



Preschool/Kindergarten  
Christmas Program  
by Kremer Resources

# ***INTRODUCTION***

Welcome to *STILL, STILL, STILL*. This short Christmas presentation is intended for children in preschool and kindergarten and may be enjoyed by any number of children. This presentation is built around the famous Christmas Carol, Still, Still, Still.

## **THE CHARACTERS**

As the story of Christmas is being told, costumed children take their places in front of the assembly. For props all you will need is a manger (paper carton filled with brown cloth), and a doll that Mary can hold. Characters call for Mary, Joseph, Angels, and Shepherds.

## **THE NARRATION**

The narration throughout the program may be done by the teacher or pastor.

## **THE RECITATIONS**

Throughout the presentation the children will be assigned some short recitations plus a few songs. These may be done by the entire class or by individuals.

## **THE SONGS**

**NOTE: The sheet music files here provided are from the public domain. As a result, some text may be different when comparing the domain sheet music with this printed program. In some instances text has been removed or added.**

The following songs are included:

**AWAY IN THE MANGER (Assembly and Children)** Sheet music is included.

**STILL, STILL, STILL (Assembly and Children)** Sheet music is included.

**GENTLE MARY LAID HER CHILD (Assembly)** Sheet music is included.

**O COME, LITTLE CHILDREN (Assembly)** Sheet music is included as “Ihr Kinderlein Kommett”.

**SILENT NIGHT (Assembly)** Sheet music is included.

**CHRISTMAS, CHRISTMAS (Children)** Sung to tune of “Praise Him, Praise Him”. Sheet music is included.

## **INVITATION**

The template for an invitation cover is also included for families and friends.

## **CRAFT GIVE-AWAY IDEA**

Have the children make tiny manger ornaments from walnut shells to give away to guests. Instructions are included.

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# ***STILL, STILL, STILL***

## **ALL: Away in a Manger**

*Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,  
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head.  
The stars in the sky looked down where He lay,  
The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.*

*The cattle are lowing, the Baby awakes,  
But little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes;  
I love Thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky  
And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.*

*Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask Thee to stay  
Close by me forever, and love me, I pray;  
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care,  
And take us for Heaven to live with Thee there.*

**Children:** *(Whispered, with finger at lips)* Shhh! We must be very quiet! We cannot make a noise! If you listen very carefully, you will begin to hear some special sounds. These are the sounds of Christmas. *(Whispered loudly)* Shhh! We must be very, very quiet.

**Teacher:** Many years ago in the far off country of Austria, a Christmas carol was written that is very much loved today called “Still, Still, Still”. This song was used as a Christmas CAROL and as a child’s lullaby. Although the melody can be traced back to Salzburg, Austria in 1819, the writer of the lyrics is no longer known.

Today we will stroll down the streets of a quiet Judean village named Bethlehem. There we will have an opportunity to listen in on the conversations taking place in a darkened stable just behind a very busy inn. We will also wander out into the fields surrounding this village, and notice the commotion taking place there. *(Cupping hand over ear.)* I think I can hear some sounds – off in the distance. Let’s all be still, still, still.

## **PART 1 : SHHH! SEE MOTHER MARY**

*(Have costumed Mary sitting beside the manger and holding the baby in her arms.)*

## **ALL: Still, Still, Still**

*Still, still, still, he sleeps this night so chill!  
The virgin’s tender arms enfolding,  
Warm and safe the Child are holding,  
Still, still, still, he sleeps this night so chill!*

**Children:** There's Mary, Jesus' mother mild,  
She's caring for this little child.  
Tell us all, what do you know  
About this night so long ago?

**Teacher:** I have a lot on my mind this special night. My husband Joseph and I have just arrived here in Bethlehem after a four day journey from Nazareth. And when we reached Bethlehem, we couldn't find a place to stay. But I know in my heart that all will be well for this beautiful Baby I am holding is not only my Son, but God's Son too.

**Recitation:** The Bible says, *"Mary treasured all these things and pondered them in her heart."*

**Assembly: Gentle Mary Laid Her Child**

*Gentle Mary laid her child lowly in a manger;  
There He lay, the undefiled, to the world a stranger:  
Such a babe in such a place, can He be the Savior?  
Ask the saved of all the race who have found His favor.*

*Gentle Mary laid her child lowly in a manger;  
He is still the undefiled, but no more a stranger:  
Son of God, of humble birth, beautiful the story;  
Praise His name in all the earth, hail the King of glory!*

**PART 2: SHHH! SEE FATHER JOSEPH**

(Have a costumed Joseph join Mary at the manger.)

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**PART 3: SHHH! SEE THE SHEPHERDS SLEEPING  
AND THE ANGELS SINGING**

(Have many costumed children represent the shepherds and the angels.)

**ALL: Still, Still, Still**

*Sleep, sleep, sleep, he lies in slumber deep.  
While angel hosts from heav'n come winging,  
Sweetest songs of joy are singing,  
Sleep, sleep, sleep, he lies in slumber deep.*

**Children:** Angels filled the sky that night  
Wearing robes of clothing bright.  
Tell us all, what do you know  
Of that night so long ago?

**Teacher:** We have waited and waited for this most wonderful night. We can finally announce to the world that God has become a child so in time he might save all people from their sins. This is good news for everyone. We will first announce the news to these humble shepherds.

**Recitation:** The Bible tells us the angels sang: "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

**Children:** Shepherds ran to see the child  
Nestled in that manger mild.  
Tell us all, what do you know  
Of that night so long ago?

**Teacher:** We can't believe what we just saw. High above us in the night sky, the heavens were filled with brightly shining angels who told us that the Messiah was born just a short distance from here. They told us to look for the baby in a manger in a Bethlehem stable. This is a night we will never forget. Now it's time to hurry to the stable.

**Children:** The Bible says: "They hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger."

**Assembly: 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,  
Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night,  
Shepherds quake at the sight;  
Glories stream from heaven afar,  
Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia!  
Christ the Savior is born,  
Christ the Savior is born!

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,  
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

## **Children: CHRISTMAS, CHRISTMAS**

(To the tune of "Praise Him, Praise Him" Have different costumed children sing each stanza.)

Christmas, Christmas,  
Now it's time for Christmas.  
Jesus came, Jesus came.  
Christmas, Christmas,  
Now it's time for Christmas.  
Jesus came, Jesus came.

Christmas, Christmas,  
Now it's time for Christmas.  
Mary hugged, Mary hugged.  
Christmas, Christmas,  
Now it's time for Christmas.  
Mary hugged, Mary hugged.

Christmas, Christmas,  
Now it's time for Christmas.  
Joseph smiled, Joseph smiled.  
Christmas, Christmas,  
Now it's time for Christmas.  
Joseph smiled, Joseph smiled.

Christmas, Christmas,  
Now it's time for Christmas.  
Angels sang, angels sang.  
Christmas, Christmas,  
Now it's time for Christmas.  
Angels sang, angels sang.

Christmas, Christmas,  
Now it's time for Christmas.  
Shepherds ran, shepherds ran.  
Christmas, Christmas,  
Now it's time for Christmas.  
Shepherds ran, shepherds ran.

Christmas, Christmas,  
Now it's time for Christmas.  
Praise his name, praise his name.  
Christmas, Christmas,  
Now it's time for Christmas.  
Praise his name, praise his name.

## **Lord's Prayer**

### **ALL: Still, Still, Still**

*Still, still, still, he sleeps this night so chill!*

*We've seen Baby Jesus in his glory,*

*Now we must go to tell the story,*

*Still, still, still, he sleeps this night so chill!*