









2. In the carol, *Away In A Manger*, a manger refers to:

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- c) A bed and breakfast
- d) A cradle
- e) Who knows

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6. **Extra Credit:**

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What is your Christmas Song IQ?

5-6 Correct:

Pastor Ron has a choir application for you

3-4 Correct:

Treat yourself to extra Merry Nog

1-2 Correct:

Nice effort, but you are carol challenged

0 Correct:

Kids Praise Company starts in January. Join it!



An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.

LUKE 2:9



An angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit."

MATT. 1:20



*When word of their inquiry got to Herod,
he was terrified—and not Herod alone,
but most of Jerusalem as well.*

MATT. 2:3, MSG



*When Zechariah saw him, he was startled
and was gripped with fear.*

LUKE 1:12



*The glory of the Lord shone around the
shepherds, and they were terrified.*

LUKE 2:9

Fear

*is the universal human response
to life—in particular, to what is
standing between me and life
as God has designed it.*

*A major joy-drainer is the fear of letting
go of what is holding me back to
put trust in God's good plan.*

Dreaded Fears
at Christmastime

- The fear of being alone
- The fear of being together
- The fear of being broke
- The fear of being bereaved

God's Answer

to human fear is receiving and responding to the "good news" of which the angels sang.

Peace to all on whom God's favor rests.
LUKE 2:14

Unpacking Peace
1

Who can access God's peace?

Only those who respond to God's grace —his unmerited favor!

Unpacking Peace
2

What is joy-producing peace?

It is peace *with God* through Christ.

You who once were far away have been brought near through the blood of Christ. For he himself is our peace.

EPHESIANS 2:13-14









FOLLOW THE SHEPHERDS

3

They shared!

When they had seen the baby, they spread the word about him, and all who heard them were amazed.

LUKE 2:17-18

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4

They sang!

The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen.

LUKE 2:20



Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since...you were called to peace. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you wisely teach and admonish one another through psalms, hymns and spiritual songs, gratefully singing to God. Whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of Jesus, giving thanks to God through him.

COLOSSIANS 3:15-17

Why I Should Sing
—A LOT!

Singing an act that not only expresses trust and builds faith, it actually releases joy in my life.












