

# Christmas Season Devotionals

## Week Four – Day 16

### ***Hark! The Herald Angels Sing***

Originally written by Charles Wesley, 1739. Words and Music change in 1758 by George Whitfield, and later changed to what we have today in 1961. He wrote hymns and Christmas Carols to teach the poor and Biblically illiterate sound doctrine because they couldn't afford to pay for any Scripture that was available during this time period in any written form. (By Andrew Rinaldi, Godtube, godtube.com)

Craft Ideas - Angels: <https://buggyandbuddy.com/30-angel-crafts-kids/>

Video by Lincoln Brewster: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KbNeWNXhFmw>

Hark! the herald angels sing	Christ by highest Heav'n adored
Glory to the newborn King	Christ the everlasting Lord
Peace on earth, and mercy mild	Light and life to all he brings
God and sinners reconciled	Risen with healing in his wings
Joyful, all ye nations, rise	Mild he lays his glory by
Join the triumph of the skies	Born that man no more may die
With th' angelic host proclaim	Born to raise the some of earth
Christ is born in Bethlehem	Born to give them second birth
Hark, the herald angels sing	Hark! the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King	Glory to the newborn King

### Questions/statements for individuals or families to respond to:

- Circle and reflect on or talk about all the names you can find that describe Jesus in this song.
- Consider or discuss why you think Jesus was born? (Hint: Healing, Light and Life)
- Come to an understanding of reconciliation.
  - ✓ Quick Fun Exercise: Stretch one hand high in the air as you can. This represents God in the heavens with His angels. At the same time, stretch your other hand as far down towards the floor as you can. This represents you and me. Now bring your hands together with a loud clap. This represents God restoring our relationship with Him through the birth, life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. (Kristi Hill Music 2019)  
(Read John 3:16)

### Digging Deeper

1. What does the phrase, "Mild He lays His glory by," mean to you?
2. What does it mean to you for Jesus to be fully God and fully man at the same time? Quote: "He veiled His holiness in human flesh," (Kristi Hill music 2019)
3. What does the phrase, "Late in time behold him come," mean to you? (Consider Hebrews 1:2)
4. John Wesley interpreted Luke 2:14 "Good will toward men," as "God and sinners reconciled," in his song. What do these phrases mean to you personally? (Consider Colossians 1:19-22)