

Carols in the Classroom – KS1

This overview plan accompanies the Carols in the classroom KS1 powerpoint

Theme: The joy and wonder of Christmas (in the form of a simple Carol Service)

We find ourselves working and living in ‘bubbles’ for a short time. This does not mean that we cannot celebrate with a joyful and interactive carol service which helps pupils to explore and find joy in the central message of Christmas: God sending his Son as a human baby (Incarnation), the Saviour of the world.

The Bible passages reflected in this act of worship are some of those used in a traditional lessons and carols service in churches at Christmas - Luke 1: 26-38, Luke 2: 1-20, Philippians 2:6-11

Resources:

- The PowerPoint accompanying this script unpack the ideas and images on the slides and invites the pupils to join in. You may need to adapt the words and expectations depending on the age and needs of your pupils but hopefully most of the work is done for you.

Thank you to BRF for the ideas featured here: <https://ideas.brf.org.uk/celebrate-christmas>

This is a carol service so add carols that the pupils will enjoy, **following your school's guidance about singing** – there are suggestions below but you will know what your pupils know and love.

Suggestions for carols and Christmas songs:

Below is a broad selection of music blending the traditional with the less so. You may have many carols and songs that would work better for you. Please use (or not) as appropriate to your context

Away in a Manger

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AnwO_0DrpCk with words

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9CJFt7BZKUU> with images

Little Donkey

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AHLVM4MJgmo> – with words

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pLDuOV2W--E> – with film scenes

It was on a Starry Night

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HeRrAzapOQ0> – with words

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MCHL2t7xxus> – with Makaton

Do you hear what I hear?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t84OSRahBRo> – less familiar but telling the story and inviting us to think

Gather	Engage	Respond	Send
Welcome to Worship Light a central candle Christ the light of the world is here Lord Jesus shine on us Amen	<p>Slide 2: Welcome to worship. Light the candle.</p> <p>Slide 3: Think about how we might travel to see others at Christmas (be sensitive to the current rules and regulations) - you might need to think of a Christmas in the past, or where pupils might like to travel if they could this Christmas/usually travel at Christmas.</p> <p>Slide 4: Use the image on the slide to discuss, who went travelling in the Christmas story. What is the name of the characters in the picture?</p> <p>Slide 5: The angel Gabriel travelled from heaven to the village of Nazareth to speak to Mary- (<i>the action is soaring through the air like a superhero.</i>)</p> <p>Slide 6: Listen and wonder: The angel said to her, “Don’t be afraid, Mary; God has been gracious to you. You will become pregnant and give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High God. Luke 1: 30- 32</p> <p>Slide 7: Joseph and Mary with the crowds travelled down from Galilee to Bethlehem because of the census. (<i>the action is shuffling along in crowds as though jostling into each other.</i>)</p> <p style="color: red;"><i>You might like to sing Little Donkey</i></p> <p>Slide 8: Listen and wonder: Joseph went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to the town of Bethlehem in Judea, the birthplace of King David. Joseph went there because he was a descendant of David. Luke 2: 4</p>	<p>Slide 17: Be quiet and reflect: You might like to light your last candle on the advent wreath. Christians light this candle on Christmas day to help them remember the gift of Jesus. Spend a moment sitting quietly looking at the flame and remembering the Gods gift of Jesus. I wonder what the Christmas story means to you?</p> <p>Slide 18: Let us pray: Invite the children to join you by reading the prayer together. Amen</p> <p style="color: red;"><i>You might like to sing your favourite Christmas carol to finish.</i></p>	<p>Go in peace, joy and love, sharing God’s light and love with each other.</p> <p>Amen</p> <p>Blow out the candle.</p>

Slide 9: Listen and wonder: He went to register with Mary, who was promised in marriage to him. She was pregnant, and while they were in Bethlehem, the time came for her to have her baby. She gave birth to her first son, wrapped him in cloths and laid him in a manger—there was no room for them to stay in the inn.

Luke 2: 5-7

You might like to sing Away in a Manager

Slide 10: The angel choir travelled from heaven to a Judean hillside to sing to the shepherds - (*the action is soaring through the air again like a superhero.*)

Slide 11: The startled shepherds ran from the hills down to the stable in Bethlehem - (*the action is running on the spot enthusiastically*)

Slide 12: Listen and wonder: There were some shepherds in that part of the country who were spending the night in the fields, taking care of their flocks. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone over them. They were terribly afraid, but the angel said to them, “Don’t be afraid!

Slide 13: Listen and wonder: I am here with good news for you, which will bring great joy to all the people. This very day in David’s town your Saviour was born—Christ the Lord! And this is what will prove it to you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.”

Luke 2: 8-12

You might like to sing It was on a Starry Night

Slide 14: For a bigger question: I wonder who travelled further than the shepherds (*everyone repeat the running action*)

further than Mary and Joseph (*everyone repeat the tired walking up and down the hills and jostling with the crowds*)
further even than the angels (*everyone repeat the superhero zoom*)

Slide 15: Who travelled further than anyone? - the journey was from heaven, right down to an animal feeding box in a stable. And who travelled this massive journey? Jesus, of course - Jesus travelled the furthest at Christmas.

Slide 16: Christians believe that God sent his son Jesus down to earth as a tiny baby. Jesus was God's gift for the world, to show how much God loved all of his people.