



Christmas Greetings



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INTRODUCTION

Christmas Greetings is a 25 minute presentation by children of preschool and kindergarten age. It can be presented before small groups of relatives and friends or in front of church.

THEME

Each year we follow the age-old tradition of sending and receiving Christmas greeting cards throughout the holiday season. The purpose of these cards is to wish those near and dear to us a merry Christmas.

In **Christmas Greetings**, our children will share the Christmas greetings that God sent to those near and dear to him, including Mary and Joseph, the shepherds, and all people. It is that theme that is carried out through recitation, song, and visual aids.

RECITATIONS

Each of the sections for this presentation begins with the children reciting a short single verse poem with hand motions. Use your judgment if you would like the entire class to memorize each of them or have smaller groups or individuals recite them. The hand motions are optional.

The parts for the narrator may be read by the teacher, pastor, or a parent.

SONGS

Christmas Greetings includes four songs sung by the assembly:

As Each Happy Christmas (Sheet music is provided on this disk)

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Silent Night

I Am So Glad Each Christmas Eve (Sheet music is provided on this disk)

The children may join in on any of the assembly songs they may have learned.

Children's Song of the Nativity is for the children to sing. Sheet music is included, plus the instrumental accompaniment is also on this disk. (If it is too difficult to learn the entire song, you may divide up the lines or verses among different children or the teacher may sing certain parts.)

VISUAL AIDS - CARDS

The visuals for this program include three large greeting cards made by the children. These cards may best be displayed on three easels. You may use heavy cardboard



covered with plain paper to make the cards. We suggest using three corrugated paper cartons with smooth (not flapped) bottoms. Cut out one side of the carton plus the bottom to form a hinged card. Then cover with paper.

The artwork for the cards is included with this program. Simply make a transparency of the artwork in your computer printer. (Transparency film may be purchased at any office supply store.) These pictures are then broadcast on the greeting cards using the overhead projector. Then have the children decorate the pictures on the cards using crayons, markers, glitter, etc.



HAND-OUT GREETING CARDS

This disk also includes the artwork for the cards the children distribute to the assembly. These may also be colored and decorated by the children.

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A Bethlehem A-B-C

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A Preschool/Kindergarten Program

All Children: *Greetings to each one, we say,* (Wave to assembly)
Thanks for joining us today!
We have learned a message true (Point to heart)
That we'd like to share with you. (Open both hands toward assembly)

Song by Assembly: *As Each Happy Christmas (Sheet music on this disk)*

*As each happy Christmas
Dawns on earth again,
Comes the holy Christ Child
To the hearts of men.*

*Enters with his blessing
Into every home,
Guides and guards our footsteps,
As we go and come.*

Narrator: Welcome, and thank you for coming to hear the message we have to share. We have invited you here today because we have some special greetings for you. Although we may be small, we have learned how to send Christmas greeting cards just like the grownups. But our cards are so big they won't fit in the mailbox. That's why we have to show them to you today.

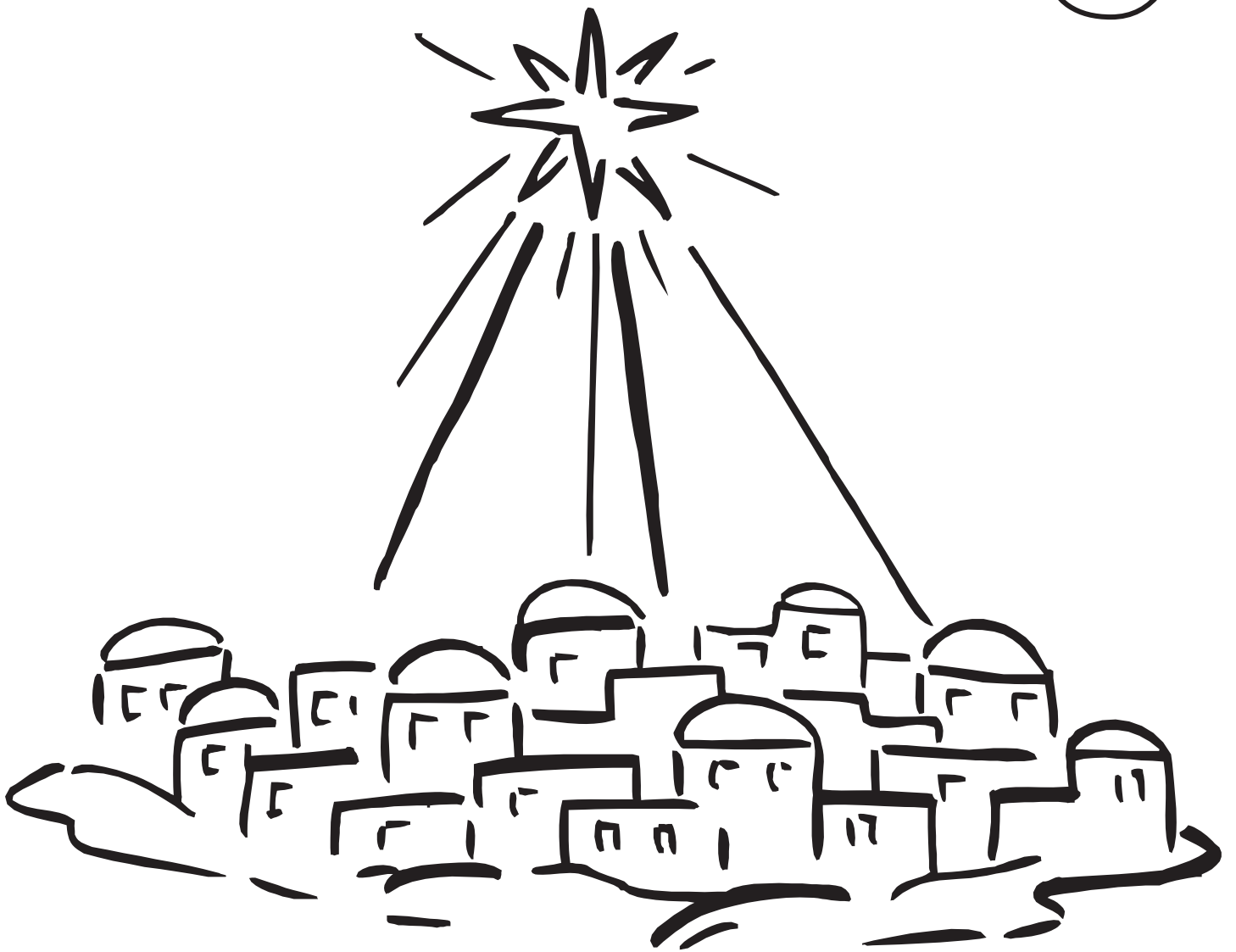
BETHLEHEM'S GREETING

(Put *Bethlehem* card on the easel)

All Children: *Our first greeting's filled with gloom,* (Rub eyes with fists)
For the inn was out of room.
"Bethlehem, these are your guests, (Shake finger at Bethlehem)
Looking for a place to rest."

(Open card)

Bethlehem's Greeting



CHILDREN'S SONG OF THE NATIVITY

Words & Music by Frances Chesterton
Arr. by Charles Cushinery

Moderato

Voice

Keyboard

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1. How far is it to Beth - le - hem? Not ve - ry
2. May we stroke the cre - tures there, ox, lamb or
3. Great kings have pre - cious gifts and we have

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far. Shall we find the sta - ble room lit by a
sheep? May we weep like them and see Je - sus a
naught, lit - tle smiles and lit - tle tears are all sus a

13 Chorus

star? Can we see the lit - tle child, is he with -
 sleep? If we touch his ti - ny hand, will he a -
 brought. For all wea - ry his chil - dren arms Ma - ry in must
 G 4.God in his C D7/F# ther's G Bm Am A7/C#

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in? If we lift the wood en latch may we go
 wake? Will he he know we've come so far just for his
 weep. Here Sleep on as they bed sleep who straw find their chil - dren,
 D G C D7 de -
 byre.

21 (Last time)

in? (Last time)
 sake? 2.May
 sleep.
 sire.
 G

After the 3rd chorus sing chorus number 4