

The Songs We Sing Are Subject To The Word of God or “Be Careful Little Voices What You Say”

Christmas is a wonderful opportunity to begin a family tradition of Worship and Bible study. No other time of the year is given to spontaneous singing and the acceptance of Christian Biblical truths. This project seeks to integrate these two elements (worship in song and the study of the Word of God) and provide you with a tool to begin your family down the path of daily devotionals. It is also useful for small group Bible study or even personal devotions. No matter the setting the combination of worship in song and study of the Word of God has a powerful effect on the spiritual lives of the participants.

As you do these projects there are also secondary lessons to be learned as well...

1. **Songs are prayers:** The Holy Spirit teaches us this truth in Psalm 42:8 *“The LORD will command His lovingkindness in the daytime; and His song will be with me in the night, a prayer to the God of my life.”* In the modern church setting it is easy to slip into the mindset that what is taking place in the worship time is performance rather than prayer. This however is not the case. God considers our songs and hymns to be prayers to Him. Because of that it is important that they conform to the Word of God. A great melody does not make a great prayer. It is the words that make a difference. As such we should be careful about the things we say to God in our songs.
2. **Songs teach us doctrine:** Great Christian songs contain great Christian truths. Do not be afraid of your children being exposed to the truth of God. The popular nature of Christmas Carols creates an excellent opportunity to discuss the doctrines of sin, death, judgment, heaven, hell, the virgin birth, the substitutionary death of Christ and many other of the great doctrines of our salvation in Christ.
3. **Get in the habit of thinking, “does the Bible say that?”** The Bible says of the Bereans in, Acts 17:11, *“Now these were more noble-minded than those in Thessalonica, for they received the word with great eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily, to see whether these things were so.”* This is a good time to begin holding all teachings, not just those in song, to the standard of the Word of God. It is so easy when singing a hymn, listening to a worship song, reading a book, listening to a sermon or anecdote, to just nod along and accept what is being presented without thought to it’s conformity to the Word of God. This project will help you begin thinking for yourself, “Does the Bible say that?”.

So, whether you are doing this as the start of a family worship time, as a Sunday school class, a small group Bible study or for your personal devotions, it is the hope of the author that this project will accomplish three things in your life...

1. It will take you deeper in the great doctrines of the Incarnation of Christ.
2. It will make you more sensitive to the conformity of all teachings on God to the holy, inerrant Word of God.
3. It will be the start of daily family or individual devotional times centered on the Word of God, Prayer and Worship.

How to go about this project.

I. Each evening choose one of the Christmas carols and sing the carol together.

(Get into the habit of worshipping rather than performing. In a performance the quality of your singing voice is constantly judged by both you and those around you. In worship the heart is the only thing that is important and those around you who judge you are in sin. This is a good time to learn to cast aside a critical spirit and worship God with all your heart.)

II. Let each member choose a favorite phrase from the carol and share why it is meaningful.

III. Now look up the verses in the footnote and match a verse or verses to the teaching in the carol. (You can pass out different verses to each family member or do it together). Ask the question, “Is that in the Bible?”.

- A. You will find some things depicted in these hymns that the Bible does not specifically say, but are in themselves relatively inconsequential. An example of this is “the little Lord Jesus asleep in the hay”. True the Bible does not mention “hay” but this has no doctrinal bearing and a reasonable person could assume the comfort of hay.
- B. Some things are not wrong, in fact they are true, they simply did not happen as the carol depicts. For example it is true that the Wisemen came to present gifts to Jesus, but it is not true that they arrived at the same time as the shepherds. Thus Christmas songs depicting the shepherds and Wisemen coming to the baby Jesus are true, but they are wrong in saying they arrived at the same time.
- C. Other things you will find are artistic creations contrary to the Word of God, such as the teaching that Jesus did not cry.
- D. The reason these are important is that the where the Bible speaks we are not free to insert our own interpretations or artistic additions and where the Bible is silent we are not free to inject our own feelings or thoughts.

IV. Lastly: In the space provided at the end of each verse mark it (+) for conforming to the Word of God (-) for varying from the Word of God.

GOOD CHRISTIAN MEN REJOICE

GOOD CHRISTIAN MEN¹, REJOICE WITH HEART AND SOUL AND VOICE! _____
 GIVE YE HEED TO WHAT WE SAY: JESUS CHRIST IS BORN TODAY². _____
 MAN AND BEAST BEFORE HIM BOW³, AND HE IS IN THE MANGER NOW⁴: _____
 CHRIST IS BORN TODAY, CHRIST IS BORN TODAY! _____

GOOD CHRISTIAN MEN, REJOICE WITH HEART AND SOUL AND VOICE! _____
 NOW YE HEAR OF ENDLESS BLISS: JESUS CHRIST WAS BORN FOR THIS⁵. _____
 HE HATH OPENED HEAVENS DOOR⁶, AND MAN IS BLEST FOREVERMORE⁷, _____
 CHRIST WAS BORN FOR THIS, CHRIST WAS BORN FOR THIS!⁸ _____

GOOD CHRISTIAN MEN, REJOICE WITH HEART AND SOUL AND VOICE! _____
 NOW YE NEED NOT FEAR THE GRAVE⁹; _____
 JESUS CHRIST WAS BORN TO SAVE¹⁰; _____
 CALLS YOU ONE AND CALLS YOU ALL¹¹, _____
 TO GAIN HIS EVERLASTING HALL¹². _____
 CHRIST WAS BORN TO SAVE, CHRIST WAS BORN TO SAVE! _____

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Luke 1:14; 2:10 2. Luke 2:9 – 11 3. Philippians 2:10; Psalm 66:4 4. Luke 2:7, 12, 16
 5. Ephesians 3:11 6. John 10:9 7. Psalm 21:5,6; 8. John 18:37;
 9. Hebrews 2:15; I Cor. 15:55-57 10. John 6:38, 39; 18:36 & 37; Gal. 4:4,5; 11. Matthew 11:28; Mark 2:17; Rev. 3:20; I Timothy 2:3 & 4 12. Song of Solomon 2:4; John 14:2 & 3; Revelation 19:7 |
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SILENT NIGHT. HOLY NIGHT

SILENT NIGHT, HOLY NIGHT¹, _____
 ALL IS CALM, ALL IS BRIGHT², _____
 ROUND YON VIRGIN MOTHER AND CHILD!³ _____
 HOLY INFANT SO TENDER AND MILD⁴, _____
 SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE, SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE. _____

SILENT NIGHT, HOLY NIGHT, _____
 DARKNESS FLIES, ALL IS LIGHT;⁵ _____
 SHEPHERDS HEAR THE ANGELS SING,⁶ _____
 'ALLELUIA! HAIL THE KING!⁷ _____
 CHRIST THE SAVIOR BORN CHRIST THE SAVIOR IS BORN⁸ _____

SILENT NIGHT, HOLY NIGHT, _____
 SON OF GOD,⁹ _____
 LOVE'S PURE LIGHT,¹⁰ _____
 RADIANT BEAMS FROM THY HOLY FACE,¹¹ _____
 WITH THE DAWN¹² OF REDEEMING¹³ GRACE¹⁴, _____
 JESUS, LORD, AT THY BIRTH, JESUS, LORD, AT THY BIRTH¹⁵. _____

SILENT NIGHT, HOLY NIGHT, _____
 WONDROUS STAR, LEND THY LIGHT¹⁶; _____
 WITH THE ANGELS LET US SING, ALLELUIA TO OUR KING; _____
 CHRIST THE SAVIOR IS BORN, CHRIST THE SAVIOR IS BORN. _____

1. Col. 2:16; Rom. 14:15
2. Luke 2:6 – 8
3. Matthew 1:18. 20 & 23
4. Luke 2:11, 12
5. Matthew 4:16; Luke 2:32; John 8:12; I Peter 2:9;
6. Luke 2:8 – 14
7. Luke 2:10 - 14
8. Luke 2:11; Mark 1:1; Acts 13:23;
9. Mark 1:1; Luke 1:35; John 1:34; 20:31
10. John 1:4, 5; 8:12; 9:5
11. Matthew 17:1, 2; Hebrews 1:3
12. Matthew 4:16
13. Galatians 4:4,5; Titus 2:14
14. John 1:14 & 16;
15. Luke 1:41 – 45; Matthew 2:1,2, 7,9,10,11 11; Luke 2:11
16. Matthew 2:7, 9, 10

O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL

COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL, JOYFUL¹ AND TRIUMPHANT², _____
 O COME YE, O COME YE TO BETHLEHEM! _____
 COME AND BEHOLD HIM, BORN THE KING OF ANGELS³ _____

SING, CHOIRS OF ANGELS, SING IN EXULTATION⁴, _____
 O SING, ALL YE BRIGHT HOSTS⁵ OF HEAV'N ABOVE!⁶ _____
 GLORY TO GOD, ALL GLORY IN THE HIGHEST!⁷ _____

YEA, LORD, WE GREET THEE, BORN THIS HAPPY MORNING,⁸ _____
 JESUS, TO THEE BE ALL GLORY GIV'N⁹ _____
 WORD OF THE FATHER¹⁰, NOW IN FLESH APPEARING!¹¹ _____

CHORUS: O COME, LET US ADORE HIM, O COME¹², _____
 LET US ADORE HIM, O COME, LET US ADORE HIM,
 CHRIST THE LORD¹³! _____

1. Matthew 2:10; Luke 2:10
2. I John 5:4; I Cor. 15:57
3. Hebrews 1:5, 6;
Revelation 22:8,9
4. Revelation 4:8; 5:6 – 9, 11
– 13
5. Luke 2:9
6. Luke 2:9 (read carefully)
7. Luke 2:13 – 15
8. Luke 2:15 – 18
9. Revelation 19:1; 1 Peter
4:11
10. John 1:1 – 5
11. Philippians 2:5 – 8
12. I Chronicles 16:29;
Psalm 86:9; 95:6
13. Philippians 2:9-11;

HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING

HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING,¹ _____
 GLORY TO THE NEWBORN KING;² _____
 PEACE ON EARTH³, _____
 AND MERCY MILD⁴; _____
 GOD AND SINNERS RECONCILED⁵ _____
 JOYFUL, ALL YE NATIONS, RISE,⁶ _____
 JOIN THE TRIUMPH OF THE SKIES;⁷ _____
 WITH ANGELIC HOSTS PROCLAIM,⁸ _____
 'CHRIST IS BORN IN BETHLEHEM!⁹ _____

CHRIST, BY HIGHEST HEAVN ADORED¹⁰, _____
 CHRIST, THE EVERLASTING LORD¹¹: _____
 LATE IN TIME, BEHOLD HIM COME¹², _____
 OFFSPRING OF A VIRGINS WOMB¹³. _____
 VEILED IN FLESH¹⁴ THE GODHEAD SEE¹⁵, _____
 HAIL THE INCARNATE DEITY!¹⁶ _____
 PLEASD AS MAN WITH MEN TO DWELL¹⁷, _____
 JESUS OUR IMMANUEL¹⁸. _____

HAIL THE HEAVEN BORN PRINCE OF PEACE¹⁹ _____
 HAIL THE SUN OF RIGHTEOUSNESS!²⁰ _____
 LIGHT AND LIFE TO ALL HE BRINGS,²¹ _____
 RISEN WITH HEALING IN HIS WINGS.²² _____
 MILD HE LAYS HIS GLORY BY,²³ _____
 BORN THAT MAN NO MORE MAY DIE²⁴, _____
 BORN TO RAISE THE SONS OF EARTH,²⁵ _____
 BORN TO GIVE THEM SECOND BIRTH.²⁶ _____

CHORUS: HARK THE HERALD ANGELS SING,²⁷ _____
 GLORY TO THE NEWBORN KING²⁸ _____

1. Luke 2:10 (read carefully)
2. Luke 2:11
3. Luke 2:14
4. Luke 1:67, 72, 78
5. Ephesians 2:16 – 18; Romans 5:11,15
6. Revelation 15:3 & 4
7. Luke 2:8 & 9
8. Luke 2:10, 13 & 14
9. Luke 2:11
10. Hebrews 1:6; Revelation 5:6 – 14
11. Hab 1:12; Jer. 10:10; Rom.1:4; Jude 1:25
12. Hebrews 1:1 & 2
13. Matthew 1:23 – 25
14. Philippians 2:6 – 8;
15. Colossians 2:9; John 14:9
16. John 1:1 – 3, 10 & 11, 14
17. John 1:9 – 14
18. Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:23
19. Isaiah 9:6
20. Malachi 4:2
21. John 1:4, 5; 3:16; I Timothy 2:4
22. Malachi 4:2
23. John 16:28; Philippians 2:6 – 8; Hebrews 2:9
24. John 3:16 – 18; 18:37; Hebrews 2:14,
25. John 6:39, 40
26. John 3:3; I Peter 1:3 & 23
27. Luke 2:10
28. Matthew 2:2 & 11

JOY TO THE WORLD! THE LORD IS COME

JOY TO THE WORLD! THE LORD IS COME; ¹ _____
 LET EARTH RECEIVE HER KING; ² _____
 LET EVERY HEART PREPARE HIM ROOM, ³ _____
 AND HEAV'N⁴ AND NATURE SING, _____
 AND HEAVN AND NATURE⁵ SING, _____
 AND HEAVEN, AND HEAV'N AND NATURE SING _____

JOY TO THE EARTH!⁶ THE SAVIOR REIGNS⁷; _____
 LET MEN THEIR SONGS EMPLOY; ⁸ _____
 WHILE FIELDS AND FLOODS, ROCKS, HILLS, AND PLAINS⁹ _____
 REPEAT THE SOUNDING JOY, REPEAT THE SOUNDING JOY, _____
 REPEAT, REPEAT THE SOUNDING JOY. _____

NO MORE LET SINS¹⁰ AND SORROWS¹¹ GROW, _____
 NOR THORNS INFEST THE GROUND¹²; _____
 HE COMES TO MAKE HIS BLESSINGS FLOW¹³
 FAR AS THE CURSE IS FOUND¹⁴, _____
 FAR AS THE CURSE IS FOUND, FAR AS,
 FAR AS THE CURSE IS FOUND. _____

HE RULES THE WORLD¹⁵ WITH TRUTH AND GRACE¹⁶, _____
 AND MAKES THE NATIONS PROVE¹⁷ _____
 THE GLORIES¹⁸ OF HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS¹⁹, _____
 AND WONDERS OF HIS LOVE, AND WONDERS OF HIS LOVE, _____
 AND WONDERS, WONDERS OF HIS LOVE²⁰. _____

1. Luke 2:10, 11, 14; John 3:19; 6:14; 16:28; 18:37
2. Matthew 2:2,6,11; John 12:14, 15; I Tim. 6:14, 15
3. Revelation 3:20
4. Revelation 14:1 – 3; 15:3,4; 19:1-7
5. Ps 19:1 – 6; 65:11-13; 148:1-6
6. Psalm 65:9 – 13
7. Psalm 93:1; Isa.52:7; Rev. 11:15;
8. Colossians 3:16
9. Psalm 68:4, 32; Psalms 65:8 – 13;
10. Romans 6:12 – 14, 18, 22
11. Isaiah 53:3 – 5
12. Genesis 3:17 – 19; Galatians 3:10 & 13; Revelation 22:315
13. Acts 13:34; Ephesians 1:33
14. Isaiah 24:4 – 6; Galatians 3:8 – 13
15. Ephesians 1:20 – 22;
16. John 1:14 & 17
17. Revelation 15:4; Philippians 2:9 –11
18. II Corinthians 3:5-12;
19. Psalm 98:2; Philippians 1:11; 3:9
20. Psalm 107:8; 136:4; Ephesians 2:4,5

AWAY IN THE MANGER

AWAY IN THE MANGER¹ _____
 NO CRIB FOR HIS BED² _____
 THE LITTLE LORD JESUS LAY DOWN HIS SWEET HEAD _____
 THE STARS IN THE SKY LOOK DOWN WHERE HE LAY³ _____
 THE LITTLE LORD JESUS, ASLEEP IN THE HAY _____

THE CATTLE ARE LOWING _____
 THE POOR BABY WAKES,⁴ _____
 BUT THE LITTLE LORD JESUS NO CRYING MAKES⁵ _____
 I LOVE THEE LORD JESUS⁶ _____
 LOOK DOWN FROM THE SKY⁷ _____
 AND STAY BY MY SIDE TILL MORNING IS NIGH⁸ _____

BE NEAR ME, LORD JESUS!⁹ _____
 I ASK THEE TO STAY¹⁰ _____
 CLOSE BY ME FOREVER¹¹ AND LOVE ME¹² I PRAY¹³ _____
 BLESS ALL THE DEAR CHILDREN¹⁴ _____
 IN THY TENDER CARE¹⁵ _____
 AND FIT US FOR HEAVEN TO LIVE WITH THEE THERE¹⁶. _____

1. Luke 2:7
2. Luke 2:12
3. Luke 2:7, 8
4. Luke 2:15, 16
5. Luke 19:41; John 11:35
6. Psalm 31:23; 116:1 & 2;
Matthew 22:37, 38; John 14:15, 21, 23, 24; 21:15 – 17
7. Psalms 33:13; Ephesians 1:20-23; Hebrews 7:25
8. Matthew 28:20
9. Hebrews 13:5;
10. Revelation 3:20
11. John 10: 27 – 29; Romans 8:37 – 39
12. Jeremiah 31:3
13. Romans 10:8 – 13
14. Matthew 18:10 – 14;
15. Matthew 19:13, 13; Psalm 68:4, 5;
16. Philippians' 1:6; Hebrews 12:2;

WE THREE KINGS

WE THREE KINGS¹ _____
 OF ORIENT ARE,² _____
 BEARING GIFTS WE TRAVERSE AFAR³ _____
 FIELD AND FOUNTAIN MOOR AND MOUNTAIN
 FOLLOWING YONDER STAR ⁴ _____

BORN A KING ON BETHLEMES PLAIN⁵ _____
 GOLD I BRING TO CROWN HIM AGAIN⁶ _____
 KING FOREVER CEASING
 NEVER OVER US ALL TO REIGN⁷ _____

FRANKINCENSE TO OFFER HAVE I⁸ _____
 INNOCENCE OWNS A DEITY NIGHT _____
 PRAYER AND PRAISING ALL MEN RAISING⁹, _____
 WORSHIP HIM, GOD ON HIGH.¹⁰ _____

MYRRH IS MINE, ITS BITTER PERFUME¹¹ _____
 BREATHES A LIFE OF GATHERING GLOOM¹² _____
 SORRING, SIGHING, BLEEDING, DYING,¹³ _____
 SEALED IN THE STONE COLD TOMB.¹⁴ _____

GLORIOUS NOW BEHOLD HIM ARISE ¹⁵ _____
 KING AND GOD AND SACRIFICE ¹⁶ _____
 ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA,
 SOUNDS THRU THE EARTH AND SKIES ¹⁷ _____

1. Matthew 2:1
2. Matthew 2:1
3. Matthew 2:11
4. Matthew 2:2 & 9
5. Matthew 2:2; 21:1- 5;
Revelation 15:3
6. Matthew 2:11
7. Psalm 146:10;
Revelation 11:15
8. Matthew 2:11
9. I Timothy 2:8
10. Psalm 113:1-5
11. Matthew 2:11
12. Matthew 27:45, 50 -
54
13. Matthew 27:28 – 31,
32-35, 50
14. Matthew 27:57 – 61
15. Matthew 28:1 – 7,
16-20
16. Hebrews 9:24 – 28;
Revelation 19:1
17. John 20:31
Revelation 19:1, 3, 4, 6

GOD REST YE MERRY GENTLEMEN

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 LET NOTHING YOU DISMAY² _____
 REMBEMER, CHRIST, OUR SAVIOUR³ _____
 WAS BORN ON CHRISTMAS DAY⁴ _____
 TO SAVE US ALL FROM SATAN'S POWER⁵ _____
 WHEN WE WERE GONE ASTRAY⁶ _____
 O TIDINGS OF COMFORT AND JOY⁷ _____
 COMFORT AND JOY
 O TIDINGS OF COMFORT AND JOY

NOW TO THE LORD SING PRAISES⁸ _____
 ALL YOU WITHIN THIS PLACE⁹ _____
 AND WITH TRUE LOVE AND BROTHERHOOD¹⁰ _____
 EACH OTHER NOW EMBRACE¹¹; _____
 THIS HOLY TIDE OF CHRITSMAS¹² _____
 ALL OTHER DOTH DEFACE
 O TIDINGS OF COMFORT AND JOY,
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1. Exodus 33:14; II Samuel 7:11; Matthew 11:28 – 30
2. John 14:1 & 27
3. Luke 2: 8 - 11
4. Luke 2:1 – 7
5. Ephesians 2:1,2; II Timothy 2:24 – 26; Hebrews 2:14, 15
6. Isaiah 53:6
7. Isaiah 51:3-5; Jeremiah 31:13 – 15
8. Psalm 27:6; 68:32; 98:5
9. Acts 16:25; Colossians 3:16; Ephesians 5:19, 20; Revelation 14:3
10. John 13:34,35; I John 3:1,2, 10, 11
11. Luke 15:20-24; Acts 20:36-38;
12. Colossians 2:16,17; Romans 14:4,5

What Child Is This?

WHAT CHILD IS THIS WHO, LAID TO REST
ON MARY'S LAP IS SLEEPING?¹ _____
WHOM ANGELS GREET WITH ANTHEMS SWEET,² _____
WHILE SHEPHERDS WATCH ARE KEEPING?³ _____
THIS, THIS IS CHRIST THE KING,⁴ _____
WHOM SHEPHERDS GUARD⁵ AND ANGLES SING⁶; _____
HASTE, HASTE, TO BRING HIM LAUD⁷, _____
THE BABE, THE SON OF MARY⁸. _____

WHY LIES HE IN SUCH MEAN ESTATE,⁹ _____
WHERE OX AND ASS ARE FEEDING¹⁰ _____
GOOD CHRISTIANS, FEAR, FOR SINNERS HERE
THE SILENT WORD IS PLEADING.¹¹ _____
NAILS, SPEAR SHALL PIERCE HIM THROUGH,¹² _____
THE CROSS BE BORNE FOR ME, FOR YOU.¹³ _____
HAIL, HAIL THE WORD MADE FLESH,¹⁴ _____
THE BABE, THE SON OF MARY.

SO BRING HIM INCENSE, GOD AND MYRRH,¹⁵ _____
COME PEASENT, KING TO OWN HIM;¹⁶ _____
THE KING OF KINGS SALVATION BRINGS,¹⁷ _____
LOVING HEARTS ENTHRONE HIM.¹⁸ _____
RAISE, RAISE A SONG ON HIGH¹⁹ _____
THE VIRGIN²⁰ SINGS HER LULLABY²¹. _____
JOY, JOY FOR CHRIST IS BORN²², _____
THE BABE, THE SON OF MARY.

1. Luke 2:7, 12, 16
2. Luke 2:10 – 14
3. Luke 2:8
4. Matthew 2:1,2; 21:4,5; 27:11,29,42;
Mark 15:32; I Timothy 6:14, 15
5. Luke 2:8, 16, 17
6. Luke 2:10 – 14
7. Luke 2:15 – 18; Matthew 2:7 – 11
8. Matthew 1:24, 25; Luke 2:5 – 7
9. Luke 2:6, 7, 12, 16
10. Luke 2: 1- 7
11. Isaiah 53:12; Hebrews 7:25;
Revelation 22:16, 17; Romans 8:34
12. Acts 2:23; John 20:25; 19:34, 37;
Revelation 1:7
13. Isaiah 53:5, 6; I Peter 2:24;
Galatians 3:13;
14. John 1:1 – 5, 14; Revelation 19:13
15. Matthew 2:1, 2, 11
16. Luke 2:15 – 18; Matthew 2:11; John
1:11 – 14; 3:16; Matthew 11:4, 5. 18;
Mark 10:14; John 7:37;
17. Zachariah 9:9; I Timothy 6:15, 16
18. Matthew 22:37,38; Romans 10:9;
Hebrews 8:10; I Peter 1:15
19. Psalm 57:9; 68:32; Romans 15:8,9;
Ephesians 5:19, 20
20. Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:23 – 25;
Luke 1:26 – 38;
21. Luke 2:6,7, 19
22. Matthew 1:16; 2:1-4; Luke 2:10,11