ANSWER KEY

Silent Night

✏️ listen and write: easy

1 Listen and fill in the song. Use the words in the box.

bright | calm | child | holy | mother | peace | silent | sleep

VERSE 1

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.

2 Look and write.



It's a silent night.



The stars are bright.



The baby can sleep now.



The mother is with the baby.

ANSWER KEY

Silent Night

✏️ listen and write: harder

1 Listen and fill in the song.

VERSE 1

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.

VERSE 2

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.

2 The song and today's English. Match.

IN THE SONG

1	All is calm	E
2	Round yon Virgin	C
3	Shepherds quake	A
4	at the sight	B
5	from heaven afar	D

TODAY

A	The shepherds are shaking.
B	when they see it
C	Around that young mother
D	from far away in the sky
E	Everything is calm.

ANSWER KEY

Silent Night

📖 the story behind the song

1 Read the story of this song.

Silent Night began in Austria. In **1818**, a young priest named **Joseph Mohr** had the words, and **Franz Gruber**, a teacher and organist, wrote the music.

They sang it for the first time on Christmas Eve in the small town of Oberndorf. Today people sing it in hundreds of languages.

2 Who is in the song? Read and say.



Mary

Mary is the mother of Jesus.



Jesus

Jesus is the baby in the manger.



the shepherds

The shepherds are with their sheep.



the angels

The angels bring good news.

3 From the Bible. Read, then read the simple version.

🕯️ LUKE 2:8 (KING JAMES VERSION)

"And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night."

In simple words: Some shepherds were outside at night, looking after their sheep.

4 Fill in the sentences.

1 The song began in Austria.

2 Franz Gruber wrote the music.

3 They first sang it on Christmas Eve.

4 The shepherds were outside at night.

ANSWER KEY

Jingle Bells

✏️ listen and write: easy

1 Listen and fill in the song. Use the words in the box.

bells | fields | fun | laughing | ride | sleigh | snow | tonight | way

VERSE 1

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* !

🎶 CHORUS

Jingle *bells*, *jingle bells,*

Jingle all the *way* .

Oh, what *fun* *it is to ride*

In a one-horse open sleigh!

2 Look and write.



The *snow* is white.



We ride in a *sleigh* .



We are *laughing* .



I can hear the *bells* .

ANSWER KEY

Jingle Bells

✏️ listen and write: harder



1 Listen and fill in the song.

VERSE 1

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!

🎶 CHORUS

Jingle *bells, jingle bells,*

Jingle all the way *.*

Oh, what fun *it is to ride*

In a one-horse open *sleigh!*

2 The song and today's English. Match.

IN THE SONG

1	O'er the fields we go	C
2	Dashing through the snow	E
3	Making spirits bright	B
4	What fun it is to ride	A
5	all the way	D

TODAY

A	Riding is so much fun!
B	making everyone happy
C	We go over the fields.
D	for the whole trip
E	going fast through the snow

ANSWER KEY

Jingle Bells

📖 the story behind the song

1 Read the story of this song.

Jingle Bells is an American song. **James Lord Pierpont** published it in **1857**, with a different title at first.

The words talk about snow and a horse, but not about Christmas at all! In **1965**, two astronauts played it on a small harmonica and bells in space, on Gemini 6.

2 What is in the song? Read and say.



the horse

The horse pulls the sleigh.



the sleigh

We ride in the sleigh.



the bells

The bells ring all the way.



the snow

The snow is white and cold.

3 Fill in the sentences.

1 Jingle Bells is an American song.

2 It was published in 1857.

3 The words do not talk about Christmas.

4 Astronauts played it in space.

ANSWER KEY

We Wish You a Merry Christmas

✏️ listen and write: easy



1 Listen and fill in the song. Use the words in the box.

bring | Christmas | figgy | Happy | here | Merry | wish | Year

🎶 CHORUS

We wish *you a Merry* Christmas*,*

We wish you a Merry *Christmas,*

We wish you a Merry Christmas

And a Happy *New* Year *.*

🎶 CHORUS

Oh, bring *us a* figgy *pudding,*

Oh, bring us a figgy pudding,

Oh, bring us a figgy pudding

And bring it right here *.*

2 Look and write.



Merry Christmas !



Happy New Year !



Please bring the pudding.



Come here , please.

ANSWER KEY

We Wish You a Merry Christmas

✏️ listen and write: harder



1 Listen and fill in the song.

VERSE 1

Good *tidings* we *bring*

To you and your *kin*;

Good tidings for *Christmas*

And a *Happy* New Year.

🎶 CHORUS

Oh, bring us a *figgy* *pudding*,

Oh, bring us a figgy pudding,

Oh, bring us a figgy pudding

And bring it *right* *here.*

🎶 CHORUS

We *won't* *go* *until* *we* *get* *some,*

We won't go until we get some,

We won't go until we get some,

So bring it right *here*.

2 The song and today's English. Match.

IN THE SONG

1	Good tidings we bring	C
2	To you and your kin	A
3	We won't go until we get some	E
4	Bring it right here	B
5	A figgy pudding	D

TODAY

A	for you and your family
B	Bring it to this place now.
C	We have good news.
D	a sweet dessert with figs
E	We're staying here until we get some.

ANSWER KEY

We Wish You a Merry Christmas

📖 the story behind the song



1 Read the story of this song.

We Wish You a Merry Christmas comes from the West of England. Nobody knows who wrote the words.

Long ago, carol singers went from door to door. People gave them food and drinks. That is why the singers ask for **figgy pudding** and say they will not go until they get some!

2 What is in the song? Read and say.



the singers

The singers stand at the door.



the door

Someone opens the door.



the pudding

The pudding is sweet and hot.



the family

The family listens and smiles.

3 From the Bible. Read, then read the simple version.

🕯️ LUKE 2:10 (KING JAMES VERSION)

"And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people."

In simple words: The word "tidings" is in this song too. The angel has good news for everyone.

4 Fill in the sentences.

1 The song comes from *England*.

2 Singers went from door to *door*.

3 They ask for figgy *pudding*.

4 "Tidings" means *news*.

ANSWER KEY

Away in a Manger

✏️ listen and write: easy



1 Listen and fill in the song. Use the words in the box.

asleep | bed | hay | manger | sky | stars | sweet

VERSE 1

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

The little Lord Jesus laid down His *sweet* head.

The *stars* in the *sky* looked down where

He lay,

The little Lord Jesus, *asleep* on the *hay*.

2 Look and write.



The *stars* are in the sky.



The baby is *asleep*.



Cows eat *hay*.



This is my *bed*.

ANSWER KEY

Away in a Manger

✏️ listen and write: harder



1 Listen and fill in the song.

VERSE 1

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

The little Lord Jesus *laid* down His sweet *head*.

The stars in the sky *looked* down where He *lay*,

The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the *hay*.

VERSE 2

The *cattle* are *lowing*, the baby *awakes*,

But little Lord Jesus, no *crying* He makes.

I love *Thee*, Lord Jesus! Look down from the *sky*

And stay by my *cradle* till *morning* is *nigh*.

2 The song and today's English. Match.

IN THE SONG

1	No crib for a bed	B
2	The cattle are lowing	D
3	The baby awakes	E
4	No crying He makes	A
5	Till morning is nigh	C

TODAY

A	He isn't crying.
B	He has no bed.
C	until it is almost morning
D	The cows are making a noise.
E	The baby wakes up.

Away in a Manger

📖 the story behind the song



1 Read the story of this song.

For many years, people said **Martin Luther** wrote this song for his children. That is a legend. Today we believe it is an **American** song from the 1800s.

It has two popular melodies. The words are simple and the song is slow, so it is good for young children.

2 Who is in the song? Read and say.



Mary

Mary is the mother of Jesus.



Jesus

Jesus is the baby in the manger.



the cattle

The cattle are near the baby.



the star

The star shines over Bethlehem.

3 From the Bible. Read, then read the simple version.

🕯️ LUKE 2:7 (KING JAMES VERSION)

"And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn."

In simple words: Mary had her first son. There was no room at the inn, so she put him in a manger.

4 Fill in the sentences.

1 Martin Luther did not *write* this song.

2 It is an *American* song.

3 There was no room in the *inn*.

4 Mary put the baby in a *manger*.

ANSWER KEY

Joy to the World

✏️ listen and write: easy



1 Listen and fill in the song. Use the words in the box.

heart | joy | king | King | nature | room | sing | world

VERSE 1

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.

2 Look and write.



This is our *world*.



He is a *king*.



This is a *heart*.



I love *nature*.

ANSWER KEY

Joy to the World

✏️ listen and write: harder



1 Listen and fill in the song.

VERSE 1

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.

VERSE 2

Joy to the *earth*, the *Savior* *reigns*!

Let men their *songs* employ;

While *fields* and *floods*, *rocks*, hills and *plains*

Repeat the sounding joy.

2 The song and today's English. Match.

IN THE SONG

1	The Lord is come	E
2	Prepare Him room	A
3	Let men their songs employ	D
4	Repeat the sounding joy	B
5	No more let sins and sorrows grow	C

TODAY

A	Make room for Him.
B	Say the happy news again.
C	Don't let bad things and sadness grow.
D	Let people use their songs.
E	The Lord has come.

ANSWER KEY

Joy to the World

📖 the story behind the song



1 Read the story of this song.

Isaac Watts, an English minister, wrote these words in **1719**. He used **Psalm 98** from the Bible as his idea.

The music we sing today comes from **Lowell Mason**, an American, in 1848. It is one of the most popular Christmas songs in North America.

2 Who is in the song? Read and say.

			
Jesus	**the world**	**the people**	**the King**
Jesus is the baby in the manger.	The whole world is happy.	The people sing together.	Christians call Jesus their King.

3 From the Bible. Read, then read the simple version.

🕯️ PSALM 98:4 (KING JAMES VERSION)

"Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all the earth: make a loud noise, and rejoice, and sing praise."

In simple words: Everyone on earth, be loud, be happy and sing!

4 Fill in the sentences.

1 Isaac Watts wrote the *words*.

2 He used Psalm *98* as his idea.

3 Lowell Mason was *American*.

4 The psalm says: make a joyful *noise*.

ANSWER KEY

O Come, All Ye Faithful

✏️ listen and write: easy



1 Listen and fill in the song. Use the words in the box.

adore | angels | Bethlehem | come | joyful | King | Lord

VERSE 1

O *come*, all *ye* faithful,

Joyful and triumphant,

O come *ye*, O come *ye* to *Bethlehem*.

Come and *behold* Him,

Born the *King* of *angels*;

O come, let us *adore* *Him,*

O come, let us adore Him,

O come, let us adore Him,

Christ the *Lord*.

2 Look and write.



We are *joyful* today.



The *King* is here.



The *angels* sing.



Please *come* with me.

ANSWER KEY

O Come, All Ye Faithful

✏️ listen and write: harder



1 Listen and fill in the song.

VERSE 1

O come, all *ye* faithful,

Joyful and triumphant,

O come *ye*, O come *ye* to Bethlehem.

Come and behold Him,

Born the King of angels;

O come, let us adore *Him,*

O come, let us adore Him,

O come, let us adore Him,

Christ the Lord.

VERSE 2

Sing, choirs of angels,

Sing in exultation;

Sing, all *ye* citizens of heaven above!

Glory to God,

Glory in the highest;

2 The song and today's English. Match.

IN THE SONG			TODAY	
1	All ye faithful	D	A	with great joy
2	Come and behold Him	C	B	Yes, Lord
3	Yea, Lord	B	C	Come and see Him.
4	We greet Thee	E	D	all you faithful people
5	In exultation	A	E	We say hello to You.

ANSWER KEY

O Come, All Ye Faithful

📖 the story behind the song

1 Read the story of this song.

This hymn began in Latin as **Adeste Fideles**. **John Francis Wade** wrote down the version we know around **1751**.

Frederick Oakeley put it into English in **1841**. In many churches, people sing it at midnight on Christmas Eve.

2 Who is in the song? Read and say.

👶

Jesus

Jesus is the baby in the manger.

🐑

the shepherds

The shepherds are with their sheep.

👼

the angels

The angels bring good news.

⛪

the church

People sing it in church.

3 From the Bible. Read, then read the simple version.

🕯️ LUKE 2:15 (KING JAMES VERSION)

"the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem"

In simple words: The shepherds said to each other: "Let's go to Bethlehem!"

4 Fill in the sentences.

1 The hymn began in Latin.

2 Oakeley put it into English.

3 The shepherds went to Bethlehem.

4 "Faithful" people believe.

ANSWER KEY

The First Noel

✏️ listen and write: easy

1 Listen and fill in the song. Use the words in the box.

angel | cold | fields | King | night | Noel | sheep | shepherds

VERSE 1

The first Noel the *angel* did say

Was to certain poor *shepherds* in *fields* as they lay;

In fields where they lay keeping their *sheep*,

On a *cold* winter's *night* that was so deep.

🎶 CHORUS

Noel, *Noel, Noel, Noel,*

Born is the King of Israel.

2 Look and write.



I can see a *sheep*.



It's very *cold* today.



This is an *angel*.



He is the *King*.

ANSWER KEY

The First Noel

✏️ listen and write: harder

1 Listen and fill in the song.

VERSE 1

The first Noel the *angel* did say

Was to certain *poor* *shepherds* in fields as they *lay* ;

In fields where they lay *keeping* their sheep,

On a cold *winter's* night that was so *deep* .

VERSE 2

They *looked* up and saw a *star*

Shining in the *east* , beyond them far;

And to the earth it gave great *light* ,

And so it *continued* both day and *night* .

VERSE 3

And by the light of that same star

Three *wise* men came from *country* far;

To *seek* for a King was their *intent* ,

And to *follow* the star wherever it went.

2 The song and today's English. Match.

IN THE SONG

1	The angel did say	C
2	Certain poor shepherds	A
3	Beyond them far	B
4	To seek for a King	E
5	Was their intent	D

TODAY

A	some poor shepherds
B	far away from them
C	The angel said.
D	was their plan
E	to look for a King

ANSWER KEY

The First Noel

📖 the story behind the song

1 Read the story of this song.

The First Noel is an old song from **Cornwall**, in the southwest of England. It was first printed in the 1800s.

Noel is an old word for Christmas. The song tells the story of the shepherds and the wise men, who followed a star.

2 Who is in the song? Read and say.

🐑

the shepherds

The shepherds are with their sheep.

👼

the angels

The angels bring good news.

👑

the wise men

The wise men follow the star.

⭐

the star

The star shines over Bethlehem.

3 From the Bible. Read, then read the simple version.

🕯️ MATTHEW 2:10 (KING JAMES VERSION)

"When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy."

In simple words: The wise men saw the star and they were very, very happy.

4 Fill in the sentences.

1 The song comes from Cornwall.

2 Noel is an old word for Christmas.

3 The wise men followed a star.

4 They were very happy.

ANSWER KEY

The Christmas story

📖 from Luke 2 and Matthew 2

1 Put the story in order. Write 1 to 8.

Order	What happens
7	🌟 Wise men from the east follow a star.
4	🐑 Shepherds are in the fields with their sheep at night.
2	🏠 There is no room for Mary and Joseph at the inn.
1	🚶 Mary and Joseph go from Nazareth to Bethlehem.
8	🎁 The wise men give the child gold, frankincense and myrrh.
3	👶 Jesus is born, and Mary puts him in a manger.
5	👼 An angel tells the shepherds the good news.
6	📣 The shepherds find the baby and tell everyone.

2 Now tell the story. Cover the sentences and use the pictures.



Mary and Joseph



no room



the baby



the shepherds



the angel



the star



the wise men



the gifts

ANSWER KEY

Songs and pictures

read and match

1 Match the line from the song to the picture.

THE SONG		
1	Dashing through the snow	G
2	Asleep on the hay	D
3	Oh, bring us a figgy pudding	B
4	We three kings of Orient are	C
5	They looked up and saw a star	F
6	Sleep in heavenly peace	H
7	Jingle bells, jingle bells	E
8	And heaven and nature sing	A

THE PICTURE	
A	🎶 sing
B	🍮 pudding
C	👑 kings
D	🌾 hay
E	🔔 bells
F	⭐ star
G	❄️ snow
H	😴 sleep

2 Draw your favorite song. Write one sentence about it.

My favorite Christmas song is ... .

ANSWER KEY

Which carol?

read and match

1 Which carol is this line from? Match.

THE LINE			THE CAROL	
1	Shepherds quake at the sight	D	A	The First Noel
2	In a one-horse open sleigh	C	B	Away in a Manger
3	Good tidings we bring	E	C	Jingle Bells
4	Following yonder star	F	D	Silent Night
5	The cattle are lowing	B	E	We Wish You a Merry Christmas
6	Let earth receive her King	G	F	We Three Kings
7	O come ye to Bethlehem	H	G	Joy to the World
8	Three wise men came from country far	A	H	O Come, All Ye Faithful

2 Read and answer.

1 What do the singers want in We Wish You a Merry Christmas? They want figgy pudding.

2 How many horses pull the sleigh in Jingle Bells? One horse.

3 What do the wise men follow in The First Noel? They follow the star.

4 Where does the baby sleep in Away in a Manger? On the hay.

ANSWER KEY

At the door

read, fill in, act it out



1 Some kids are singing carols at a door. Use the words in the box.

beautiful | cookies | favorite | Merry | neighbors | sing | Wait | welcome

Mia Hi, Mrs. Green! We're your *neighbors* from number ten. Can we *sing* for you?

Mrs. Green Oh, how nice! What are you going to sing?

Mia Jingle Bells. It's our *favorite* song.

Mrs. Green Mine too! Go ahead.

Tom Jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle all the way!

Mrs. Green That was *beautiful*! *Wait* a second, I have something for you.

Mia Wow, Christmas *cookies*! Thank you so much!

Mrs. Green You're *welcome*. Stay warm out there, kids.

Tom *Merry* Christmas, Mrs. Green!

2 Now act it out in threes. Change the song and the food.

Can we sing for you? That was beautiful! Wait a second.

ANSWER KEY

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

✏️ listen and write: easy



1 Listen and fill in the song. Use the words in the box.

angels | born | glory | God | King | nations | peace | skies

VERSE 1

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 th'angelic host proclaim,

"Christ is ___born___ in Bethlehem!"

Hark! The herald angels sing,

"Glory to the newborn King!"

2 Look and write.



The ___angels___ are singing.



He is the ___King___.



We want ___peace___.



The ___skies___ are dark.

ANSWER KEY

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

✏️ listen and write: harder



1 Listen and fill in the song.

VERSE 1

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 th'angelic host proclaim,

"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

Hark! The herald angels sing,

"Glory to the newborn King!"

VERSE 2

Christ, by highest heaven adored;

Christ, the everlasting Lord;

Late in time *behold* Him come,

Offspring of a virgin's womb.

Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;

Hail th'incarnate Deity,

Pleased as man with man to dwell,

Jesus, our Emmanuel.

2 The song and today's English. Match.

IN THE SONG		
1	Hark!	E
2	Joyful, all ye nations, rise	A
3	newborn King	D
4	behold Him come	C
5	mercy mild	B

TODAY	
A	All you people, stand up and be happy.
B	gentle kindness
C	Look, He is coming.
D	a king who is a new baby
E	Listen!

ANSWER KEY

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

📖 the story behind the song



1 Read the story of this song.

Charles Wesley wrote the first words in **1739**. His first line was different. **George Whitefield**, a preacher, changed it to the line we know.

The music comes from **Felix Mendelssohn**, a German composer, from 1840. A **herald** is a person who brings important news.

2 Who is in the song? Read and say.



the angels

The angels bring good news.



Jesus

Jesus is the baby in the manger.



the herald

A herald brings important news.



the newborn King

Christians call baby Jesus the newborn King.

3 From the Bible. Read, then read the simple version.

🕯️ LUKE 2:11 (KING JAMES VERSION)

"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."

In simple words: Today a Savior is born in the city of David.

4 Fill in the sentences.

1 Charles Wesley wrote the first *words*.

2 Felix Mendelssohn wrote the *music*.

3 A herald brings important *news*.

4 The city of David is *Bethlehem*.

ANSWER KEY

O Little Town of Bethlehem

✏️ listen and write: easy

1 Listen and fill in the song. Use the words in the box.

Bethlehem | hopes | light | little | sleep | stars | streets | tonight

VERSE 1

O *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*.

2 Look and write.



It is a *little* town.



I can see the *stars*.



The baby can *sleep*.



We are here *tonight*.

ANSWER KEY

O Little Town of Bethlehem

✏️ listen and write: harder



1 Listen and fill in the song.

VERSE 1

O 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.

VERSE 2

For Christ is *born* of Mary,

And gathered all above,

While *mortals* sleep, the *angels* keep

Their watch of *wondering* love.

O *morning* stars, together

Proclaim the *holy* birth!

And *praises* sing to God the King,

And *peace* to men on earth.

2 The song and today's English. Match.

IN THE SONG		TODAY	
1	How still we see thee lie	D	A while people are sleeping
2	shineth	E	B They come together in you.
3	While mortals sleep	A	C Tell everyone about the birth.
4	Are met in thee	B	D You are so quiet.
5	Proclaim the holy birth	C	E It shines.

ANSWER KEY

O Little Town of Bethlehem

📖 the story behind the song

1 Read the story of this song.

Phillips Brooks, an American pastor, visited Bethlehem in **1865**. Three years later he wrote these words for the children in his Sunday school in Philadelphia.

His organist, **Lewis Redner**, wrote the music. In Britain, people often sing it to a different tune, **Forest Green**.

2 Who is in the song? Read and say.



Mary

Mary is the mother of Jesus.



Jesus

Jesus is the baby in the manger.



the angels

The angels bring good news.



the little town

Bethlehem is a little town.

3 From the Bible. Read, then read the simple version.

🕯️ MATTHEW 2:6 (KING JAMES VERSION)

"And thou Bethlehem, in the land of Juda, art not the least among the princes of Juda"

In simple words: Bethlehem is small, but it is very important.

4 Fill in the sentences.

1 Phillips Brooks visited Bethlehem.

2 He wrote it for children.

3 Lewis Redner wrote the music.

4 Bethlehem is small, but important.

ANSWER KEY

Angels We Have Heard on High

✏️ listen and write: easy



1 Listen and fill in the song. Use the words in the box.

angels | Bethlehem | birth | high | King | mountains | see | singing

VERSE 1

Angels we have heard on high,

Sweetly singing o'er the plains,

And the mountains in reply

Echoing their joyous strains.

VERSE 2

Come to Bethlehem and see

Him whose birth the angels sing;

Come, adore on bended knee

Christ the Lord, the newborn King.

2 Look and write.



The angels sing.



The mountains are big.



Come and see.



They are singing.

ANSWER KEY

Angels We Have Heard on High

✏️ listen and write: harder



1 Listen and fill in the song.

VERSE 1

Angels we have *heard* on high,

Sweetly singing *o'er* the *plains*,

And the mountains in *reply*

Echoing their *joyous* strains.

VERSE 2

Shepherds, why this *jubilee*?

Why your joyous strains *prolong*?

What the gladsome *tidings* be

Which *inspire* your heavenly song?

2 The song and today's English. Match.

IN THE SONG

1	on high	C
2	o'er the plains	A
3	Why this jubilee?	B
4	gladsome tidings	E
5	on bended knee	D

TODAY

A	over the flat land
B	Why are you so happy?
C	up in the sky
D	on your knees
E	happy news

ANSWER KEY

Angels We Have Heard on High

📖 the story behind the song



1 Read the story of this song.

This carol comes from **France**. Its French title is **Les Anges dans nos campagnes**, which means "Angels in our countryside".

James Chadwick, a Catholic bishop in the north of England, put it into English in **1862**. **Gloria in excelsis Deo** is Latin. It means "Glory to God in the highest".

2 Who is in the song? Read and say.



the angels

The angels bring good news.



the shepherds

The shepherds are with their sheep.



Jesus

Jesus is the baby in the manger.



the mountains

The mountains send back the song.

3 From the Bible. Read, then read the simple version.

🕯️ LUKE 2:13 (KING JAMES VERSION)

"And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God"

In simple words: Suddenly there were many, many angels, and they were praising God.

4 Fill in the sentences.

1 This carol comes from France.

2 James Chadwick put it into English.

3 Gloria in excelsis Deo is in Latin.

4 There were many angels.

ANSWER KEY

What Child Is This?

✏️ listen and write: easy



1 Listen and fill in the song. Use the words in the box.

angels | Babe | child | King | Mary | shepherds | sing | Son

🎶 CHORUS

What ___Child___ *is this who, laid to rest,*

On ___Mary___ *'s lap is sleeping?*

Whom ___angels___ *greet with anthems sweet,*

While ___shepherds___ *watch are keeping?*

This, this is Christ the ___King___ *,*

Whom shepherds guard and angels ___sing___ *;*

Haste, haste to bring Him laud,

The ___Babe___ *, the* ___Son___ *of Mary.*

2 Look and write.



What a sweet ___child___ !



I can see the ___angels___ .



The ___shepherds___ are here.



We ___sing___ at Christmas.

ANSWER KEY

What Child Is This?

✏️ listen and write: harder



1 Listen and fill in the song.

🎶 CHORUS

What Child is this who, ___laid___ *to rest,*

On Mary's ___lap___ *is sleeping?*

Whom angels ___greet___ *with* ___anthems___ *sweet,*

While shepherds ___watch___ *are keeping?*

This, this is Christ the King,

Whom shepherds ___guard___ *and angels sing;*

___Haste___*, haste to bring Him laud,*

The ___Babe___*, the Son of Mary.*

VERSE 1

So bring Him ___incense___, gold and ___myrrh___,

Come, peasant, king, to own Him;

The King of kings ___salvation___ brings,

Let loving ___hearts___ enthrone Him.

2 The song and today's English. Match.

IN THE SONG

1	laid to rest	C
2	Whom angels greet	E
3	Haste, haste	A
4	to bring Him laud	B
5	Come, peasant, king	D

TODAY

A	Hurry, hurry!
B	to praise Him
C	put down to sleep
D	poor people and rich people, come
E	The angels say hello to Him.

ANSWER KEY

What Child Is This?

📖 the story behind the song



1 Read the story of this song.

William Chatterton Dix wrote these words in **1865**. He worked for an insurance company in England, and he also wrote hymns.

People sing it to the old English tune **Greensleeves**. The whole song is a question and an answer.

2 Who is in the song? Read and say.



Mary

Mary is the mother of Jesus.



Jesus

Jesus is the baby in the manger.



the shepherds

The shepherds are with their sheep.



the ox and the donkey

The ox and the donkey eat in the stable.

3 From the Bible. Read, then read the simple version.

🕯️ MATTHEW 2:11 (KING JAMES VERSION)

"they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh."

In simple words: The wise men gave him three gifts.

4 Fill in the sentences.

1 William Dix wrote the *words*.

2 He worked for an insurance *company*.

3 The tune is *Greensleeves*.

4 The wise men gave three *gifts*.

ANSWER KEY

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

✏️ listen and write: easy



1 Listen and fill in the song. Use the words in the box.

candle | come | Emmanuel | lonely | rejoice | Son

VERSE 1

O *come*, O come, *Emmanuel*,

And ransom captive Israel,

That mourns in *lonely* exile here,

Until the *Son* of God appear.

🎶 CHORUS

Rejoice! *Rejoice!* *Emmanuel*

Shall come to thee, O Israel.

2 Look and write.



Let us light a *candle*.



Be happy and *rejoice*!



He feels *lonely*.



Please *come* here.

ANSWER KEY

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

✏️ listen and write: harder



1 Listen and fill in the song.

VERSE 1

O come, O come, Emmanuel,

And ransom captive Israel,

That mourns in lonely exile here,

Until the Son of God appear.

VERSE 2

O come, *Thou* Dayspring bright!

Pour on our souls *Thy* healing light;

Dispel the long night's lingering gloom,

And pierce the shadows of the tomb.

2 The song and today's English. Match.

IN THE SONG

1	ransom captive Israel	E
2	in lonely exile	C
3	Dayspring	D
4	Dispel	B
5	Shall come to thee	A

TODAY

A	It will come to you.
B	Make it go away.
C	alone, far from home
D	dawn
E	free the people of Israel

ANSWER KEY

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

📖 the story behind the song

1 Read the story of this song.

This is an **Advent** hymn. Advent is the time of waiting before Christmas. The hymn grew from very old Latin prayers.

John Mason Neale put it into English in **1851**. The name **Emmanuel** means "God with us".

2 Who is in the song? Read and say.

🕯️

Emmanuel

Emmanuel means "God with us."

⏳

Advent

Advent is the time before Christmas.

🌅

the dawn

The dawn brings new light.

🙏

the people

The people are waiting and praying.

3 From the Bible. Read, then read the simple version.

🕯️ MATTHEW 1:23 (KING JAMES VERSION)

“they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.”

In simple words: His name will be Emmanuel. It means "God with us".

4 Fill in the sentences.

1 Advent is the time before Christmas.

2 The hymn grew from Latin prayers.

3 John Mason Neale put it into English.

4 Emmanuel means "God with us".

ANSWER KEY

We Three Kings

✏️ listen and write: easy

1 Listen and fill in the song. Use the words in the box.

beauty | gifts | kings | light | mountain | star | three

VERSE 1

We *three* *kings* of Orient are;

Bearing *gifts* we traverse *afar*,

Field and fountain, moor and *mountain*,

Following *yonder* *star*.

🎶 CHORUS

O *star* *of wonder, star of* *light*,

Star with royal *beauty* *bright,*

Westward leading, still proceeding,

Guide us to thy perfect light.

2 Look and write.



We are three *kings*.



We have *gifts*.



Follow the *star*.



It is a big *mountain*.

ANSWER KEY

We Three Kings

✏️ listen and write: harder



1 Listen and fill in the song.

VERSE 1

We three kings of Orient are;

Bearing gifts we *traverse* *afar*,

Field and *fountain*, *moor* and mountain,

Following *yonder* star.

VERSE 2

Born a King on Bethlehem's *plain*,

Gold I bring to *crown* Him again,

King *forever*, ceasing never,

Over us all to *reign*.

2 The song and today's English. Match.

IN THE SONG

1	Bearing gifts	E
2	we traverse afar	C
3	yonder star	D
4	ceasing never	B
5	to reign	A

TODAY

A	to be king
B	It never stops.
C	We travel a long way.
D	that star over there
E	carrying presents

We Three Kings

📖 the story behind the song

1 Read the story of this song.

John Henry Hopkins Jr., an American minister, wrote the words and music around **1857** for a Christmas play in New York.

The Bible talks about wise men and three gifts. It does not say that there were three men, or that they were kings. That comes from later tradition.

2 Who is in the song? Read and say.

the wise men	**the star**	**gold**	**frankincense**
The wise men follow the star.	The star shines over Bethlehem.	Gold is a gift for a king.	Frankincense smells sweet when it burns.

3 From the Bible. Read, then read the simple version.

🕯️ MATTHEW 2:2 (KING JAMES VERSION)

"Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him."

In simple words: The wise men asked: "Where is the new King? We saw his star and came to see him."

4 Fill in the sentences.

1 John Hopkins wrote it for a play.

2 The Bible talks about three gifts.

3 The wise men saw a star.

4 Gold is a gift for a king.

ANSWER KEY

Good Christian Men, Rejoice

✏️ listen and write: easy

1 Listen and fill in the song. Use the words in the box.

born | bow | heart | manger | news | rejoice | say | voice

VERSE 1

Good Christian men, *rejoice*

With *heart* and soul and *voice*;

Give *ye* heed to what we *say*:

News! News!

Jesus Christ is *born* today;

Ox and ass before Him *bow*,

And He is in the *manger* now.

Christ is born today!

Christ is born today!

2 Look and write.



I have good *news*.



My *heart* is happy.



I lost my *voice*.



The baby is *born*.

ANSWER KEY

Good Christian Men, Rejoice

✏️ listen and write: harder



1 Listen and fill in the song.

VERSE 1

Good Christian men, *rejoice*

With heart and *soul* and voice;

Give *ye* *heed* to what we say:

News! News!

Jesus Christ is born *today*;

Ox and ass before Him *bow*,

And He is in the *manger* now.

Christ is born today!

Christ is born today!

VERSE 2

Good Christian men, rejoice

With heart and soul and voice;

Now *ye* hear of *endless* bliss:

Joy! Joy!

Jesus Christ was born for this!

He *hath* ope'd the *heavenly* door,

And man is *blessed* evermore.

Christ was born for this!

Christ was born for this!

2 The song and today's English. Match.

IN THE SONG		TODAY	
1	Give ye heed	E	A bend down in front of Him
2	endless bliss	D	B He opened.
3	He hath ope'd	B	C forever
4	evermore	C	D happiness with no end
5	before Him bow	A	E Listen carefully.

ANSWER KEY

Good Christian Men, Rejoice

📖 the story behind the song

1 Read the story of this song.

This is the English version of a medieval song, **In dulci jubilo**. **John Mason Neale** wrote these words in **1853**.

He also wrote Good King Wenceslas. Some songbooks today use the title **Good Christian Friends, Rejoice**, so that the song includes everyone.

2 Who is in the song? Read and say.



Jesus

Jesus is the baby in the manger.



the ox and the donkey

The ox and the donkey bow to the baby.



the news

The news is good.



the door

The door of heaven is open.

3 From the Bible. Read, then read the simple version.

🕯️ LUKE 2:12 (KING JAMES VERSION)

"And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger."

In simple words: You will find the baby in a manger. That is the sign.

4 Fill in the sentences.

1 The song is very *old*.

2 John Mason Neale wrote these *words*.

3 The baby is lying in a *manger*.

4 "Rejoice" means be *happy*.

ANSWER KEY

Once in Royal David's City

✏️ listen and write: easy



1 Listen and fill in the song. Use the words in the box.

baby | bed | child | city | Mary | mother | shed

VERSE 1

Once in royal David's *city*

Stood a lowly cattle *shed*,

Where a *mother* laid her *baby*

In a manger for His *bed*:

Mary was that mother mild,

Jesus Christ her little *Child*.

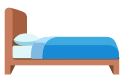
2 Look and write.



She is my *mother*.



The *baby* is small.



It is time for *bed*.



It is a big *city*.

ANSWER KEY

Once in Royal David's City

✏️ listen and write: harder



1 Listen and fill in the song.

VERSE 1

Once in *royal* David's city

Stood a *lowly* cattle shed,

Where a mother *laid* her baby

In a *manger* for His bed:

Mary was that mother *mild*,

Jesus Christ her little Child.

VERSE 2

He came down to *earth* from *heaven*,

Who is God and Lord of all,

And His *shelter* was a *stable*,

And His *cradle* was a stall;

With the *poor*, and mean, and lowly,

Lived on earth our *Savior* holy.

2 The song and today's English. Match.

IN THE SONG		
1	Once	E
2	Stood a lowly cattle shed	D
3	that mother mild	A
4	His cradle was a stall	C
5	Lived on earth	B

TODAY	
A	that gentle mother
B	He lived on earth.
C	His bed was in a stable.
D	There was a small building for cows.
E	a long time ago

ANSWER KEY

Once in Royal David's City

📖 the story behind the song



1 Read the story of this song.

Cecil Frances Alexander wrote this hymn and published it in **1848** in a book of hymns for children. **Henry Gauntlett** wrote the music a year later.

Since **1919**, it has opened the famous Christmas Eve service at King's College in Cambridge. One boy sings the first verse alone.

2 Who is in the song? Read and say.

👩 Mary	🧔 Joseph	👶 Jesus	🏘️ David's city
Mary is the mother of Jesus.	Joseph is the husband of Mary.	Jesus is the baby in the manger.	David's city is Bethlehem.

3 From the Bible. Read, then read the simple version.

🕯️ LUKE 2:4 (KING JAMES VERSION)

"And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem"

In simple words: Joseph went from Nazareth to Bethlehem, the city of David.

4 Fill in the sentences.

1 The hymn was written for *children*.

2 It opens a service in *Cambridge*.

3 One *boy* sings the first verse alone.

4 Joseph went to *Bethlehem*.

ANSWER KEY

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

✏️ listen and write: easy

1 Listen and fill in the song. Use the words in the box.

angels | earth | gold | King | midnight | peace | sing | song

VERSE 1

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 men,

From heaven's all-gracious *King*."

The world in solemn stillness lay,

To hear the angels *sing*.

2 Look and write.



It is *midnight*.



I like this *song*.



We all want *peace*.



The ring is *gold*.

ANSWER KEY

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

✏️ listen and write: harder



1 Listen and fill in the song.

VERSE 1

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 men,

From heaven's all- *gracious* King."

The world in *solemn* *stillness* lay,

To hear the angels sing.

VERSE 2

Still through the *cloven* skies they come

With peaceful *wings* unfurled,

And still their heavenly music *floats*

O'er all the *weary* world;

Above its sad and *lowly* plains,

They bend on *hovering* wing,

And ever *o'er* its Babel-sounds

The blessed angels sing.

2 The song and today's English. Match.

IN THE SONG		TODAY	
1	song of old	E	A the open sky
2	bending near the earth	D	B very quiet and serious
3	in solemn stillness	B	C the whole tired world
4	the cloven skies	A	D coming down close to the earth
5	all the weary world	C	E an old song from long ago

ANSWER KEY

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

📖 the story behind the song



1 Read the story of this song.

Edmund Sears, a pastor in Massachusetts, wrote this hymn in **1849**, in a time of war and trouble.

In America, people sing it to a tune by **Richard Storrs Willis** from 1850. This hymn talks about peace on earth. It does not talk about Mary or the manger.

2 Who is in the song? Read and say.

👼		🌙	🌍
the angels	**peace**	**midnight**	**the tired world**
The angels bring good news.	Peace means no more war.	Midnight is twelve o'clock at night.	The tired world needs peace.

3 From the Bible. Read, then read the simple version.

🕯️ LUKE 2:14 (KING JAMES VERSION)

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

In simple words: Glory to God, and peace on earth.

4 Fill in the sentences.

1 Edmund Sears was a *pastor*.

2 He wrote the hymn in a time of *war*.

3 The song talks about *peace*.

4 Midnight is at *night*.

Go Tell It on the Mountain

✏️ listen and write: easy



1 Listen and fill in the song. Use the words in the box.

born | Christ | Christmas | God | hills | manger | mountain | tell

🎶 CHORUS

Go, tell *it on the mountain,*

Over the hills *and everywhere;*

Go, tell it on the mountain

That Jesus Christ is born *.*

VERSE 1

Down in a lowly manger

The humble Christ was born,

And God sent us salvation

That blessed Christmas *morn.*

2 Look and write.



The mountain is high.



We walk over the hills.



Please tell me.



Merry Christmas!

ANSWER KEY

Go Tell It on the Mountain

✏️ listen and write: harder



1 Listen and fill in the song.

VERSE 1

While *shepherds* kept their *watching*

O'er silent *flocks* by night,

Behold, throughout the *heavens*

There *shone* a holy light.

VERSE 2

The shepherds *feared* and *trembled*

When *lo*! above the *earth*

Rang out the angel *chorus*

That hailed our Savior's *birth*.

2 The song and today's English. Match.

IN THE SONG

1	O'er silent flocks	E
2	Behold	A
3	When lo!	B
4	Rang out	C
5	That hailed	D

TODAY

A	Look!
B	And then, look!
C	You could hear it everywhere.
D	that said hello to
E	over the quiet sheep

Go Tell It on the Mountain

📖 the story behind the song



1 Read the story of this song.

Go Tell It on the Mountain is an African American **spiritual**. People sang it in the 1800s, long before it was printed.

John Wesley Work Jr., a teacher and choir director at Fisk University in Nashville, collected it and published it in the early 1900s.

2 Who is in the song? Read and say.



the shepherds

The shepherds are with their sheep.



the angels

The angels bring good news.



Jesus

Jesus is the baby in the manger.



the mountain

You can shout from the mountain.

3 From the Bible. Read, then read the simple version.

🕯️ LUKE 2:17 (KING JAMES VERSION)

"And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child."

In simple words: The shepherds saw the baby, and then they told everyone.

4 Fill in the sentences.

1 It is an African American *spiritual*.

2 People *sang* it before it was printed.

3 John Work worked at a *university*.

4 The shepherds told *everyone*.