

HANGOUT

1. Discuss:
 - What’s your favourite Christmas carol? Why?
 - Does your family have any musical traditions at Christmastime?
 - Did anything from the teaching really stand out to you? If so, what was it and why?

HEAR

2. Look up and read Galatians 4:1-7.
3. Discuss:
 - Which verse or idea in this passage stands out to you? Why?
 - Based on these verses, how might you respond in your own words to someone who asks:
 - Why did God wait so long to send Jesus?
 - In what ways are the Old Covenant and New Covenant different?
 - What other questions or thoughts arise for you after reading this passage?
 - If you can call God Abba, as his child, how does that impact who you are? How you live? How you see yourself?

HUDDLE

4. Explain that *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* is packed with goodness. It was written by Charles Wesley, who really knew his Scripture. He was considered one of the best preachers and theologians of his time. In this carol, Wesley tells clear truths about Jesus’ birth.
5. Look up, read, and discuss the following passages that relate to the themes in the song’s verses (see lyrics below).
 - Verse 1: Luke 2:9-14
 - Verse 2: Isaiah 9:6; Isaiah 7:14
 - Verse 3: John 3:1-17
6. Let’s make it awkward: sing this amazing song together!
7. After singing, pray for one another, for the Christmas season, for family and friends, and for those who are feeling lonely or looking for connection.

Hark! The herald angels sing,
 “Glory to the newborn King!
 Peace on earth and mercy mild,
 God and sinners reconciled.”
 Joyful, all ye nations rise,
 Join the triumph of the skies;
 With the angelic host proclaim,
 “Christ is born in Bethlehem!”

Late in time behold him come,
 Offspring of the favoured one.
 Veiled in flesh, the Godhead see;
 Hail, the incarnate Deity,
 Pleased, as man, with men to
 dwell,
 Jesus, our Emmanuel!

Risen with healing in his wings
 Mild he lays his glory by,
 Born that man no more may die:
 Born to raise the son of earth,
 Born to give them second birth.

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 Prince of Peace!

Christ, by highest heaven adored:
 Christ, the everlasting Lord;

Hail, the Son of Righteousness!
 Light and life to all he brings,