

# Announcing Christmas

## 0. Week 0

### 0.1 Objectives

- a. To introduce the culture of Christmas(its celebration in Canada)
- b. To improve student's English language ability through music and drama
- c. To build friendship among district children
- d. To introduce the meaning of Christmas

### 0.2 Contents

- a. Learn about Culture
- b. Learn some Christmas carols
- c. Perform a Christmas Drama

## 1. Week 1 FAITH

### 1.1 Pre-Activity -- Song: Silent night

### 1.2 Culture Point: Wreath

- a. circular: For eternal life
- b. evergreen: for eternal life
- c. red: points to the blood that will save
- d. bell: used for sounding good news: marriage/birth
- e. four candles (later 5)

### 1.3 Lighting Advent Candle 1: FAITH

- a. Example: Yohann : being held upside down as a clock! (MPEG)
- b. What God requires : not works, nothing can do (Ep 2:8-10 -- so no one can boast)
- c. God wants us to trust him. Sometimes this is difficult.

### 1.4 Music: Silent Night vs 1+ (15')

- a. Key words
- b. Echo
- c. Singing

### 1.5 Drama: Angel talks to Joseph/Mary

## 2. Week 2 HOPE

### 2.1 Pre-Activity -- Review Song: Silent Night

### 2.2 Advent Candle: Lighting Advent Candle 2: HOPE

- a. Without hope we might as well just die. Why study if there is no hope to get a job? Why live if we are only going to die? Who cares? Xu-Kong, Xu-Kong dou shi Xu-kong
- b. Without Saviour there is no hope. Our relationship with God is broken. We will live and then die and then face God and be sentenced to the 2nd death..
- c. In English two meanings: wish or genuine surity
  1. ex. "I hope to get married next year."
    - i. a girl who has no boyfriend.
    - ii. The girl is engaged (ding hun), the wedding has been scheduled and the dinner planned.
  2. ex. In January, My son Youen (4) hopes to visit Canada and my daughter Aien (10) hopes to go to Disneyland
    - i. I have promised him and each day he asks if it is time to get packed. ticket bought
    - ii. I have no plans at all to go to Disneyland
  3. The Candle is the second
- d. HOPE for a Savior. The Jews had been waiting for many years for this Savior/King/Priest. We saw in Genesis that they had been waiting for someone to
  1. restore the relationship with God

- 2. to bear the price for sins.
- 2.3 Culture Points: (10'):
  - a. Nativity Scenes
  - b. House Lights
- 2.4 Music: Angels we have Heard on High (chorus),
  - a. Key words
  - b. Echo
  - c. Singing
- 2.5 Drama: Jesus is Born
- 3. Week 3 LOVE**
  - 3.1 Pre-Activity -- Review Songs
  - 3.2 Lighting Advent Candle 3: LOVE
    - a. Words for Love
      - 1. Porneo -- physical sex
      - 2. Eros -- boy/girlfriend -- emotional
      - 3. phileo -- friendship (boy-boy, boy-girl) like being with person (phileo+eros=marriage)
      - 4. agape -- selfless concern. Mother dies for child. Sister for family. \*\*\*
    - b. Here it is agape
    - c. God's love for us.
  - 3.3 Culture Point: (5')
    - a. Christmas Tree and the star
    - b. Santa Claus
  - 3.4 Music: Joy to the World
    - a. Review Key words
    - b. Echo Words
    - c. Singing (may add verse if good)
  - 3.5 Drama: The Wise Men Come to Visit Jesus
- 4. Week 4 : LIFE Putting it Together**
  - 4.1 Pre-Activity -- Review Songs "Joy to the World"
  - 4.2 Lighting Advent Candle 4: LIFE
    - a. Joyful living
    - b. relationship with God. Living forever.
  - 4.3 Culture Point: (10')
    - a. Christmas Caroling
    - b. Christmas Dinner (Canada)
  - 4.4 Prepare to Perform
    - a. Music: Joy to the World
    - b. Complete Drama include Angels we have Heard on High (chorus)
    - c. Music: Silent Night (blow out candles)
- 5. Week 5 Christmas – Possible Closing Special Activities**
  - 5.1 Lighting Advent Candle 5: JESUS: In Jesus the promise of the candles is fulfilled
    - a. "through FAITH we receive forgiveness of sins and relationship with God -- not of works"  
It is the Jesus's death on cross on behalf of you and me.
    - b. "we now HOPE for future. No more condemnation. not afraid of death and God's judgment. hope to be with God forever in heaven." We have hope for the future where before we had none. The Jews had been waiting for 1000s of years.
    - c. Jesus shows God's LOVE. "due to God's LOVE that he chose to sent his son into the earth. No compulsion. to be punished for our sins and our evil doings. lies, hurting others.... God is not a hateful God.
    - d. "we then receive new LIFE. We can communicate with God: He hears our prayers, we

have forgiveness of sins. We have joy and purpose. In short we have LIFE. Without Jesus one may exist but one does not have LIFE.

## 5.2 What will you do with the Christmas Message?

- a. The meaning of Christmas is not just that the baby was born.
- b. But that that baby grew up and died for us on a cross.
- c. Does this have any meaning for you?
  1. If you reach out to God, in faith, then you will know God's love, receive life and have hope for the future.
  2. If not, then you remain without hope for the future. You will die after having lived an meaningless life.
  3. The Choice is yours....
- d. If you have questions, please talk with one of the leaders for this course.

## 5.3 Caroling the songs

## 5.4 Drama perform

# 6. **Drama (BLUE: Joseph; MAGENTA: Mary , YELLOW: Angel, WHITE:Narrator, GREEN: Friend-A, Shepherd-1, WiseMan-1, RED: Friend-B, Innkeeper, Shepherd-2, Wiseman-2; BROWN: Sheep, Adviser PURPLE: The King)**

## 6.1 Angel talks to Joseph/Mary

- a. To Mary (3-3)

Narrator: This is the year 2014. Our story starts around March about 2000 years ago.

Angel: (angel appears stage right) Hello Mary. God is with you! (Mary is very confused and afraid)

Angel: Don't be afraid. You are going to have a baby. You will call him Jesus. He will be a king. He will be called the Son of God.

Mary: I don't understand. I am not married. How can I have a baby?

Angel: Don't worry. God will do it. Nothing is impossible for God.

Mary: I am willing.

- b. To Joseph (3-3)

Person-A: Joseph, Your fiance is pregnant. (Joseph is very upset.)

Joseph: (to himself, sadly) What should I do? I guess I will have to get a new girlfriend. (go to sleep, dreaming)

Angel2: Joseph. Don't be upset. You can marry Mary. The baby is from God. His name is Jesus. He will save people from their sins. (Joseph wakes up.)

- c. Marriage (4-2)

(Joseph & Mary walk onto stage. Wedding Music. People congratulate)

Friend-A: Congratulations Joseph.

Friend-B: Best Wishes Mary

## 6.2 The Birth of Jesus

- a. The Trip & Birth (4-3)

Narrator: The King ordered everyone to go to their home town to be counted. Joseph's ancestors were from Bethlehem. Joseph and Mary walked about 125 kilometers to get there (Mary and Joseph walking around the room)

Joseph (in front of hotel): Do you have any empty rooms?

Innkeeper: No. We are full.

Joseph: But my wife is going to have baby.

Innkeeper: You may stay with the animals.

Joseph: Thank you. (walk to stable and then with the animals. Then in stable Mary gives birth to Jesus)

- b. Angels tell shepherds about the birth of the Savior (6-6)

Sheep: Baah... Baah...

Narrator: (lights off) In the countryside.

Angel: (lights on, shepherds afraid) Good news! The Savior is born! He is in a stable.

Angels singing: (suddenly lots of angels, music on) "Glor o-o--o-o-ria, in excel-sis Deo!"

Shepherd1 (lights off): Lets go to see the Savior.

Shepherd2: Yes, lets go. (walk to town)

c. Together (6-1)

Narrator (shepherds, Mary, Joseph, baby, sheep): This was the first Christmas. Oops, I have forgotten some later visitors. Lets hear their story....

### 6.3 The Visit of the Wise Men

a. at the observatory (3-3)

Narrator: The story starts in the east. In Xian, maybe?\*

Wise man1: Look a new star has appeared. What does it mean?

Wise man2: It is the King Star. A great king has been born in the west.

Wise man1: Lets go pay our respects.

b. visiting Herod (5-4)

Narrator: (men walking) It was a long trip along the silk road. Finally they arrived the palace.

Wise man2: We are coming to pay respects to the new king.

King: There is no new king here!

King (to Adviser): Where does the Bible say the great king will be born?

Adviser: In Bethlehem.

King (to Wise Men): Go to Bethlehem and look. If you find the new king, tell me. I want to pay my respects too.

Narrator: Actually, the king wanted to kill the baby. (wise men leave to find the baby)

c. with the Baby (4-2)

Wise man 1: (with Mary and Joseph) Here are some gifts: gold, frankincense and myrrh.

Wise man 2: We will go home now. Bye.

## 7. Music

### 7.1 Silent Night

Silent night, holy night All is calm, all is bright Round yon Virgin Mother and Child Holy Infant so tender and mild Sleep in heavenly peace (2x)	Silent night, holy night Son of God, love's pure light Radiant beams from Thy holy face With the dawn of redeeming grace Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth (2x)
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### 7.2 Angels we have Heard on High

An-gels we have heard on high, Sweet-ly sing-ing o'er the plains, And the moun-tains in re-ply Ech-o back their joy-ous strains.	Glo - - - - - ri-a, in ex-cel-sis De-o! (2X)
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### 7.3 Joy to the World

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King; Let every heart prepare Him room, And Heaven and nature sing, (2x)	He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the nations prove The glories of His righteousness, And wonders of His love, (2x)
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\*\* Chinese astronomers, led by Liu Shang, recorded a new star in the constellation Capricorn in March-April of 5 B.C.E. called the "The King Star". It was visible for over 70 days (recorded in the History of the Later Han 後漢書). Following this, Liu Shang made a long journey to the west following the Silk Road to Jerusalem. He may have continued on to Bethlehem to worship the infant King Jesus.

And Heaven, and Heaven, and nature sing.

And wonders, wonders, of His love.

## 8. Invitation

一起學習唱聖誕節的歌兒  
一起演聖誕節戲劇  
一起快樂地學習英語

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