**Christmas Program**

**“Our Savior Kept His Promise”**

Opening Hymn: “Oh Come, All Ye Faithful” Hymn #202

Sacrament Hymn: God Loved Us So He Sent His Son, (Hymn #187)

**PROGRAM**:

**SONG**: “I Lived in Heaven” (p. 4) – 1st verse solo child, then group of kids join in for verses 2 and 3 – or all 3 solo

**Speaker #1:**

Before we came to earth, we lived in Heaven with our Heavenly Parents. Jesus was the firstborn of all of us, our elder brother. We knew him well and we loved him dearly. I’m sure he taught us many things as he learned and progressed before us. Eventually, there came a time that Heavenly Father knew it was time for us all to progress and experience mortality. He presented his plan of salvation for all of his children.

The main part of this plan required a Savior. We would all make mistakes and sin but God could not allow anyone who was unclean to be in his presence. For us to be cleansed required a blood atonement of a perfect being.

Jesus stepped forward out of love for all of us—willing to be our Savior.

And the Lord said: Whom shall I send? And one answered like unto the Son of Man: Here am I, send me. And another answered and said: Here am I, send me. And the Lord said: I will send the first. (Abraham 3:27)

**SONG**: ‘Tis Sweet to Sing the Matchless Love”, Hymn 177 (first verse – solo)

**Speaker #2: (youth)**

We all had a choice to make. Would we believe in Jesus? Would we have faith that he would do what he said he would do? Would he save us? Would he save me?

We all chose to believe in Jesus and waited for the day He would be born.

**SONG**: “He Sent His Son” Children’s p. 34 (Youth girls group or full Primary)

**Speaker #1**

Many prophets told the people that Jesus was coming to the earth. Every prophet who ever lived testified of Christ. Hear their voices:

**I am the angel** who came and spoke to Adam:

Moses 1:6-8

 6 And after many days an angel of the Lord appeared unto Adam, saying: Why dost thou offer sacrifices unto the Lord? And Adam said unto him: I know not, save the Lord commanded me.

 7 And then the angel spake, saying: This thing is a similitude of the sacrifice of the Only Begotten of the Father, which is full of grace and truth.

 8 Wherefore, thou shalt do all that thou doest in the name of the Son, and thou shalt repent and call upon God in the name of the Son forevermore.

**I am Enoch.** I testified of Christ who would come to the earth in the meridian of time:

Wherefore teach it unto your children, that all men, everywhere, must repent, or they can in nowise inherit the kingdom of God, for no unclean thing can dwell there, or dwell in his presence; for, in the language of Adam, Man of Holiness is his name, and the name of his Only Begotten is the Son of Man, even Jesus Christ, a righteous Judge, who shall come in the meridian of time. (Moses 6:57)

**I am Isaiah** and I spoke many times of Christ who was to come:

Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. (Isaiah 7:14)

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. (Isaiah 9:6)

**SONG:** Choir: “And His Name Shall Be Called Wonderful”, defordmusic.com

**I am Nephi.** My father, Lehi, boldly testified of Christ. I wanted to know for myself so I prayed and then I saw the birth of the Savior in a vision and told my family.

And it came to pass that I saw the heavens open; and an angel came down and stood before me; and he said unto me: Nephi, what beholdest thou?

  And I said unto him: A virgin, most beautiful and fair above all other virgins.

  And he said unto me: Behold, the virgin whom thou seest is the mother of the Son of God, after the manner of the flesh.

  And it came to pass that I beheld that she was carried away in the Spirit; and after she had been carried away in the Spirit for the space of a time the angel spake unto me, saying: Look!

  And I looked and beheld the virgin again, bearing a child in her arms.

  And the angel said unto me: Behold the Lamb of God, yea, even the Son of the Eternal Father!   (1 Nephi 11: 14-15, 18-21)

**SONG: Instrumental**: “Silent Night”, piano solo or strings

**I am King Benjamin.** An angel appeared to me to tell me of Jesus Christ who would come and visit my people in America. I taught the people from the tower that Christ would come to save us.

 For behold, the time cometh, and is not far distant, that with power, the Lord Omnipotent who reigneth, who was, and is from all eternity to all eternity, shall come down from heaven among the children of men, and shall dwell in a tabernacle of clay, and shall go forth amongst men, working mighty miracles, such as healing the sick, raising the dead, causing the lame to walk, the blind to receive their sight, and the deaf to hear, and curing all manner of diseases.

 And he shall be called Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the Father of heaven and earth, the Creator of all things from the beginning; and his mother shall be called Mary. (Mosiah 3:5,8)

**I am Samuel the Lamanite.** I boldly testified from the walls of Zarahemla that Christ was coming soon.

Behold, I give unto you a sign; for five years more cometh, and behold, then cometh the Son of God to redeem all those who shall believe on his name.

And behold, this will I give unto you for a sign at the time of his coming; for behold, there shall be great lights in heaven, insomuch that in the night before he cometh there shall be no darkness, insomuch that it shall appear unto man as if it was day. (Helamen 14: 2-3)

**SONG**: “Star of Wonder” Defordmusic.com (Mens trio)

**Speaker #1:**

We had all waited in Heaven for 2,000 years for Christ to be born. Finally the day was at hand. Christ announced to Nephi that he was coming the next day:

3 Nephi 1:13:  Lift up your head and be of good cheer; for behold, the time is at hand, and on this night shall the sign be given, and on the morrow come I into the world, to show unto the world that I will fulfil all that which I have caused to be spoken by the mouth of my holy prophets.

**Speaker #2:**

And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.

And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn. ( Luke 2:6-7)

**SONG**: “A Manger Filled with Love” defordmusic.com (Women’s trio)

**Speaker #1:**

The scriptures record:

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, 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, and on earth peace, good will toward men. (Luke 2:8-14)

I have often wondered. Was I singing with the angels that day, welcoming the Christ Child to the earth? Were you?

**SONG**: Choir: “Angels We Have Heard on High” Hymn 203 (see DeFordmusic.com for accompaniment)

**Speaker #2**

We do know this. Every single one of us rejoiced that day. For we knew that our Savior and Redeemer had kept his promise. He had come to earth as a little child, willing to go through mortality the same as us. And we knew that day that He would atone for our sins so that we could return with Him to the presence of our Father.

Our prophet today, President Thomas S. Monson testifies of the Savior:

“With all my heart and the fervency of my soul, I lift up my voice in testimony as a special witness and declare that God does live. Jesus is His Son, the Only Begotten of the Father in the flesh. He is our Redeemer; He is our Mediator with the Father. He it was who died on the cross to atone for our sins. He became the firstfruits of the Resurrection. Because He died, all shall live again. ‘Oh, sweet the joy this sentence gives: “I know that my Redeemer lives!” ’ May the whole world know it and live by that knowledge, I humbly pray, in the name of Jesus Christ, the Lord and Savior, amen.”

( [“ I Know That My Redeemer Lives!”](http://www.lds.org/ldsorg/v/index.jsp?vgnextoid=2354fccf2b7db010VgnVCM1000004d82620aRCRD&locale=0&sourceId=606fb5658af22110VgnVCM100000176f620a____&hideNav=1) Ensign, May 2007, 25. )

And so today, we face the same choice once again. Will we choose to follow Him? Will we choose to have faith in Him? Will we repent and call upon God to have our Savior’s atonement make us clean again? Will we choose to be like Him?

As for me and my house, we will choose the Lord.

**Closing hymn**: Joy to the World, Hymn #201