Claus is coming to town.

He's making a list; He's checking it twice;

He's gonna find out who's naughty or nice.

Santa Claus is coming to town.

He sees you when you're sleeping.

He knows when you're awake.

He knows when you've been bad or good.

So be good for goodness sake!

"Away in a Manger"

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed;

The little Lord Jesus lay down His sweet head.

The stars in the sky look down where He lay.

The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

"The Gospel in a Word"

Love, love, love, love. The gospel in a word is love.

Love your neighbour as your self. Love, love, love.

Joy, joy, joy, joy. The gospel in a word is Joy.
Joy that fills to overflowing. Joy, joy, joy.

Peace, peace, peace, peace. The gospel in a word is peace.
Peace that passes understanding. Peace, peace, peace.

“Frosty the Snowman”

Frosty the snowman was a jolly happy soul,
With a corn cob pipe and a button nose
And two eyes made out of coal.
Frosty the snowman is a fairy tale, they say,
He was made of snow, but the children know
How he came to life one day.

There must have been some magic in
that old silk hat they found.
For when they placed it on his head he began to dance around.
O, Frosty the snowman was alive as he could be,
And the children say he could laugh
And play just the same as you and me.

“It Came Upon The Midnight Clear”

It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth
to touch their harps of gold;
"Peace on the earth, good will to all
from heaven's all-gracious King"
The world in solemn stillness lay to hear the angels sing.

“Rudolph the red nosed Reindeer”

You know Dasher and Dancer and Prancer and Vixen,
Comet and Cupid and Donner and Blitzen;
But do you recall the most famous reindeer of all?
Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer had a very shiny nose,

And if you ever saw it, you would even say it glows.
All of the other reindeer used to laugh and call him names;
They never let poor Rudolph join in any reindeer games.

Then one foggy Christmas Eve Santa came to say:
"Rudolph, with your nose so bright
won't you guide my sleigh tonight?"
Then how the reindeer loved him
as they shouted out with glee:
"Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer You'll go down in history"

“Hope is a Star”

Hope is a star that shines in the night,
leading us on till the morning is bright.
Chorus: When God is a child there's joy in our song.
The last shall be first and the weak shall be strong,
and none shall be afraid.

“Gentle Mary Laid Her Child”

Gentle Mary laid her child lowly in a manger,
There he lay the undefiled to the world a stranger.
Such a babe in such a place, can he be the Saviour?
All the plains were lit that night, all have found his favour.

“Jingle Bells”

Dashing through the snow in a one-horse open sleigh.
O'er the fields we go, laughing all the way.
Bells on bobtails ring, making spirits bright
What fun it is to ride and sing a sleighing song tonight.
Jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle all the way.
Oh what fun it is to ride in a one-horse open sleigh,
Hey Jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle all the way.
Oh what fun it is to ride in a one-horse open sleigh.

“We three Kings of Orient Are”

We three kings of Orient are bearing gifts we traverse afar.
Field and fountain, moor and mountain,
following yonder star.

O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to thy perfect Light.

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

“You’re a Mean One Mr. Grinch”

You're a mean one, Mr. Grinch. You really are a heel.
You're as cuddly as a cactus; you're as charming as an eel,
Mr. Grinch. You're a bad banana with a greasy black peel!

You're a monster, Mr. Grinch. Your heart's an empty hole.
Your brain is full of spiders,
you have garlic in your soul, Mr. Grinch
I wouldn't touch you with a thirty-nine-and-a-half foot pole!

“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 dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus Lord, at Thy birth. Jesus Lord, at Thy birth

“We wish you a Merry Christmas”

We wish you a Merry Christmas.
We wish you a Merry Christmas.
We wish you a Merry Christmas. And a happy New Year.
Good tidings we bring to you and your kin;
Good tidings for Christmas and a happy New Year!

We wish you a Merry Christmas.
We wish you a Merry Christmas
We wish you a Merry Christmas. And a happy New Year.
So, bring us figgy pudding. Bring us figgy pudding
Bring us figgy pudding and a cup of good cheer.

We won't go 'til we get some.
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We won't go until we get some. So bring it out here!

We wish you a Merry Christmas.
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We wish you a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year

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