

A NOTE TO PARENTS

GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST, AND PEACE TO HIS PEOPLE ON EARTH!

Wake, O Earth, wake everything!
Wake, and hear the joy I bring.
Wake, and joy; for all this night,
Heaven, and every twinkling light,
All amazing,
Still stand gazing;
Angels, Powers, and all that be,
Wake; and joy this Sun to see.

Hail, O sun! O blessed Light
Sent into this world by night;
Let thy rays and heavenly powers
Shine in these dark souls of ours;
For most dully,
Thou art truly
God and man, we do confess;
Hail, O Sun of Righteousness!

William Austin (1587 - 1634)



ALMIGHTY GOD, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word:
Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the
Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Book of Common Prayer, p. 213



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CHRISTMAS
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Mary and Joseph had to travel to Bethlehem.



When they arrived, there was no place to stay except a stable. That night, Jesus was born.



Out on the hills, there were shepherds. Suddenly, they saw angels in the sky! They were scared!



The angels said, "Good news! The Messiah has just been born!"

Christmas is a special and wonderful time. We celebrate, and sing carols, and give each other presents, because God has given such a wonderful present to us. God has given us Jesus, his very own Son, to live with us and be our King!

Pretend you are opening your present from God. Draw the newborn baby Jesus in the box! What are your feelings when you open it?

