

**LESSON #1 FOR CHRISTMAS EVE 2015 (ABRAH)**

[Go up to the chancel and stand by the chair by the Connecticut flag during the singing of *Of The Father's Love Begotten*, once all are seated, go to pulpit and say:]

FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT – ISAIAH, CHAPTER 9 VERSES 2-7  
(p.598)

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;  
Those who have lived in a land of deep darkness---  
On them light has shined.

You have multiplied the nation,  
You have increased its joy;  
They rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest,  
As people exult when dividing plunder.

For the yoke of their burden,  
And the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor,  
You have broken as on the day of Midian.

For all the boots of the tramping warriors,  
And all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire.

For a child has been born for us,  
A son given to us;  
Authority rests upon his shoulders;  
And he is named: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for  
the throne of David and his Kingdom.  
He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness  
From this time onward and Forevermore.  
The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

(END)

(SAY:)

OUR NEXT HYMN IS **#121 ANGELS WE AVE HEARD ON HIGH –  
VERSES 1 & 3**

(PAUSE A MOMENT, THEN RETURN TO SEAT)

[Thank you!]

## LESSON #2 FOR CHRISTMAS EVE 2015 (JERRY)

[Go up to the chancel and stand by the chair by the Connecticut flag during the singing of *Angels We Have Heard on High*, once all are seated, go to pulpit and say:]

FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT –  
THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE, CHAPTER 1, VERSES 26-35  
AND 38 (p. 49)

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary.

And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you."

But, she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be.

The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus.

He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David.

He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?"

he angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you, therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God."

Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

(END)

(SAY:)

OUR NEXT HYMN IS #111 – *O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM* -  
VERSES 1 & 3

(PAUSE A MOMENT, THEN RETURN TO SEAT)

[Thank you!]

### LESSON #3 FOR CHRISTMAS EVE 2015 (SUE)

[Go up to the chancel and stand by the chair by the Connecticut flag during the singing of *O Little Town of Bethlehem*, once all are seated, go to pulpit and say:]

FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT –  
THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE, CHAPTER 2, VERSES 1-7  
(p. 50)

In those days a decree went out from  
Emperor Augustus that all the world  
Should be registered.

This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was  
governor of Syria.

All went to their own towns to be registered.

Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee in Judea, to the  
city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the  
house and family of David.

He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who  
was expecting a child.

While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child.

And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of  
cloth, and laid him in a manger because there was no place for them in  
the inn.

(END)

(SAY:)

OUR NEXT HYMN IS [#138 WHAT CHILD IS THIS?](#) –  
VERSES 1 & 2

(PAUSE A MOMENT, THEN RETURN TO SEAT)

[Thank you!]

## LESSON #4 - FOR CHRISTMAS EVE 2015 (MOLLY)

[Go up to the chancel and stand by the chair by the Connecticut flag during the singing of *What Child Is This*, once all are seated, go to pulpit and say:]

FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT –  
THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE, CHAPTER 2, VERSES 8-16  
(p. 50)

In that region there were shepherds  
Living in the fields, keeping watch over their  
Flock by night.

Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of  
The Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.

But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see ---I am bringing  
you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in  
the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord.

This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of  
cloth and lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host,  
praising God and saying:

“Glory to God in the highest heaven,  
And on earth peace among those whom he favors!”

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said  
to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has  
taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.”

So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying  
in the manger.

(END, PAUSE A MOMENT, THEN RETURN TO SEAT)  
[Thank you!]

**LESSON #5** FOR CHRISTMAS EVE 2015 (MELANIE)

FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN CHAPTER 1,  
VERSES 1-14 (p. 79)

In the beginning was the Word, and Word was with God, and Word was God.

He was in the beginning with God.

All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people.

The light shone in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.

He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him.

He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light.

The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him.

He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him.

But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

(END)

[Thank you!]