

## Born is the King

### Optional Activities for Kids of all Ages

#### The First Noel

Have each person leave the room briefly – maybe count to 20? When they walk back in, have everyone cheer for them! Be creative: make a tunnel, create a cheer, chant their name, do the wave, make a drumroll while they wait...!

*What did it feel like to wait? What were you thinking about?*

*How did you feel when everyone cheered for you?*

Matthew 1:21 – She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.

*Who are we waiting for at Christmas? Why do we cheer that Jesus is born?*

#### O Come All Ye Faithful

*Where do you sing? A birthday party, in the car, at church...?*

Take a minute to sing a song everyone knows & consider putting a fun twist on it. (whisper “Happy Birthday” together or sing “Jesus Loves Me” with an accent!)

*Why do you sing? Do different songs bring different feelings or emotions to your heart?*

In Luke 2: 13 - 14 we hear the excitement the shepherds and angels had surrounding Jesus’ birth: Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.

*What are you excited about for Christmas? How can you show Jesus your excitement for him?*

#### Silent Night

Have someone volunteer to count from 1-20. As soon as he/she gets to about 10, have someone else start saying the ABCs out loud near them. See what happens. Maybe someone else would like a turn too?

*Was it easier to concentrate when it was calm & quiet or loud & distracting around you?*

Surely it was a bit chaotic around Mary as Jesus was born. Bright stars, shepherds, visitors, animals...?! In Luke 2:19 it tells us “But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart.” She wanted to find her quiet place in the midst of the loud around her.

*Where do you like to find your own quiet space? Can you take a quiet minute to concentrate on the real meaning of Christmas? How will you celebrate Jesus’ birthday? What ways can you share this joyful celebration with others this year? Who needs to hear this good news?*

#### O Holy Night

Find a pair of shoes with laces. Using only ONE HAND, try to put them on and tie the laces in a perfect bow. Keep trying...keep trying...Now have a friend or parent reach in and, using both of their hands, tie your shoes for you. Awesome!

*What did it feel like to be unable to tie the shoe on your own? What did you think about receiving the help?*

“...But the Lord stood at my side and gave me strength...the Lord will rescue me...and will bring me safely into His heavenly kingdom.” 2 Timothy 4:17-18

*What great news – we do not need to (and cannot!) do many things on our own. Thankfully we have a Rescuer to save us from our sins! How does that make you feel? Take a few minutes to pray together and thank God for loving us so much that he sent his son to save us.*