



Welcome every one to our Christmas Carol service.

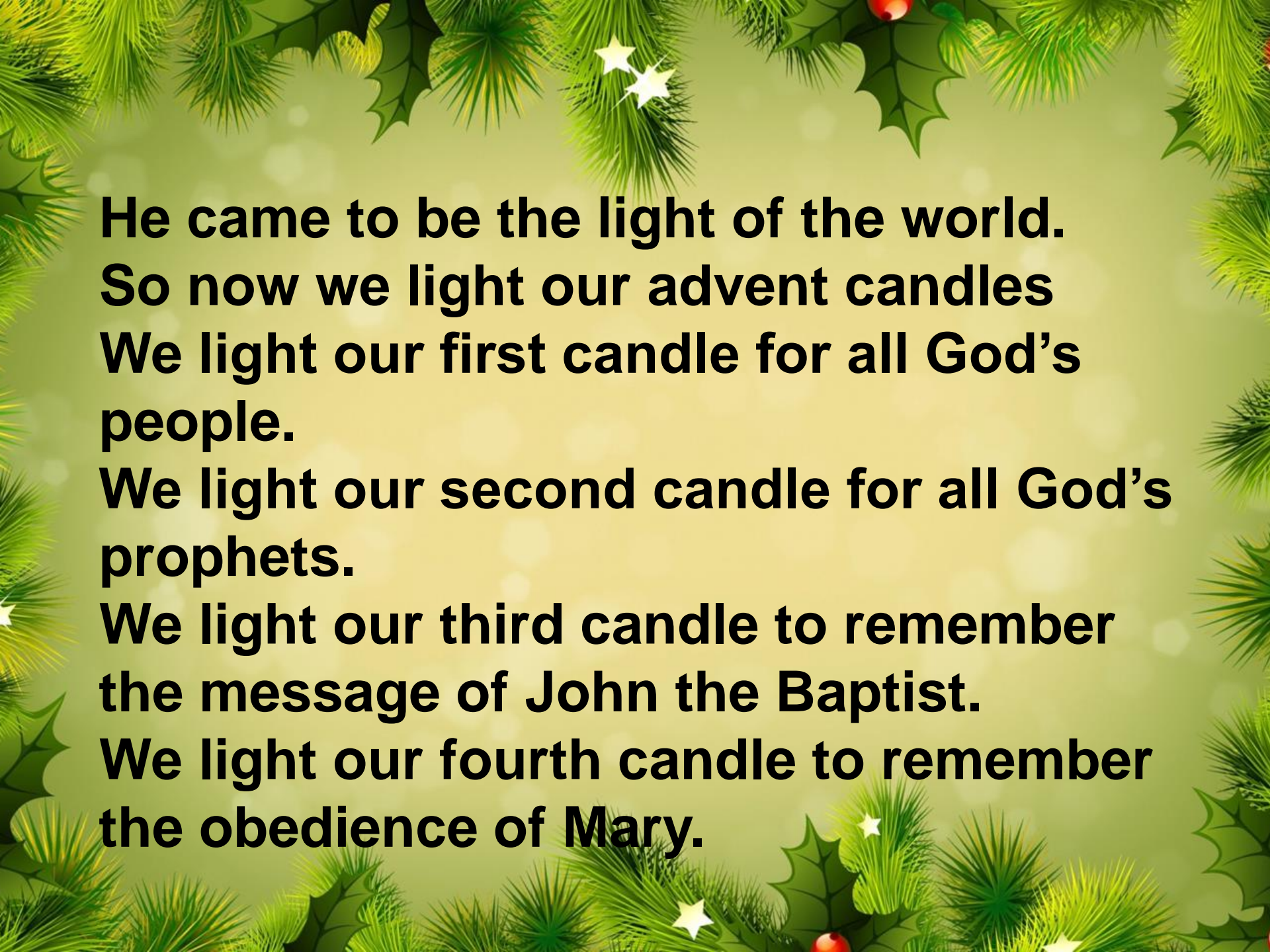
We are glad to see you.

We journey to Bethlehem to see for ourselves the story of Jesus.

Bible words and special music will help us to worship Jesus as King.

Let us watch our first video.






**He came to be the light of the world.
So now we light our advent candles
We light our first candle for all God's
people.**

**We light our second candle for all God's
prophets.**

**We light our third candle to remember
the message of John the Baptist.**

**We light our fourth candle to remember
the obedience of Mary.**




She said “I am the Lord’s servant. I accept whatever the Lord has for me”. Like Mary, may God give us courage to say ‘yes’ to his plans.

Jesus, light of the world, shine on us.


Let us enjoy the Calypso Carol and some Lego pictures.

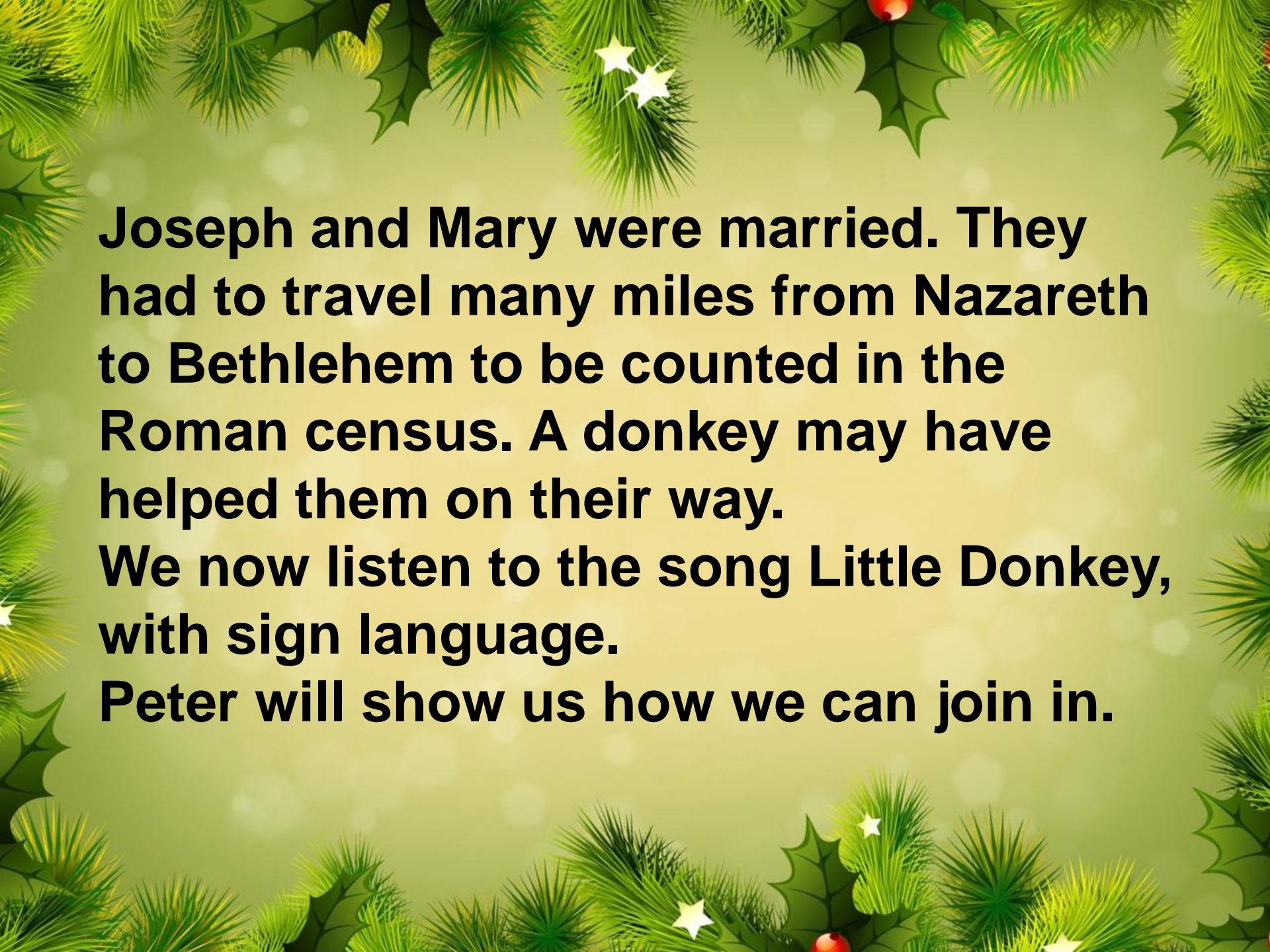




Mary was a young girl. The angel Gabriel told Mary that she was chosen by God.

Mary would be the mother of Jesus through the Holy Spirit. Mary was engaged to Joseph. Joseph was confused by Mary's pregnancy but an angel said it would be okay.





Joseph and Mary were married. They had to travel many miles from Nazareth to Bethlehem to be counted in the Roman census. A donkey may have helped them on their way. We now listen to the song Little Donkey, with sign language. Peter will show us how we can join in.






Mary and Joseph were very tired and the baby was coming.

They urgently needed a room for the night.

But Bethlehem was full and there was no room.

So Mary gave birth to Jesus in a stable.



Mary wrapped a blanket around him and laid him in the manger which was the animals feeding box.

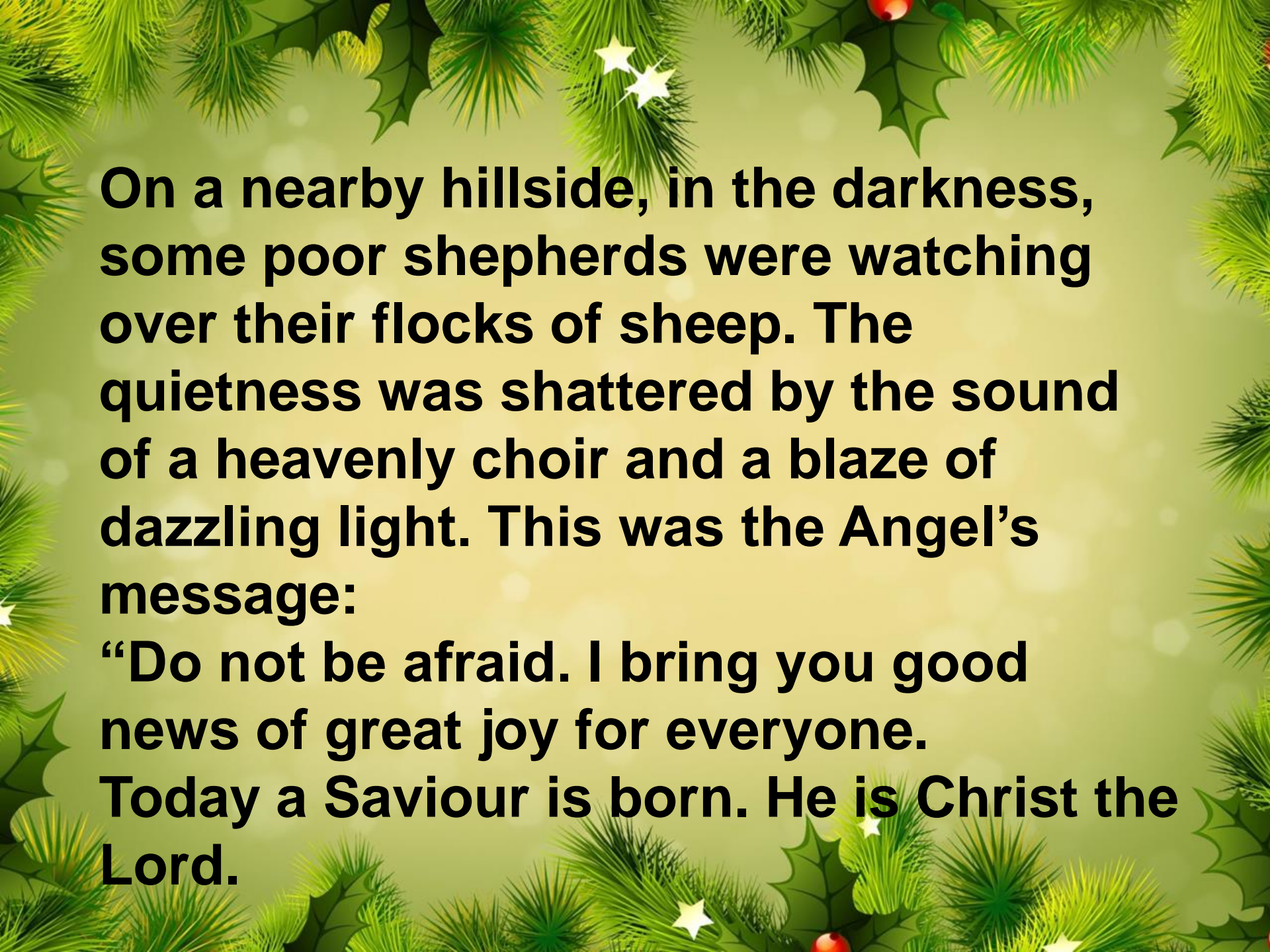
He was given the name Jesus which means 'God Saves'.

**Let us now listen to a lullaby song –
Away in a manger.**

See if you can follow the actions.

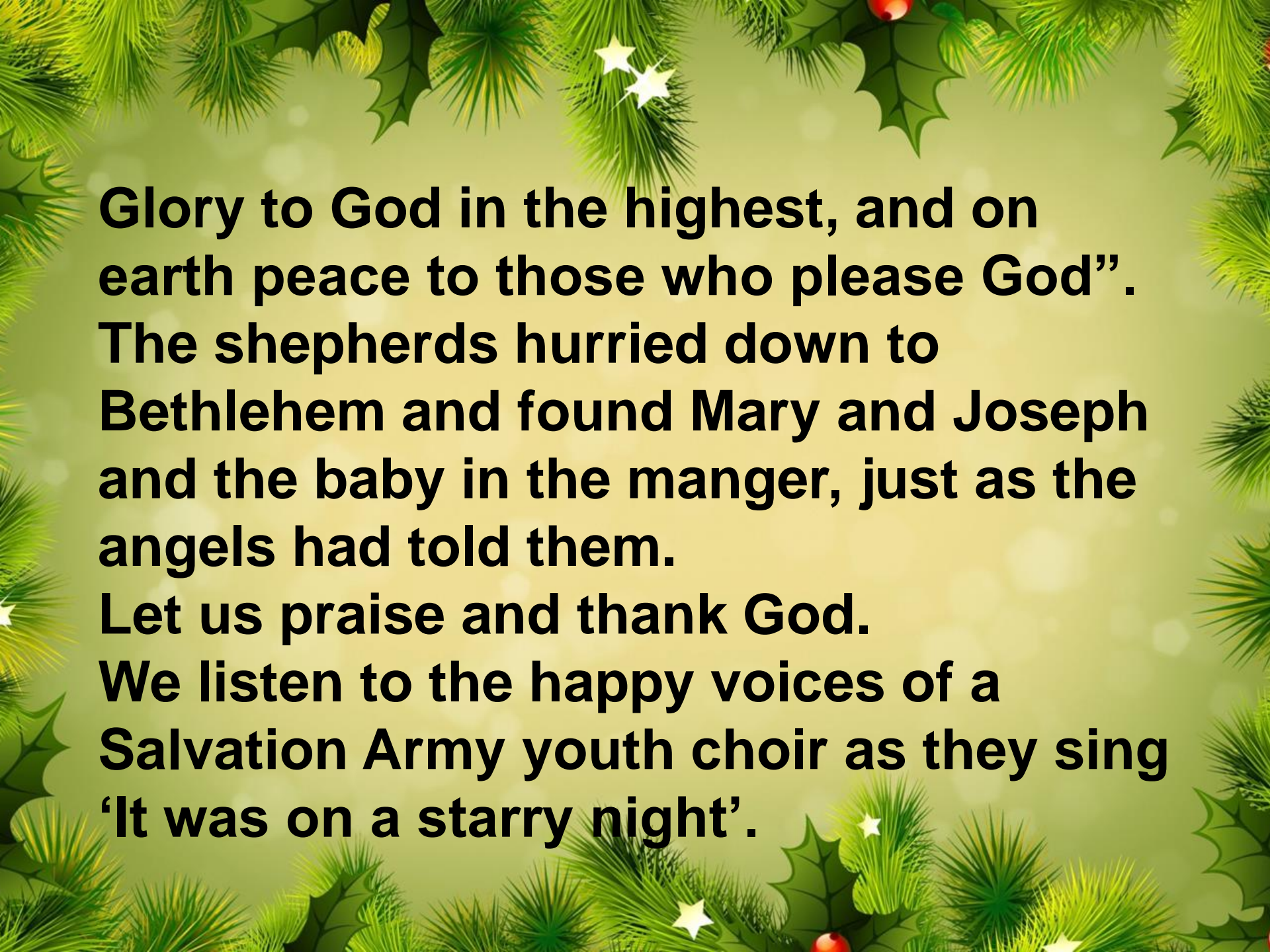






On a nearby hillside, in the darkness, some poor shepherds were watching over their flocks of sheep. The quietness was shattered by the sound of a heavenly choir and a blaze of dazzling light. This was the Angel's message:

“Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy for everyone. Today a Saviour is born. He is Christ the Lord.



Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to those who please God”. The shepherds hurried down to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph and the baby in the manger, just as the angels had told them.

Let us praise and thank God.

We listen to the happy voices of a Salvation Army youth choir as they sing ‘It was on a starry night’.



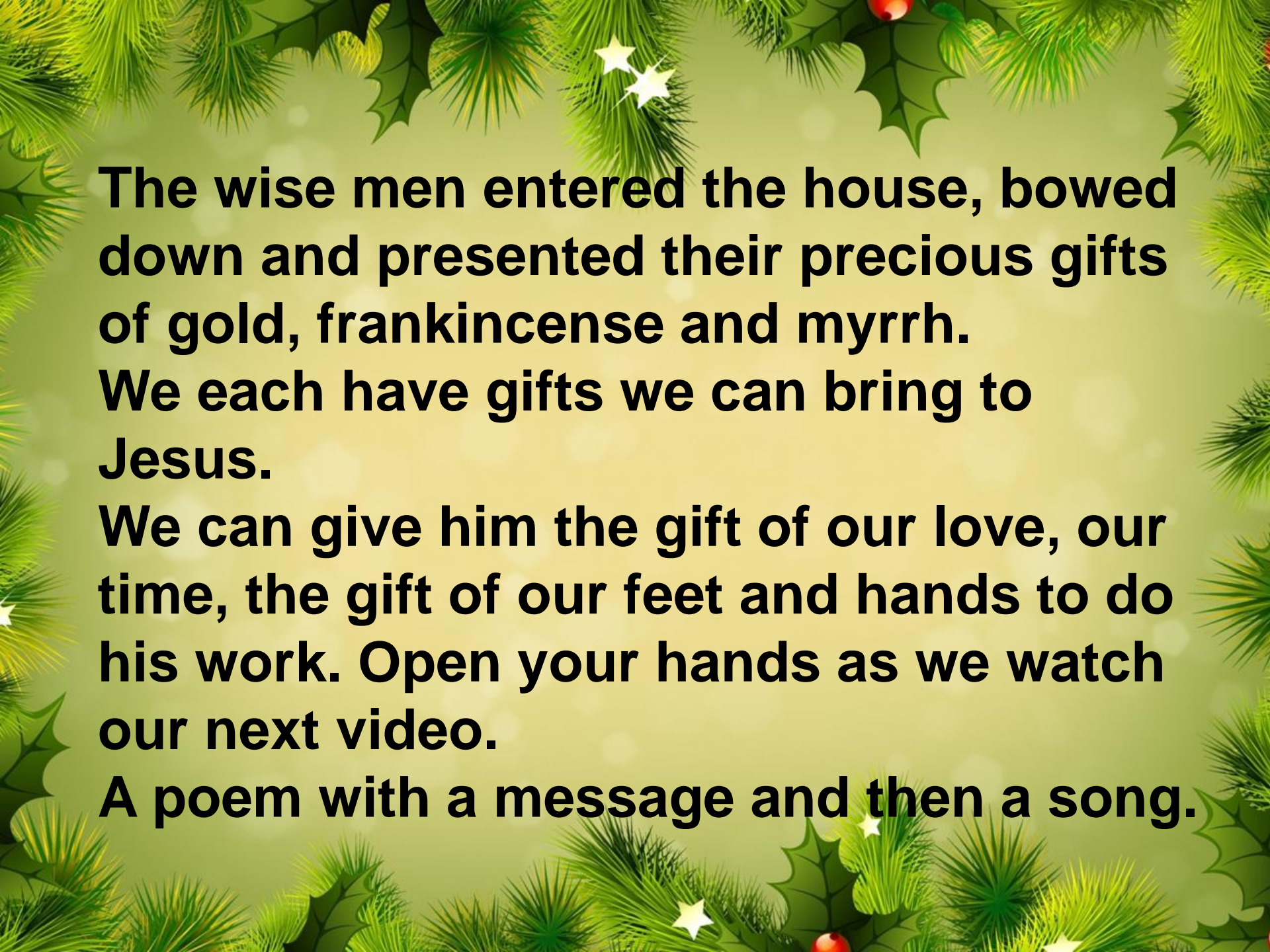


The shepherds were not the only ones who were led to the stable.

Some time after Jesus was born; some wise men from the East came searching for the new born King. They outsmarted evil King Herod.

The wise men were guided by a bright star in the night sky.

The star stopped over the place where Joseph, Mary and Jesus were found.



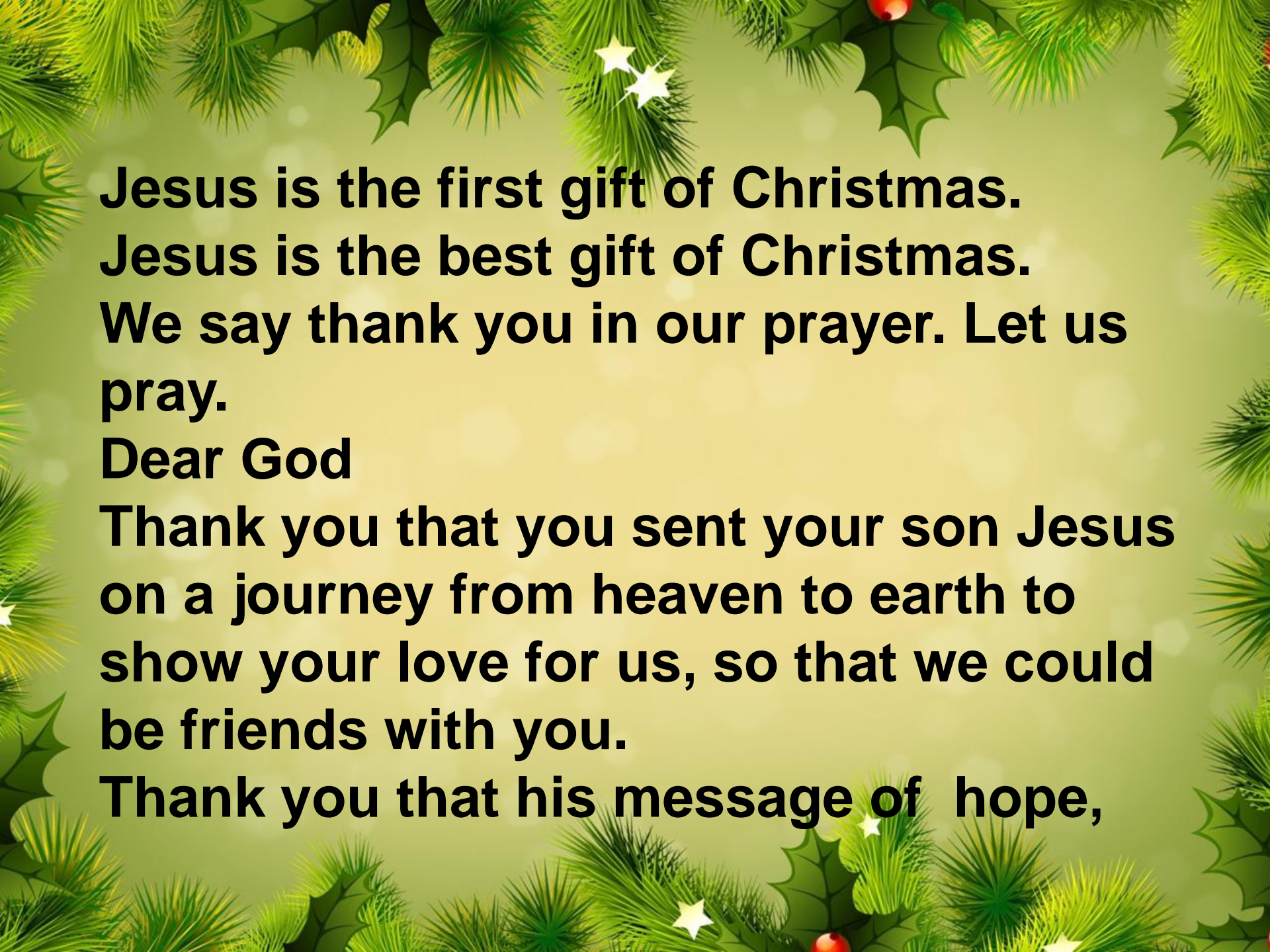
The wise men entered the house, bowed down and presented their precious gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

We each have gifts we can bring to Jesus.

We can give him the gift of our love, our time, the gift of our feet and hands to do his work. Open your hands as we watch our next video.

A poem with a message and then a song.



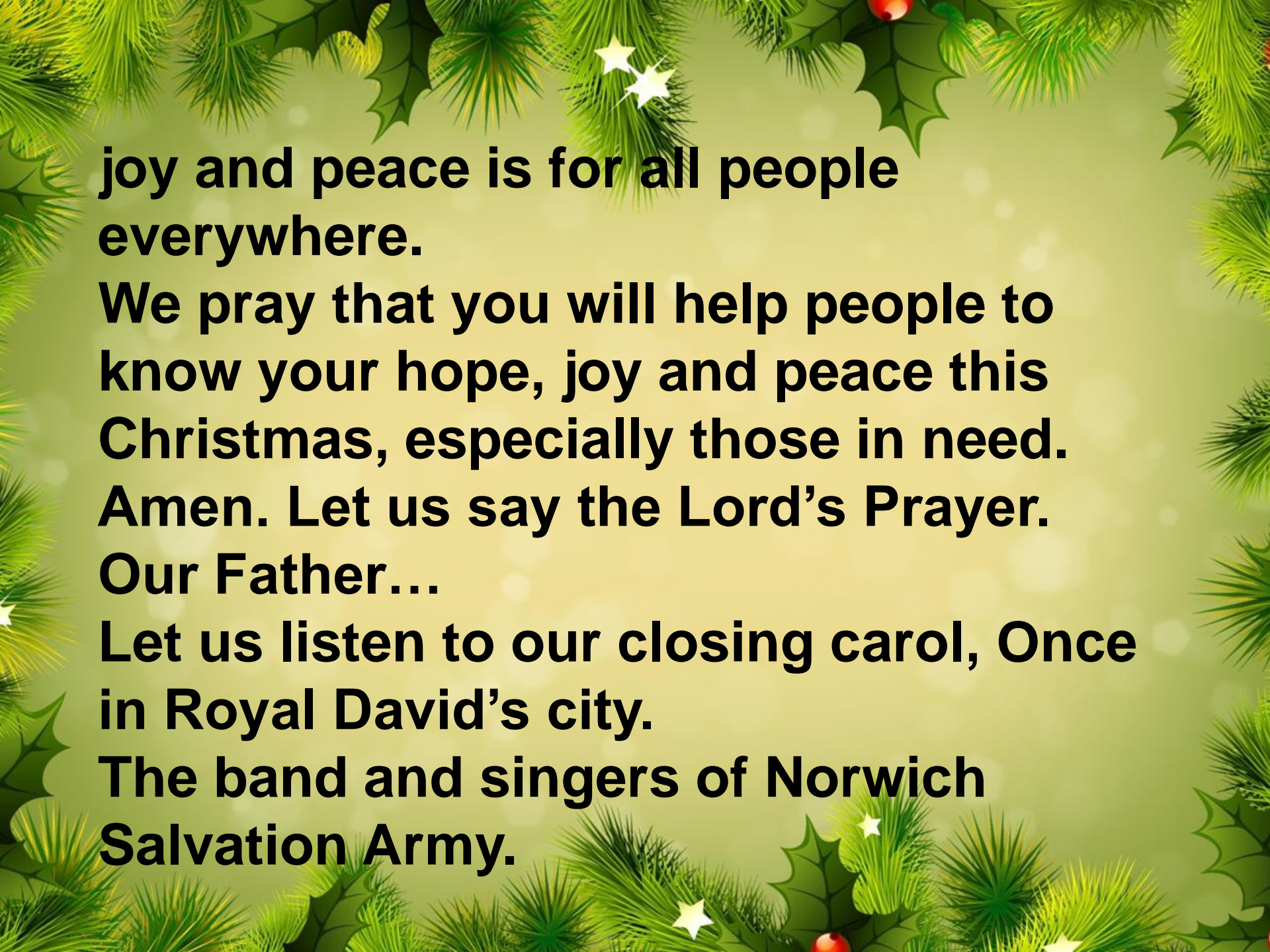


**Jesus is the first gift of Christmas.
Jesus is the best gift of Christmas.
We say thank you in our prayer. Let us
pray.**

Dear God

**Thank you that you sent your son Jesus
on a journey from heaven to earth to
show your love for us, so that we could
be friends with you.**

Thank you that his message of hope,



**joy and peace is for all people
everywhere.**

**We pray that you will help people to
know your hope, joy and peace this
Christmas, especially those in need.
Amen. Let us say the Lord's Prayer.**

Our Father...

**Let us listen to our closing carol, Once
in Royal David's city.**

**The band and singers of Norwich
Salvation Army.**





Let us go home in peace.

Let us go home in joy.

Let us go home to love.

**We wish you a very Happy Christmas
and New Year.**

**This Christmas and for all time, Jesus
loves you.**

Pass it on.