

# TIME FOR A SAVIOR



**Children's Messages**  
Four Weeks of Advent  
& Christmas Day

Time for a Light  
Time for a Song  
Time for a Journey  
Time for a Manger  
Time for a Savior



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# TIME FOR A SONG

## A Children's Sermon for the Second Week of Advent

Hello, everyone. The Bible says that there is "a time for every matter under heaven" (Ecclesiastes 3:1). So you may have already noticed that the season of Advent is known to be a time for singing. We hear Christmas songs 24/7 on some radio stations. We hear Christmas tunes in elevators and in stores. We often sing more hymns in church on Sundays in Advent, and you maybe even have heard some carolers in your neighborhood, singing Christmas songs door-to-door.

Music is everywhere these days, and it is a reminder to us of the first Christmas when some very special songs were sung. First, shortly after the angel Gabriel came to Mary to tell her that she would be the mother of Jesus, Mary sang a song of rejoicing called the Magnificat. That is the song's name because it begins with the word *magnify*. The song starts out like this:

*"My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowly state of his servant. Surely from now on all generations will call me blessed, for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name" (Luke 1:46-49).*

Very often we sing this song in church during the Advent season because it reminds us of how great our God is for sending us Jesus to save us from our sins.

I have another song to share with you. When the angels came from heaven to earth to greet the shepherds with the news that Jesus was born, they had a song to sing too. Their song went like this:

*"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!" (Luke 2:14).*

This song filled the shepherds with such excitement that they ran with haste to find Mary, Joseph and Jesus. Advent is a time for us to get just as excited about heading to church to sing praises to God and to Jesus for the peace that we have because of him.

Finally, we remember the song that an old man named Simeon sang in the temple in Jerusalem after he had held Baby Jesus in his arms. He sang:

*"Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the gentiles and for glory to your people Israel" (Luke 2:29-32).*

We often sing a version of this song at the end of worship to thank God for our salvation in Jesus. It prepares us to leave church and go out into the world to proclaim that Jesus is the Light of the World.

What is your favorite song about Jesus that you like to sing at this time of the year. (*Allow the children to respond.*) Take some time this week to sing this song or to listen to this song on a smartphone. Think about the fact that you are adding to the singing of Mary, the angels and Simeon with your song to Jesus. Let us pray:

*O God, like Mary, the angels and Simeon before us, we joyfully sing our songs to you in thanksgiving for sending Jesus to earth to be with us and save us. Thank you for our voices and for the music we are blessed to enjoy this season. Amen.*

Activities for the Second Week of Advent

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## Scramble

Unscramble these names of musical instruments.

IOPAN \_\_\_\_\_

TBAU \_\_\_\_\_

EUMPTTR \_\_\_\_\_

ELBL \_\_\_\_\_

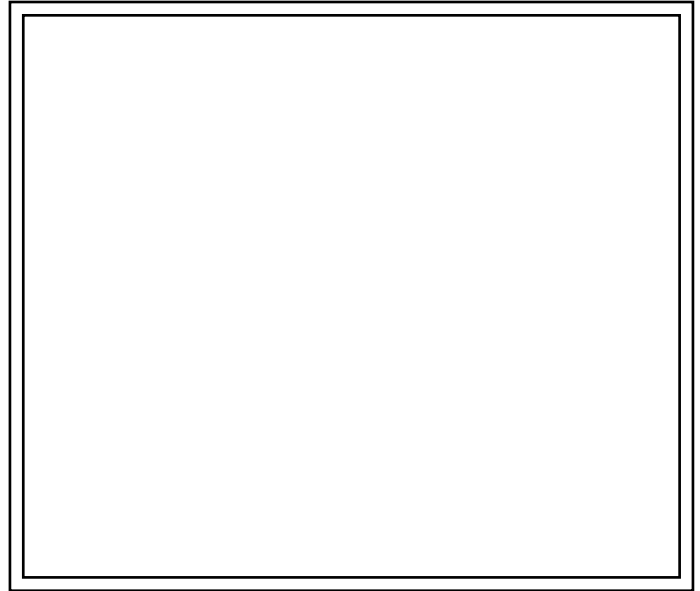
RDMU \_\_\_\_\_

IINVOL \_\_\_\_\_

Piano, Tuba, Trumpet, Bell, Drum, Violin

## Drawing

Draw a picture of the angels singing on the night Jesus was born.



## Word Search

Find these words that come from the angels' song they sang to God, thanking him for Jesus.

P E O P L E D C J K T D  
 Q A I N Z F E D B Z O P  
 B A R A G E C H A I X Y  
 H I G H E S T K J N U O  
 S E A R T H L E Y J D K  
 B T I S R D O N Z H W X  
 R O C U V Y F P G M L P  
 N P G L R E Q G O R F E  
 M O U O R N S V D Q M A  
 N N L G O F X H K A U C  
 T G U V L T H E F J I E  
 H U C H I S Y W O G B N

Glory • To • God • In • The • Highest •  
 And • Peace • To • His • People • On • Earth

## Crossword Puzzle

Across

3. O Little  
 Town of

6. It Came  
 Upon a  
 Midnight

Down

- Hark the \_\_\_\_\_ Sound
- What \_\_\_\_\_ Is This?
- We \_\_\_\_\_ Kings of Orient Are
- Away in a \_\_\_\_\_

**Christmas  
 Carol  
 Titles**

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Coloring Sheet for the Second Week of Advent

*Glory to God in the highest!*  
*Luke 2:14*

