



SOUNDING JOY

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REMEMBER

There will be joy and delight for you, and many will rejoice at his birth.

—Luke 1:14

READ

Read Luke 2:8–12. When the angels announced that Jesus had been born, they called it good news of great joy. The joyful news was that God had sent His Son to draw near to us. Christmas is all about this most beautiful story, reminding us of God’s never-ending love. May we gather each year with the ones we love, young and old, to draw near to Christ. And may we use our songs and our words and our lives to repeat the sounding joy of the Christmas story: Glad tidings! Great joy! We are never alone. “For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord” (Luke 2:11).

THINK

1. What are some of your favorite ways to celebrate Jesus’s birth? Do any of them involve music, laughter, or other joyful sounds?
2. Think of the people who were there for the very first Christmas—Mary, Joseph, and the shepherds. What emotions do you think they felt?
3. Jesus’s birth is a hope-filled story that gives us all a reason to sing. Can you say a prayer thanking God for sending His Son to us?