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CHRISTMAS RECITATIONS

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WELCOME

A hearty welcome I bring to everyone
As we celebrate the birthday of God's dear Son.

I'M GLAD FOR CHRISTMAS

I'm glad for Christmas every year,
And that God sent dear Jesus here.

I'M GLAD YOU CAME

(Child's first name) is my name
I'm glad you came
To hear the name of Jesus.

And now we'll sing
Our voices ring
For the birthday of dear Jesus.

CHRISTMASTIME

Christmastime again has come
It is the birthday of God's own Son.

HAPPY BELLS

Hear the happy bells now ring
For the birthday of our King.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy Birthday Jesus
I love you.

NOT VERY BIG

I'm not very big at all
And I'm not very tall;
But I love Jesus anyway.
I love Him best of all.

VERY SMALL

You can see I'm very small
But here's what I can say.
We want to welcome one and all
To praise the Lord today.

WE COME TO CELEBRATE

Today we come to celebrate
The birthday of a King
He makes a way through heaven's gate,
Salvation He does bring.

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GOOD NEWS

Good news, good news I want to bring.
Jesus was born, He's the Saviour and King.

HAPPY CHRISTMAS

Happy Christmas day to you.
Happy birthday to Jesus too.

I LOVE JESUS

I love Jesus, yes I do;
I wonder, do you love Him too?

HAPPY CHRISTMAS

A happy blessed Christmas I say to everyone,
For a joy will surely fill us, as we worship God the Son.

FOR HIS NAME'S SAKE

- 1st Child: From all eternity
The Lord prepared for me
Salvation full and free,
For His Name's sake.
- 2nd Child: He came to earth one day,
Slept on a bed of hay.
His parents he did obey,
For His Name's Sake.
- 3rd Child: He calmed the stormy sea,
He made the demons flee,
He caused the blind to see,
For His Name's Sake.
- 4th Child: Then mocked and scourged was He
When He went to Calvary;
He gave His life for me,
For His Name's Sake.
- 5th Child: He cleansed my heart from sin,
My all I'll give to Him,
A Heavenly crown to win,
For His Name's Sake.

I THANK GOD

I thank God that He came to earth.
I thank God for His wonderful birth.
I thank God that He loves me so,
And that He sent Jesus to let me know.

JESUS LOVES ME

Jesus loves me, I can tell
 For He showed it very well.
 Can't you see He loves you too
 Since He gave His life for you?

A SECRET

I have a secret that I will shout
 I know what Christmas is all about.
 It is the birthday of Jesus you see.
 And that makes Christmas worthwhile to me.

CHILDREN AROUND THE MANGER

(This recitation takes five children and a manger)

1st child: (alone looking into manger-others in background)

Come to the manger and you will see
 A tiny baby for you and me.

(others come)

2nd child: This is the baby Jesus you know
 In the Bible it tells me so.

3rd child: Isn't it such a wonderful thing
 That we have seen the Saviour and King.

4th child: I'm going to tell everybody I know,
 God has come to this earth below.

5th child: I'm going to tell everybody too.
 I love Jesus so much, don't you?

C-H-R-I-S-T-M-A-S

(Make one letter for each child to hold)

C - is for Christ the Saviour's Name,
 H - is for Heaven from whence He came.
 R - is for Riches He left behind,
 I - for His Infinite love Divine.
 S - is for Sin that brought Him to earth.
 T - I am Thankful for His birth.
 M - is for the Message this story brings
 A - is for Angels His glory sings.
 S - is Salvation He offers to you
 Eternal life in heaven too.

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C-H-R-I-S-T-M-A-S

(Make One Letter For Each Child)

C - Is for Christ who is the Saviour and King.
H - is for Happy Hosannas we sing.
R - is for Riches of Love He bestows,
I - for the Infinite grace that He shows.
S - is Salvation which comes through His name.
T - for Thanksgiving and Praise we acclaim.
M - is for Mercy He gives us so free
A - Adoration we give Lord to Thee.
S - For Saviour, Salvation and Songs
This is a day which to God belongs.

J-E-S-U-S

(Make One Letter For Each Child)

1st child: Jesus came on Christmas Day
Jesus gave His life away.
2nd child: Jesus Died and rose again,
Jesus comes again to reign.
3rd child: King and Kings and Lord of Lords
Heaven and earth His love records.
4th child: Jesus Christ will come someday,
He will wipe all tears away.
5th child: Jesus Christ, Oh praise His name,
Yesterday, Today, the same.

J-E-S-U-S

(Make One Letter For Each Child)

1st child: Jesus Christ was born today
On a lowly bed of hay.
2nd child: Each and every angel sings.
This is Christ the King of Kings.
3rd Child: Sinners Jesus came to save
For their sins. His life He gave.
4th child: Unto us, yes unto us
The Son of God was given,
5th child: And Salvation He did bring,
Oh praise the Lord in Heaven.

JESUS CAME

Jesus Christ came down to earth.
He came from Heav'n above.
He was born of lowly birth.
He showed God's gracious love.

Angels came to tell it
To shepherds on that night;
Their hearts were filled with wonder
At the news and glorious sight.

They hastened, quickly hastened
To find their Lord and King.
They found Him in a manger.
Oh what a wondrous thing.

The Son of God from heaven came
To walk this lowly earth,
And all who trust His Holy Name,
Will have new life--new birth!

COME TO CHRIST

Come to Jesus Christ today
And give your life to Him.
He gave His life your debt to pay;
Your debt of awful sin.

That's why He came so long ago
On a manger bed of hay,
And you can show your love you know,
If you give Him your life today.

C-H-R-I-S-T-M-A-S

(Make A Letter For Each Child To Hold)

C - is for Christ the baby's name,
H - is for Heaven from whence He came.
R - is for Riches he left behind,
I - for His Infinite Grace Divine.
S - for Salvation He offers the world,
T - for True Love to the sinner unfurled.
M - for His Marvelous Matchless Name,
A - He is Always forever the same.
S - And let the "S" remind you again
Salvation, Salvation, is offered to men.

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TELL ME THE STORY OF JESUS

When you tell me the story of Christmas,
 Don't talk about Santa and things,
 But tell me the story of Jesus,
 And the joy His salvation brings.

Tell me how angels from heaven
 Appeared to the shepherds by night.
 And then how the shepherds did hasten,
 To see this glorious sight.

Tell me again of the baby
 Asleep on a manger of hay;
 Of the wisemen who brought him presents,
 And the star which showed them the way.

So when you talk about Christmas
 Just tell of that wonderful night,
 When God sent His only son Jesus,
 Providing Salvation and Light.

CHRISTMAS BELLS

Christmas Bells are ringing,
 Ringing in the air;
 Voices sweetly singing,
 Singing everywhere.

God has come to earth to dwell
 Through Jesus Christ His Son.
 Angels did the story tell
 He is the Promised One.

Come join your hearts in singing
 Glad news this Christmastide;
 Our Saviour's birth is bringing
 Salvation far and wide.

THANK YOU JESUS

Thank you Jesus for the manger,
 Thank you for your birth.
 Tho' many thought you were a stranger,
 God sent you here to earth.
 Thank you Jesus for the reason
 That you came that day.
 Thank you Jesus for this season,
 Here's my heart today!

I WANT TO TELL

I want to tell the story
Of Jesus and His birth.
He came from heaven's glory
To live upon the earth.

He planned before creation
That He would come and die.
To bring to us salvation.
And a home with Him on high.

Oh glory, glory, glory,
I'll lift my voice and sing.
Oh wondrous blessed story.
Jesus Christ is Lord and King.

THINK FOR A MOMENT

Think for a moment of shepherds
Out on the hills at night;
Then think of the fear that had filled them,
As they saw the most glorious sight.

Just think how they felt when they saw it,
The angel all shining and bright,
And think how they felt when they heard it--
This message of wondrous delight.

Their heart's must have filled then with wonder
And joy, at the glorious thought
That the Saviour predicted in Scripture
had come, and Salvation he brought.

IT WAS CHRIST THE LORD

In a manger long ago,
A little baby lay.
It was Christ the Lord you know
On that bed of hay.

He had come from heav'n above
The scriptures do record.
He came to show His matchless love--
My Saviour and My Lord.

Jesus! Jesus! was His name--
By many were adored. ⁷⁷
And through His blood salvation came,
For He was Christ the Lord.

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WHAT A WONDERFUL DAY

Oh what a wonderful, wonderful day
 Is Christmas every year.
 For Jesus was born to prepare the way
 To free men's hearts from fear.

For all of mankind were lost in their sin;
 We walked in our own sinful way;
 Until Jesus came and brought peace within,
 To those who would trust and obey.

Now come to the Saviour this Christmastime,
 And leave Him your trouble and care.
 In Him you will find a life that's sublime--
 Forgiveness from sin and despair.

WHAT MAKES CHRISTMAS?

It's not the gifts that make me sing,
 And it's not all the lights on the tree.
 But it's knowing Jesus my Saviour and King
 That makes Christmas Day for me.

For what is a gift without the Lord
 Who first gave His life for me?
 And what is a light shining bright in the night,
 If you're lost for eternity?

It's Jesus my Saviour who brings me cheer,
 It's knowing He died for me--
 His love will bring joy throughout the whole year,
 And on through eternity.

WHAT IS THE REASON?

Do you want to know the reason why we have this Christmas season
 When it's filled with rush and hurry all the time?

When we spend our time and money on the turkey, bread and honey,
 And our charge accounts begin to rise and climb?

Well it's not because we need it--and it's not your birthday time;
 And it's not the time to party, dance, or dine.

But it's the time and season for a better higher reason,
 It's the birthday of the King and Lord Divine.

So let us pay attention to the purpose and intention
 For which we spend this special Christmastime.

And then let us join together just to worship Christ forever
 With our hearts and with our souls and with our minds.

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PRAISE THE LORD

Praise the Lord for Christmas day
When Jesus came to earth;
For this was God the Father's way
Of bringing man new birth.

For God had planned that Christ should die
Before the world began;
And so He left His home on high
Because of sinful man!

So Praise the Lord God came to be
The Saviour of mankind.
Yes praise the Lord abundantly
With heart, and soul, and mind.

AN ANGEL CAME

An angel came to Mary
So very long ago
With a very special secret
He wanted her to know.

"You will have a baby.
The Son of God is He.
And you will call Him Jesus,
For the Saviour He will be."

Then Mary was delighted
That she should be the one
Who would bear the precious Saviour--
God's own Beloved Son.

She thanked God up in Heaven,
She praised Him with her heart:
"Oh Lord Thou art so gracious;
My God, how great Thou art."

MARY'S SONG

My soul doth praise the Lord above
To Him alone I sing.
For He has shown His gracious love;
My praise to Him I bring.

Salvation He has brought to man,
The hungry He has filled,
His mercy is upon all them
Who fear, and do His will.

Oh magnify the Lord with me,
And praise His name above;
For He has brought salvation free,
And shown His mighty love.

WHAT A WONDERFUL THOUGHT

What a wonderful thought that God should love me
When I had no thought of Him.
What a wonderful thought that He came to be
The Saviour of sinful men.

Oh wonder of wonders that God up above
Would come to this earth below,
To show us His tender compassionate love.
And on us salvation bestow.

Salvation for sinners! Oh wonderful thing!
A gift that we had not sought!
A gift that no earnings or merit could bring,
Praise God for His wonderful thought!

SPECIAL NEWS

An angel appeared to Mary one night;
For a moment her heart was filled with fright;
But the Angel assured her that all was well,
That He had a wonderful secret to tell.'

He told her that she was chosen the one
To be the mother of God's own Son.
"Call His name Jesus", he told her then,
"For He'll save His people from their sin."

RING THE BELLS

(This can be done by four children, or by three, with all saying the last stanza together. If bells are available, they could be rung in time with a hymn such as "Ring The Bells Of Heaven" while the piano plays it. This would be done after the completion of the recitation.)

1st child: Ring the bells, proclaim to men
Christ is born in Bethlehem.

2nd child: Ring the bells, tell everyone,
Christ is God the Holy One.

3rd child: Ring the bells, and make it clear,
His coming brings us hope and cheer.

4th child: Ring the bells, yes let them ring,
Christ doth full salvation bring.

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WHY?

1st child: Why should God the Lord of earth
Stoop to such a lowly birth?

2nd child: And why should He be glad to spend
A lifetime here on earth with men?

3rd child: And why should Christ of Bethlehem
Suffer, just for sinful men?

4th child: Why, oh why, what does this mean?
The answer is John 3:16.

(All quote John 3:16 together or have a 5th child do it)

HE HUMBLED HIMSELF

Christ humbled Himself when He came to the earth;
He humbled Himself at His lowly birth.

He humbled Himself as a little child,
Tender and loving, submissive, and mild.

He humbled Himself the lowly to greet
And even to wash the disciples' feet.

And then when He stooped to the mockings of men,
He humbled Himself again and again.

Oh wondrous Redeemer and Saviour Divine,
I could not forget that great action sublime;

For when you bore all of my sin and it's dross
You humbled yourself to the death of the cross.

"Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, and took upon Him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men; and being found in fashion as a man, he humbled Himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross." Phil. 2:5-8)

BELIEVE ON JESUS

Believe on Jesus and be saved
The Word of God proclaims;
Believe His life He freely gave
For all your sin and shame.

Believe and trust He died for you
Is the message that is given.
And He will give you life anew,
And a home with Him in Heaven.

BIBLE VERSES SPELL CHRISTMAS

(Make a letter for each one to hold spelling Christmas)

Call His name Jesus, for He shall save His people from their sins.

He came unto His own and His own received Him not, but as many as received Him to them gave He the power to become the sons of God.

Repent ye for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life. No man cometh unto the Father but by Me.

Sing unto the Lord a new song for He hath done marvelous things..The Lord hath made known His Salvation.

That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow of things in heaven and things in earth, and things under the earth; And every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Marvel not that I say unto you, ye must be born again.

All we like sheep have gone astray: we have turned everyone to his own way, and the Lord hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

Seek ye the Lord while He may be found: call ye upon Him while He is near.

GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST

Glory to God in the Highest was what the angels sang.
Glory to God in the Highest the wondrous message rang.

They sang of Christ the Saviour's birth who came from heav'n above;
God in the flesh came down to earth with peace, and joy and love.

"And suddenly there was with the angel, a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace good will toward men." Luke 2:13,14

THAT'S CHRISTMAS

To see a soul in need,
To pray and intercede,
To help in word and deed,
That's Christmas!

To find a soul in sin,
To share the Lord with him,
For Christ his soul to win,
That's Christmas!

To seek the lonely one
To selfish interests shun,
To bring another fun,
That's Christmas!

GOD'S LOVE AND PLAN

Down from the Heaven's above
God came to the earth He had made;
Revealing to man His great love,
When the debt of his sin He paid.

For why else should God come to earth
And stoop to such lowly birth,
Except that He had a great plan
To ransom and save fallen man.

For God knew before time began
That mankind would fall into sin;
So there up in Heaven He planned
To save, to redeem, and to win.

A PLAN FOR A CHEERFUL CHRISTMAS

I don't know what you plan to do
This special time of year;
But I would like to share with you
A way to bring good cheer.

Go visit someone just a while,
And sing a song or two;
Or sit and read, or chat and smile,
And bring some goodies too.

You'd be surprised how little things
Can make the lonely glad,
And how a little visit brings
Much comfort to the sad.

Jesus said, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of
these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.

JUST IMAGINE

Just imagine if you will
The lonely shepherds on a hill,
The light that filled their hearts with fright
As it shined so brightly in the night.

And then imagine as they heard
The angel speak to them:
The joy that in their hearts occurred
At the news He told them then.

Just think of the thrill as the angels sang
Their praise to the Holy One;
The excitement they felt as the heavens rang
That Christ the Messiah had come.

And then just imagine the joy that they had
As they walked on toward Bethlehem;
And the blessing unbounded that made their hearts glad
Beholding the Saviour of men.

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WISEMEN WORSHIP

Wisemen travelling from afar
 Saw a bright and glorious star.
 By it God had guided them
 To where they found the Saviour of men.

They fell and worshipped Christ the Lord
 Praising Him with one accord,
 The gifts they laid before Him were
 Some gold, and frankincense and myrrh.

IT WAS GOD

It was God who spoke and said, "Let there be light."
 It was God who made both the daytime and night.

It was God who created the flowers and trees.
 And gathered together the rivers and seas.

It was God who made all the beauty we see
 From the mountains and valleys, to the ant and the bee.

It was God who created the animals too,
 And in His own image, He made me and you.

And then it was God who came down to this earth;
 The prophets foretold His miraculous birth.

It was God--yes, my God, who then died on the cross,
 Redeeming my soul at a dreadful cost.

And in a miraculous marvelous way,
 It was God who rose again on that third day.

And then it is God who will come back for me,
 To take me with Him for eternity.

It is God whom we worship on this Christmas Day,
 For He is the Christ on the manger of hay.

BE THANKFUL

Be thankful God made you, be joyful and sing;
 Be thankful He came as your Saviour and King!

Be thankful and grateful you're His very own;
 He saved you, redeemed you, with blood did atone.

Be prayerful, be humble before Him each day;
 Be thankful He leads you each step of the way.

Be thankful He grants the forgiveness of sin,
 Be thankful for peace and contentment within.

Be gracious, be loving, be tender and kind,
 That those all around you His likeness may find.

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OH WONDERFUL STORY

ALL TOGETHER: Oh wonderful wonderful story
Of the Christ who left heaven's glory.

1st child: He came to this earth
Through miraculous birth
To become the Saviour of men.

ALL TOGETHER: Oh wonderful, wonderful story
Of the Christ who left heaven's glory.

2nd child: He came to fulfill
The Father's own will
That He might redeem man from sin.

ALL TOGETHER: Oh wonderful wonderful story,
Of the Christ who left heaven's glory.

3rd child: He died all alone
My sins to atone
That I might receive life through Him.

ALL TOGETHER: Oh wonderful wonderful story
Of the Christ who left heaven's glory.

4th child: He's returning for me
Then forever I'll be
With Christ my Redeemer and friend.

GOD'S PERFECT PLAN

Fulfilling a holy and perfect plan,
God came to earth in the form of a man.
Even the manger on which He lay
Was part of His plan for that Christmas day.

His plan the prophets had long foretold
And now the secrets of God unfold.
Messiah has come! The message unfurled.
He'll set up His Kingdom and rule the world.

But all of the people did not understand
That God had a holier perfect plan.
For mankind was lost in their sin and shame,
And needed redemption through Jesus' name.

This was God's plan from eternity;
To come to this earth to redeem you and me.
"It is finished" He cried, as He hung there that day.
God's plan of redemption--His perfect way.

And then when He died for sinful men,
His mission complete, He arose again.
He conquered sin, and conquered death too,
And He's coming again for me and for you.

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HOW CAN IT BE?

God the Creator, how can it be
That He should come to this earth for me?
That He should love me enough to care
And all of my burdens and sins to bear?...

How can it be that I should become
A child of the Father, the Holy One?
Why should He save and redeem even me?
Oh wonder of wonders, how can it be?

How can it be that this love should be mine?
This love of my wonderful Saviour divine?
For His own dear sake, and His glory alone,
That's why He made me His very own.

ANGELS SING

Oh hear the angels praising
Our God in heav'n above.
And hear their voices raising
A song of peace and love.

"Glory to God" we hear them sing,
And "Peace to men on earth"
Let the joyful tidings ring
Of Christ the Saviour's birth.

And still in heav'n they sing today
Their praise to God on high.
Each time a sinner leaves his way
And to the Lord draws nigh.

So won't you come to Christ tonight
And let Him live in you?
Angelic choirs with much delight
Will praise God for you too.

THINK ON THAT GREAT DAY

Just think of what a great day that it was
When Christ came down to earth,
And all the excitement there must have been
At the news of His royal birth.

And think of what a great day that it was
When Christ came into your heart,
Filling your soul with His wonderful love,
His joy, and His peace to impart.

Then think of what a great day that will be
When Jesus comes back again
When believers from all eternity
Will be forever with Him.

Just think on that day! Yes, think on that day!
Make sure you are ready for Him!
For Jesus Himself is the only way
To be ready, and cleansed from sin. (Quote John 14:6)

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STRANGERS AND FOREIGNERS

Strangers and Foreigners were we
 To the Holy Trinity.
 No way in ourselves could we be
 Fit for eternity.

"Til God, filled with wonderful love,
 Came down from His throne up above.
 His grace He outpoured, and our souls He restored:
 The price was His precious blood.

Now all who believe on His name,
 No longer a stranger will be;
 For Christ paid the price! What a great sacrifice!
 Securing redemption for thee.

WONDERFUL, COUNSELLOR, PRINCE OF PEACE

Wonderful, Counsellor, Prince of Peace
 And the mighty God is He.
 He came to this earth, my soul to release
 From it's sin and misery.

Wonderful, Counsellor, Prince of Peace,
 Is this Christ of Bethlehem.
 The song of His praises will never cease
 From the lips of blood bought men.

SHEPHERDS IN THE FIELD

Shepherds in the fields were abiding,
 Watching their flocks by night;
 When a brightness from heaven came shining,
 Turning the darkness to light.

Their eyes were filled with amazement,
 Their hearts were tremb'ling with fright,
 'Til they heard the angel's pronouncement,
 Messiah was born that night.

They left their sheep on the hillside,
 In search of the Saviour of men.
 On a manger of hay they found Him,
 In the town of Bethlehem.

"And the shepherds returned glorifying and praising God for all
 the things that they had heard and seen as it was told unto them."

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QUESTION AND ANSWER TIME

(The Gospel)

For teens or adults. Bible verses should be memorized and it might be more effective if references are not given. This involves 12 people.

- 1st Person: Why Did God leave Heaven and Come to Earth?
- 2nd Person: Rom. 3:1-11. There is none righteous, no not one. There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeks after God. Rom. 3:23 For all have sinned and come Short of the glory of God. Rom. 6:23 For the wages of sin is death but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."
- 3rd Person: If God came because we are sinners and because we wouldn't seek after God without Him, what did He do about it?
- 4th Person: Isa. 53:6 All we like sheep have gone astray, we have turned everyone to his own way, and the Lord hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all. Rom/ 5:8 But God commendeth His love toward us in that while we were yet sinners Christ Died for us. Jn. 3:16 For God so loved The world that He gave His only begotten son, that who-soever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God sent not his son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.
- 5th Person: Does that mean EVERYBODY gets their sins forgiven because Jesus came to earth and died on the cross, and does that mean that no one gets punished?
- 6th Person: Jn. 3:18 He that believeth on Him is not condemned, but He that believeth not is condemned already because He hath not believed on the name of the only begotten son of God. He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life; and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life but the wrath of God abideth on Him.
- 7th Person: Doesn't Everybody believe in God?
- 8th Person: Matt. 7:21 Not everyone that saith unto me, Lord, Lord shall enter into the Kingdom of Heaven, BUT HE THAT DOETH THE WILL OF MY FATHER WHICH IS IN HEAVEN. Matt. 5:20 For I say unto you that except your righteousness exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the Kingdom of Heaven. I Jn. 2:4 He that saith I know Him and keepeth not His commandments is a liar and the truth is not in Him.
- 9th Person: How can we obey God and Keep His commandments? Isn't this impossible?

QUESTION AND ANSWER TIME CONT---

- 10th Person: Phil. 4:13 I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me. Gal. 2:20 I am crucified with Christ, nevertheless I live, yet not I, but Christ liveth in me. AND THE LIFE WHICH I NOW LIVE IN THE FLESH I LIVE BY THE FAITH OF THE SON OF GOD WHO LOVED ME AND GAVE HIMSELF FOR ME. With man all things are impossible, but with God all things are possible.
- 11th Person: Isn't it wonderful that Christ came to die for us and give us eternal life and that He gives us HIS power to obey Him. Doesn't the Bible tell us that He has a purpose for us too?
- 12th Person: Yes it does in John 15:16. Ye have not chosen me but I have chosen you and ordained you that you should go and bring forth fruit and that your fruit should remain. Another Bible verse tells us that we have been predestinated to be conformed to the image of His Son. It is exciting to think that Christ not only came to save us and make us like Himself, but that He has put His spirit within us to help us live and to help us be his witnesses.

LIFT UP YOUR HEART

Oh come to Christ the newborn King,
Lift up your heart, rejoice and sing.
He comes with healing in His wings
To sinful man salvation brings.

Lift up your heart, His word proclaim
He came to take my sin and blame.
Rejoice and tell it o'er again,
Salvation comes through Jesus' name.

CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS

Celebrate Christmas with joy in your heart;
Tell others to do the same.
Celebrate Christmas and never depart
From honoring Jesus' name.

For this is His day, to Him it belongs,
And not to our own selfish gain;
So celebrate Christmas with praise and with songs
And honor the Saviour's name.

CHRISTMAS RECITATIONS

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WHAT CAN I DO FOR HIM?

Since Jesus came to earth that day
And slept upon a bed of hay,
What can I do for Him?

Since Jesus came from Heav'n above
To give to me His Holy love,
What can I do for Him?

And since He died on Calvary
And saved my soul eternally
What can I do for Him?

And since He lives within my heart
And promised never to depart
What can I do for Him?

There's one thing I can do. I can love the Lord with all my
heart and all my soul and all my mind and all my strength.

IN THE BEGINNING

In the beginning of time and of space
God made a plan to show us His grace.
Even before the earth had been made--
In the beginning God's blueprint was laid.

The creation of earth was a part of His plan,
And so was redemption of fallen man.
God in the flesh would come down to this earth,
Be born of a virgin--of lowly birth.

He'd suffer and die upon calvary's tree,
Paying sins' debt for you and for me.
And then as I look at His blueprint I see
That with Him forever in heaven I'll be.

CHRISTMASTIME

Christmastime is here again
Reminding us as sinful men
Why all the creatures here on earth
Should celebrate God's Holy Birth.

For it was God who came that day
And slept upon a bed of hay;
Who came to show His love to man,
And to fulfill salvation's plan.

Such great and boundless love I see
Revealed through Christ on Calvary.
So praise the Lord for what He's done,
For Christmastime, and God's dear Son.

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YOU LOVE ME

- 1st child: Jesus on the bed of hay
What a sweet and precious way
To show me that you love me.
- 2nd child: Jesus, as you day by day
Healed the sick along the way
You showed me that you love me.
- 3rd child: Jesus, as you died for me
On the cross of Calvary,
You showed me that you love me.
- 4th child: Jesus, you will come for me,
With you I'll forever be
Because you really love me.
- 5th child: For God so loved the world that He gave His only
begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on Him, shall
not perish, but have everlasting life. Jn. 3:16

BLESSED BE THE NAME OF THE LORD

- 1st child: This is Christ the Saviour's birth
God in the flesh come down to earth.
- ALL: BLESSED BE THE NAME OF THE LORD!
- 2nd child: No greater love could any show
Than what the Lord on me bestowed.
- ALL: BLESSED BE THE NAME OF THE LORD!
- 3rd child: His love revealed at Calvary
Cannot be measured by degree.
- ALL: BLESSED BE THE NAME OF THE LORD!
- 4th child: Christ, Redeemer, Saviour King,
Praise His name, rejoice and sing.
- ALL: BLESSED BE THE NAME OF THE LORD.

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I'D LIKE TO SET THE WHOLE WORLD STRAIGHT

I'd like to set the whole world straight
 About this christmastime,
 I'd like to go and propagate
 It's meaning so sublime.

I'd like to set the whole world straight
 And tell them what to do;
 If only they would celebrate
 With Jesus Christ in view.

I'd like to set the whole world straight
 About the Saviour's birth,
 And somehow to the world relate
 Why Jesus came to earth.

WOULDN'T YOU?

"Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."

WHEN YOU SEE A CHRISTMAS TREE

When you see a Christmas tree
 All trimmed and shining bright,
 Just think how Christmas came to be
 On that very special night.

And when you see the branches
 Loaded down with lovely things,
 Just remember all the blessings
 That knowing Jesus brings.

For He loads upon us treasure--
 Blessings far beyond compare,
 And His love beyond all measure
 Shows His daily loving care.

The warm and glowing lights I see
 Upon the Christmas tree,
 Remind me of God's love divine
 That He reveals to me.

But when I see the gifts beneath,
 All wrapped with special love,
 I think of God's great gift to me--
 His Son sent from above.

It always makes me want to give
 My life to Him anew,
 And makes me want to daily live
 With pleasing Him in view.

So when you see a Christmas tree,
 Just think of Christ alone,
 Thanking Him continually
 For all that He has done.

TRUSTING

I come to Thee oh precious Lord,,
 And rest upon Thy Holy Word.
 These things which you have promised me,
 I claim by faith and trust in Thee.

I've failed you often on life's way,
 When'er to self I'd yield full sway;
 My eyes of faith would grow so dim
 And thus, not trusting, fall to sin.

My God when Satan's hosts are near,
 And I begin to fret and fear
 Just give me eyes to see you Lord,
 And faith in your unfailing Word.

There's "grace sufficient" for each day,
 "I'll not forsake", I hear you say.
 Since you are God, you cannot fail,
 I'll trust you through each stormy gale.

CONFESSION

I've strayed so far away from Thee;
 My heart is growing cold.
 There's not the warmth there used to be,
 I'm in a selfish mold.

Oh Lord I bring it all to Thee,
 Oh hear my humble cry,
 Restore Thy life and Joy in me,
 Let self within me die.

There is no peace in earthly things,
 No lasting joy nor thrill.
 I want the joy surrender brings,
 I want to do God's will.

So Lord I give myself to Thee,
 Confessing sin and shame,
 Revive my soul and work through me,
 To praise Thy Holy Name!

I NEED THEE

Oh Lord how much I need you
 To keep me day by day.
 I just can't live without you
 As I walk the narrow way.

My heart gets torn in two, Lord
 It wants to follow you,
 But oh how I do stumble
 When I try your will to do.

It seems there are distractions
 That turn my feet aside,
 And many great attractions
 Where I would long abide.

It's plain to see I need Thee
 To keep me day by day;
 Just live your life completely
 Thru this feeble life of clay.

BE THANKFUL

Be thankful to God for everything
For this is God's will for you.
Be thankful to God, rejoice and sing,
Be thankful in all that you do.

Whether you work, or whether you play,
Or whether you study every day.
Whether you're up, or whether you're down,
Let all your praise to God resound.

Be thankful to God for everything,
For He has placed it there.
Be thankful to God, rejoice and sing,
And cast upon Him all your care.

PRAISE TO GOD

For Father, for Mother,
For Sister, For Brother,
We gratefully thank Thee Lord.

For friendships abounding,
And comforts surrounding,
We praise Thee with one accord.

For all of creation
And blessed salvation,
We praise Thee oh Saviour Divine.

For all that you send us,
And love so tremendous,
Our praise Lord shall ever be Thine.

THANKS

How can I say thank you Lord, for all that you have done?
Your blessings are so many, and I'm thankful for each one:
And when I bow to give you thanks, I wish I could do more
To show you that I'm grateful for your blessings or'er and or'er,
Beside the things you give me Lord, that I can have and hold,
I treasure all those blessings that are worth far more than gold.
The moments that I spend before the throne of grace each day,
Are worth far more than tongue can tell in any sort of way.
How precious are the blessings when I read your Word and pray,
And when I just behold you Lord, and hear what you will say.
So Lord I give you thanks again for treasures rich and rare.
And may I seek for friends with whom these blessings I can share.

POEMS FOR OTHER OCCASIONS

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THINGS FOR WHICH I AM THANKFUL

For summertime and harvest,
 For winter and for spring;
 For all the lovely flowers.
 And birds that sweetly sing.

A stroll within the woodland
 To think - To pray - To look;
 The sound of tossing pebbles
 Into a rippling brook.

For quiet peaceful mountains,
 For icy mountain streams;
 For rich and fertile valleys,
 On which the sunlight gleams.

I love the mighty oceans,
 And fishing in the sea,
 And all the other tokens
 Of God's great gifts to me.

Begin to look around you,
 And see what you can see;
 Sights and sounds of beauty
 So bounteous and free.

Then thank God up in Heaven
 For things so commonplace
 That we just take for granted--
 Things given by His grace.

SAY THANK YOU

We forget to say thank you
 And we forget to give praise
 To God the eternal Father
 For all of His marvelous ways.

He loved us before we knew Him,
 He died that we might live;
 He rose again to keep us,
 And still He loves to give.

He pardons and forgives us,
 And heals diseases too,
 And pours His loving kindness
 Each day on me and you.

He knows when we are tempted.
 He keeps us in His hand.
 From evil we're protected,
 Through trials helps us stand.

Shout forth and praise Jehovah,
 And don't forgetful be,
 For all His acts of kindness
 He shows to you and me.

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REMEMBER

Remember now the goodness of the gracious Lord to thee,
 Remember all His benefits and mercies full and free.
 Remember all His patience with you when you went astray,
 And don't forget the strength He gives you each and every day.

Remember now His goodness, when you were wayward bent,
 How His judgement and correction soon led you to repent.
 Remember now His Spirit, and the comfort He doth give,
 And how He brings the Word to you to help you daily live.

Remember, yes remember, to thank Him day by day,
 And show Him that you mean it, by what you do and say.
 Remember that ungratefulness brings selfishness and shame,
 And only praise and honor will glorify His name.

NO GREATER LOVE

Greater love hath no man than this,
 That a man should die for His friends.
 For a better love no one could wish--
 For this love never ends.

Praise to the Lord for God's great love
 Who loved us before we knew Him,
 A love that sent Him from above
 To suffer and die for our sin.

Praise to the Lord, oh how can it be
 That God the Creator should care;
 That He should stoop to love even me;
 --There's no greater love anywhere.

WHAT HAVE I DONE?

What have I done for the Lord today
 Is the question that comes to me?
 What have I done for the Lord I say,
 That counts for eternity?

Have I given my all to His Holy will?
 Have I lifted my heart in prayer?
 Have I read in His Word my hunger to fill,
 Or stayed in His presence there?

Have I shared with the lost the theme of the cross?
 Have I told them of God's great love?
 That He came to redeem us from sin and it's dross
 Having left His home up above?

Yes, what have I done for my Master today?
 What have I done that will last?
 For soon Christ will come and will call me away,
 And chances for "doing" will pass.

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THANK THE LORD

Thank the Lord shout forth with praise.
Thank Him for His holy ways.

Thank Him for His mighty hand
That through temptation helps us stand.

Thank Him that through great distress
He brings peace and happiness.

Thank Him though all things go wrong,
He is there to give a song.

Thank Him that He loves and guides
And that He with His saints abides.

Thank the Lord shout forth with praise.
Thank Him for His Holy ways.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR LOVE

Glorious Father in Heav'n above
Thank you for Thy incomparable love.
Your love is greater than any could be,
Your love left heaven and reached out to me.

Your love has given and given again,
It has restored unregenerate men.
Your love has met every need of my heart,
And to my soul joy and peace did impart.

Oh how I thank you my Lord up in heaven.
Thank you so much for the love you have given.
Your love is perfect and holy and pure;
It shall forever and ever endure.

HALLELUJAH PRAISE THE LORD

Hallelujah, praise the Lord!
Thank ye Him with one accord.
It is He who gives us breath,
It is He who conquered death.

Hallelujah, praise the Lord!
Thank ye Him with one accord.
It is He who brought us life
And who helps us through all strife.

Hallelujah Praise the Lord!
Thank ye Him with one accord.
It is He who makes us strong,
He who keeps us all day long.

Hallelujah praise the Lord!
Thank ye Him with one accord.
Give Him honor due His name.
Through Him our salvation came.

POEMS FOR OTHER OCCASIONS

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IF YOU NEVER WITNESS

If you never witness to a person day by day,
 And if you never care for them, nor for them ever pray,
 Then search your heart to see if you are really born again,
 For if you are, you should be burdened for the souls of men.

If you never witness 'cause you don't know what to say,
 And if you never even try in any sort of way,
 Then you will miss the blessing that the Lord has promised you,
 So open up your mouth and tell what Christ has done for you.

SINCE THE LORD HAS SAVED ME

Since the Lord has saved me He has put within my heart
 A very special burden, His great message to impart.

I want to share with others what the Lord has done for me.
 I want to tell them of His love expressed through calvary.

I want to go to neighbors and to friends both far and near,
 That they might meet the Saviour and His glorious message hear.

I praise thee precious Saviour for redeeming me from sin,
 And for giving me a burden other souls for Christ to win.

GO YE

Go ye into all the world and talk of Christ God's Son.
 Go ye into all the world, and tell what He has done.

Tell them that He died upon the Cross of calvary,
 Tell them that He sacrificed His life to set them free.

Go and tell the world that Jesus died to take our place,
 And that Salvation is a gift thats offered by His grace.

Tell them whosoever will believe upon His name,
 Shall receive forgiveness and eternal life may claimm

Go and tell, yes go and tell what Christ has done for you,
 For many souls have not yet heard that Jesus loves them too.

The fields are ripe to harvest and the laborers are few,
 So go into the world and preach as Christ commands you to.

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MILLIONS HAVE NEVER HEARD

Millions of people have never heard
Of Jesus the Saviour of men.
To them the thought has never occurred
That Jesus might love even them.

Millions of people have never heard
That they are lost in their sin;
And many of us have not shared the Word,
Proclaiming the gospel to them.

Millions of people have never heard
Because we have failed to share
The precious message within God's Word
To neighbors and friends everywhere.

A WITNESS

I may not go to Africa, to China or Japan,
But I can share the love of Christ with others where I am.

To travel to another land, to sail across the seas,
Never made another man, a witness, if you please.

A missionary is a soul who has a burdened heart.
The world around him is his goal, God's message to impart.

For those whom God has sent to share the news across the seas,
We can hold them up in prayer, and help them with their needs.

But we can witness all around, wherever we may be;
And to the world God's love resound--salvation full and free.

GO AND TELL OTHERS

Go and tell others and hold not back.
Go and tell others, you'll nothing lack.
God will be with you and help you to speak,
Go to the lowly and go to the meek.

Go and tell others, don't linger or wait,
God and tell others before it's too late.
God has commanded to "go" and to "preach".
Tell forth the gospel lost sinners to reach.

POEMS FOR OTHER OCCASIONS

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LET YOUR LIGHT KEEP SHINING

Let your light keep shining in a world that's dark with sin.
 Let your light keep shining showing others Christ within.
 Let the world around you know what Christ has done for you.
 Let your light keep shining so that they may know Him too.

In a world of darkness there is sorrow and despair;
 Many folks around you need to know you love and care.
 So let your light keep shining all around you day by day.
 Leading other people to the true and living way.

USE ME

Lord take the life you have given me
 And use it as you desire.
 All that I have I surrender to Thee;
 Fill me oh Lord with Thy fire.

Souls all around me are lost in their sin,
 They're crying for someone to care.
 Give me a burning desire withing
 Your glorious message to share.

Too many times Lord I've walked right on by
 A soul for whom Christ I might win,
 And said I was busy, or that I was shy,
 And therefore not witness to Him.

I want you to change my desires oh Lord
 And give me a burden within
 To share the marvelous truth of Thy Word,
 That others for Christ I might win.

HAVE I SHARED?

Have I shared the blessings of the Lord
 With someone else today?
 Have I shared the riches of His Word
 As I walked along the way?

Have I talked to friends and neighbors too
 And told them that God cares?
 The He offers them a life anew
 Salvation can be theirs.

I need to share with everyone
 The love of Christ the Lord,
 To tell them what my God has done
 For some have never heard.

POEMS FOR OTHER OCCASIONS

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SPREAD A LITTLE SUNSHINE

Spread a little sunshine,
 Spread a little love.
 Do a deed of kindness
 For the Lord above.

Go and help a neighbor,
 Visit shutins too.
 Don't turnout a stranger
 Who might be needing you.

Give and give to others
 As Christ gave unto you.
 Practice what you're preaching
 In all you say and do.

LIFE PASSES QUICKLY

Life passes quickly so work while it is day,
 Making each moment worthwhile.
 Live it for Jesus while walking on life's way
 Sharing a word and a smile.

Life passes quickly so run as in a race,
 Keeping your body for Him;
 Knowing that soon you shall look into His face,
 So run that a crown you might win.

Life passes quickly, ther's so much work to do
 Spreading the gospel abroad.
 Go tell the story as God commanded you,
 Do it as unto the Lord!

GOD LOVED ME

Jesus came from heaven above,
 Jesus set on me His love.
 Before I ever came to be
 What a wonder, God loved me.

Jesus died upon the cross,
 Jesus suffered untold loss;
 Shed His blood to set me free,
 How amazing, God loved me.

Jesus rose again that day,
 Taking fear of death away.
 Jesus lives triumphantly,
 All because my God loved me.

Jesus Christ will come again
 Taking me to be with Him.
 Life with Him eternally,
 Just because my God loved me.

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ALL ALONE

Jesus walked the calvary road,
 All alone He came.
 On Himself He bore the load
 Of my sin and shame.

Then they nailed Him to the cross-
 Oh what agony!
 Oh what pain and dreadful loss
 He went through for me.

All alone He suffered there
 The perfect sinless One;
 All alone my sins did bear
 Salvation's work was done.

CHRIST

Christ the creator of the earth,
 Virgin born---of lowly birth.

Christ the Redeemer of mankind
 Through His name salvation find.

Christ the King and Lord of all
 He will answer when we call.

Christ the Counsellor and Guide,
 He is always by my side.

Christ the Prince of Peace is He
 Now and through eternity.

Christ the Lord--His love proclaim,
 He changes not! Oh praise His name!

LOVE

Love so amazing so vast and so broad--
 That is the love of my Saviour and Lord.
 Love that included a sinner like me,
 Love so far reaching, oh how could it be!

Love of my wonderful Saviour and King
 Love of which angels in heaven can't sing.
 Love far beyond comprehension of men;
 Is God's love to me, Hallelujah, A-men.

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THINK

Think of how the Saviour ached
Within his heart that day,
When his friends forsook Him
Turned their backs, and walked away.

Think of how the Saviour ached
Within His heart again,
When the sins of all the world
The Father laid on Him.

Think of how the Saviour aches
When He sees us each day
Walking far away from Him
In our own sinful way.

How much better it would be
If Christ we did obey,
Pleasing Him in all we do
And all we think and say.

A WITNESS

Jesus did so much for me
I never could repay;
But by His grace I'll always be
A witness day by day.

Jesus did so much for me,
His praise I'll sing again.
I want my life to always be
A witness, just for Him.

Jesus did so much for me
That I could never say
How much I really thank Him,
But I'll thank Him anyway.

Jesus did so much for me
I praise Him for His grace;
And soon when I behold Him,
I'll thank Him face to face.