

**A Virtual Christmas Pageant - Lessons and Carols (The Message)**  
written for Zoom and/or Video Recording

**Welcome**

**Home 1 - Lighting of the Advent Wreath**

Leader: First we light the candle of HOPE

**People: Because Jesus is our hope.**

Leader: Second, we light the candle of PEACE

**People: Because Jesus is our peace.**

Leader: Third we light the candle of JOY

**People: Because Jesus brings joy.**

Leader: Fourth, we light the candle of LOVE

**People: Because Jesus is love.**

Leader: Finally we light the centre candle.

This is the CHRIST candle

**People: Jesus is born. Jesus has come.**

**Jesus is our salvation.**

**Home 2 - Call his name Jesus**

**Luke 1:26-32**

God sent the angel Gabriel to the Galilean village of Nazareth to a virgin engaged to be married to a man descended from David. His name was Joseph, and the virgin's name, Mary. Upon entering, Gabriel greeted her:

Good morning! You're beautiful with God's beauty, Beautiful inside and out! God be with you.

She was thoroughly shaken, wondering what was behind a greeting like that. But the angel assured her, "Mary, you have nothing to fear. God has a surprise for you: You will become pregnant and give birth to a son and call his name Jesus. He will be great, be called 'Son of the Highest.'

**Hymn *Hope is a star***

**B of P #122 (all verses)**

**Home 3 - And she laid him in a manger**

**Luke 2:1-7**

About that time Caesar Augustus ordered a census to be taken throughout the Empire.

This was the first census when Quirinius was governor of Syria. Everyone had to travel to his own ancestral hometown to be accounted for. So Joseph went from the Galilean town of Nazareth up to Bethlehem in Judah, David's town, for the census. As a descendant of David, he had to go there. He went with Mary, his fiancée, who was pregnant.

While they were there, the time came for her to give birth. She gave birth to a son, her firstborn. She wrapped him in a blanket and laid him in a manger, because there was no room in the hostel.

**Hymn *Away in a manger***

**B of P #149 (v. 1 & 2)**

**Home 4 - I am here to announce a great and joyful event**

**Luke 2:8-12**

There were shepherders camping in the neighbourhood. They had set night watches over their sheep. Suddenly, God's angel stood among them and God's glory blazed around them. They were terrified. The angel said, "Don't be afraid. I'm here to announce a great and joyful event that is meant for everybody, worldwide: A Saviour has just been born in David's town, a Saviour who is Messiah and Master. This is what you're to look for: a baby wrapped in a blanket and lying in a manger."

**Hymn *While shepherds watched***

**B of P #138 (v. 1 - 4)**

**Home 5 - Glory to God in the heavenly heights**

**Luke 2:13-14**

At once the angel was joined by a huge angelic choir singing God's praises:

Glory to God in the heavenly heights,  
Peace to all men and women on earth who please him.

**Hymn *Hark! the herald angels sing***

**B of P #139 (all verses)**

**Home 6 - They could hardly contain themselves**

**Matthew 2:1-2, 5b, 9b - 10**

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem village, Judah territory— this was during Herod's kingship—a band of scholars arrived in Jerusalem from the East. They asked around, "Where can we find and pay homage to the newborn King of the Jews? We observed a star in the eastern sky that signaled his birth. We're on pilgrimage to worship him."

They told him, "Bethlehem, Judah territory.

They set off. Then the star appeared again, the same star they had seen in the eastern skies. It led them on until it hovered over the place of the child. They could hardly contain themselves: They were in the right place! They had arrived at the right time!

**Hymn *Joy to the world***

**B of P #153 (all verses)**

**Home 7 - They saw the child in the arms of Mary**

**Matthew 2:11**

They entered the house and saw the child in the arms of Mary, his mother. Overcome, they kneeled and worshiped him. Then they opened their luggage and presented gifts: gold, frankincense, myrrh.

**Hymn *What child is this***

**B of P #161 (v. 1 & 3)**

**Home 8 - Prince of wholeness**

**Isaiah 9:6**

For a child has been born—for us!  
the gift of a son—for us!  
He'll take over  
the running of the world.  
His names will be: Amazing Counselor,  
Strong God,  
Eternal Father,  
Prince of Wholeness.

**Hymn *Silent night***

**B o P #154 (all verses)**