

A highly detailed miniature nativity scene set in a snowy, mountainous landscape. In the center, a rustic wooden stable with a thatched roof is the focal point, with a small figure of the Virgin Mary standing near its entrance. To the left, a small brick house with a chimney is visible. The foreground is filled with various figures: a man in a blue coat stands on a wooden path, a man in a red coat leads a group of white sheep, and a man in a yellow coat is nearby. A brown horse and a yellow chicken are also present. The background features snow-covered evergreen trees and a rocky mountain peak. The entire scene is framed by a thin white border.

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The Biblical Account

O Holy Night – The Biblical Account

Luke 2:1-20

1 In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. 2 (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.)

3 And everyone went to their own town to register.

4 So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. 5 He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. 6 While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, 7 and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son...

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...She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them. 8 And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. 9 An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. 10 But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. 11 Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. 12 This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.”

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17 When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, 18 and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. 19 But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. 20 The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.



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The Origin





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For Yonder Breaks
a New and Glorious Morn

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Oh holy night! The stars are brightly shining,
It is the night of the dear Savior's birth.
Long lay the world in sin and error pining,
Till He appeared and the soul felt its worth.

A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices,
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn.

Fall on your knees! Oh, hear the angel voices!

Oh night divine,

Oh night when Christ was born;

Oh night divine, Oh night, Oh night Divine.

Question: What word/thought come to mind?

“For Yonder Breaks a
New and Glorious
Morn”



For Yonder Breaks a New and Glorious Morn



Question: when does the morning feel
most new and glorious?

When it feels most hope-less



Morning #1: The Birth of Christ

Morning #2: The Resurrection of Christ

Morning #3: The New Heavens and Earth

“For yonder breaks...”

Isaiah 9:6-7

6 For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. 7 Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore.

“For yonder breaks...”

Matthew 1:18-25

18 Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. 19 And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. 20 But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. 21 She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.

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Christmas is about the Incarnation

John 1:14

14 The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

“The formula which enshrines the incarnation therefore is that in some sense God, without ceasing to be God, was made man.

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20 And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. 21 And he began to say to them, “Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

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Leviticus 25



Everyone that had been indebted was then released from that debt and able to start over again by having their land returned to them.

Genesis 3:24

24 He drove out the man, and at the east of the garden of Eden he placed the cherubim and *a flaming sword that turned every way to guard the way to the tree of life.*





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Isaiah 53:5

5 But he was pierced for our transgressions;
he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him
was the chastisement that brought us peace,
and with his wounds we are healed.

Matthew 27:50-51

50 And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit. 51 And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom.





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Morning #2



1 Corinthians 15:54b-55

“...Death is swallowed up in victory.”

55 “O death, where is your victory?

O death, where is your sting?”

“... a new and glorious morn!”

Morning #2



1 Corinthians 15:20-22

20 “But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. 21 For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. 22 For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.”

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1 Thessalonians 4:16-17

16 For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first.

17 Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord.

“... a new and glorious morn!”

Morning #3

Revelation 21:1-4

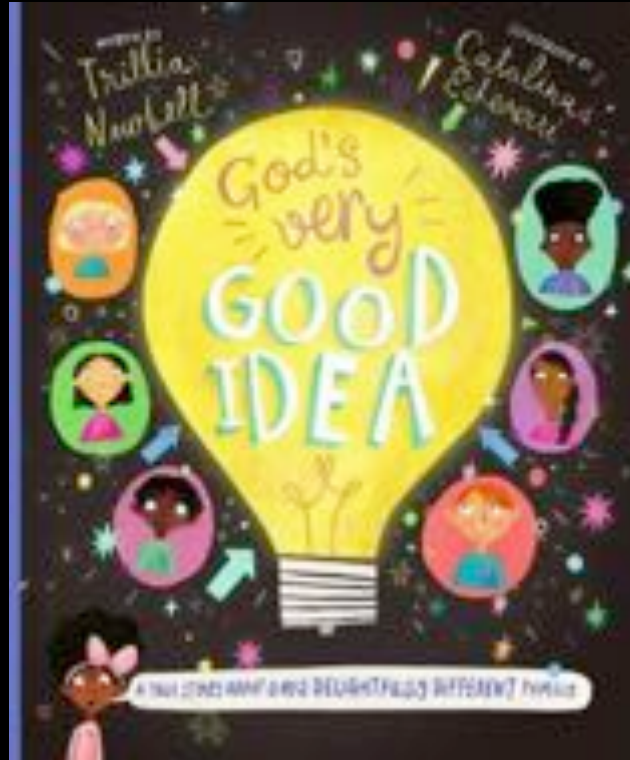
Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. 2 And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. 4 He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.”

A detailed miniature diorama of a snowy village scene. In the center is a church with a steep, snow-covered roof and a small figure on top. To the left is a brick house with a chimney. The scene is filled with small figures of people in winter clothing, some walking, some standing. There are evergreen trees, a path, and various animals like sheep and a dog. The overall atmosphere is festive and wintry.

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The Song – Don't just sing it. Live it!

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Will you go into the world, your church, your workplace, your neighborhood, in love the way God came into his world on that new and glorious morn?

Will you be known as one who loves people and loves God in ways that reflect the love of Christ?

