

# The Well Good News Of Christmas

Welcome

Carol

O come all ye faithful

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant

O come ye, o come ye to Bethlehem

O come and behold Him, born the King of Angels

O come, let us adore Him

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O come, let us adore Him

Christ the Lord

Introduction

Sounds and actions:

**Shepherds:** Hands out and bent forward, say 'Baa'

**Wise men:** Stroke chin wisely and say 'hmmm'

**Mary:** Hands up and shout 'Mummy'

**Joseph:** Hands up and shout 'Daddy'

**Angel:** Wave hands above head and sing a holy 'ahhh'

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Narrator: Our story starts a really, really long time ago. It was a time

Before **shepherds (baaa)**

Before **wise men (hmm)**

Our story starts before humans like you and me...

In a time before everything

God made the world.

And it was well good!

But...the humans God made, like you and like me,

Thought it was not good enough and that God was nasty.

In fact, they hid from God and use the world to their own ends,

So God and humans could no longer be friends.

But God wants to be friends, so God made a plan.

And his plan was to send a very, special young man.

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Narrator: Now, where are all the Marys? Let's see!

Many years later, there was a young lady called **Mary (mummy!)**.

This one day, or maybe even night

an **angel (ahh!)** appeared suddenly and gave **Mary (mummy!)** a fright.

The **angel (ahh!)** said:

**Chorus: I bring good news**

**It's well good – honest!**

**There'll be a baby born**

**Just as God promised**

Narrator: So **Mary (mummy!)** was going to have a baby, just as God promised.

And this very, special baby would be called, Jesus.

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Narrator: Now, where are all the Josephs? Let's see!

There was a man called **Joseph (daddy!)** and he was engaged to **Mary (mummy!)**.

But **Joseph (daddy!)** noticed, she had a bit of a belly.

He saw her big belly bump, and wondered how'd it got there.

And so he scratched his head 'til a patch was bare.

But one night, when **Joseph (daddy!)** was sleeping, an **angel (ahh!)** came to visit.

The **angel (ahh!)** said:

**Mary (mummy!)** will give birth through the Spirit.

**Chorus: I bring good news**

**It's well good – honest**

**There'll be a baby born**

**Just as God promised**

Narrator: So **Mary (mummy!)** and **Joseph (daddy!)** got married then

Set off on a journey, all the way to Bethlehem.

## O Little Town of Bethlehem

Oh 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  
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

Oh morning stars together, proclaim thy holy birth.  
And praises sing to God the king, and peace to men on earth.  
For Christ is born of Mary, and gathered all above  
While mortals sleep the angels keep their watch of wondering love

Oh 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  
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

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Narrator: When they arrived in Bethlehem

**Mary (mummy!)** was ready to give birth to the baby who'll be King

But guess what? There was no room for them at the inn!

**Chorus: I bring good news**

**It's well good – honest!**

**There'll be a baby born**

**Just as God promised**

Narrator: So they managed to find somewhere to stay,

In a place full of hay.

They stayed in the place where animals get fed.

And it was there that baby Jesus was born, with straw for a bed.

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Narrator: Now, where are all the shepherds? Let's see!

Now, **shepherds (baaa)** were in a field nearby,

Resting under the night sky,

Or, maybe, cleaning their shoes and

scraping off all the smelly sheep poos!

[React to a bad smell]

But all of a sudden, the night disappeared.

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Narrator: Now, where are all the angels? Let's see.

In blazing light, an **angel (ahh!)** appeared!

**Chorus: Don't be afraid**

**It's well good – honest!**

**A baby's been born**

**Just as God promised**

Narrator: And, in case the **shepherds (baaa)** were left wondering

The night sky filled with a crowd of **angels (ahh!)** thundering:

**Chorus: Don't be afraid**

**It's well good – honest!**

**A baby's been born**

**Just as God promised**

Narrator: So the **shepherds (baaa)**, listening to what the **angels (ahh!)** had said, hurried to Bethlehem to find the shed

And in a manger, the **shepherds (baaa)** were first to see

Baby Jesus born for them, and for you, and for me.

**Away in a manger**

**Away in a manger no crib for a bed**

**The little lord Jesus laid down his sweet head**

**The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay**

**The little lord Jesus asleep on the hay.**

**The cattle are lowing the baby awakes**

**But little lord Jesus no crying he makes.**

**I love you lord Jesus; look down from the sky**

**And stay by my side until morning is nigh.**

**Be near me lord Jesus I ask you to stay**

**Close by me for ever, and love me, I pray.**

**Bless all the dear children in your tender care,**

**And fit us for heaven, to live with you there.**

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Narrator: Now, where are all the wise men? Let's see!

Let's not forget in this story, there are some **wise men (hmm)** from afar.

For 2 years they travelled onwards, following a star!

To King Herod they asked where the new King was.

Would he help them with their cause?

King Herod sent the **wise men (hmm)** to Bethlehem,

as long as they would help him.

So the **wise men (hmm)** found Jesus

Next to animals with fur

And they brought him some Gold,

Frankincense and Myrrh.

And the **wise men (hmm)** bowed down and worshipped the baby King.

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Narrator: Herod wanted the **wise men (hmm)** to report back to him,

But they knew if they told Herod, Jesus' chances were slim!

**Chorus: Don't be afraid**

**Hear what I say!**

**Just don't visit Herod**

**Go home another way.**

Narrator: An **angel (ahh!)** warned **Joseph (daddy!)** and **Mary (mummy!)**

to hide from Herod in a different country.

Herod searched high

And Herod searched low,

but where was Jesus? He just didn't know.

**Chorus: Don't be afraid**

**Hear what I say!**

**Run away from Herod**

**Find somewhere safe to stay.**

Narrator: So they escaped to Egypt, away from Herod's madness.

It was a long time before they could return to their home with gladness.

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Narrator: So Jesus grew up, from a baby, to a boy, to a man.

Jesus grew up to fulfil God's plan.

He healed the sick, was amazing all the time-

Walked on water and turned water into wine!

Remember that plan God had to make friends

Even though people were mean and wouldn't make amends?

Jesus the baby and Jesus the man,

This exact same Jesus is God's rescue plan.

Jesus lived, then he died, for you and for me,

He did it to make our wrong, history.

He died on a cross then rose from the dead

To pay for all the mean things we've ever done or dread.

And that's why Christmas is the well good news, honest!

Jesus came, just as God promised.

**Chorus: We bring good news**

**It's well good – honest!**

**The baby's been born**

**Just as God promised**

**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 Saviour 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.**

**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.**

Conclusion

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