

Christmas For Kids

Produced by Jill Kemp - Lambsongs

These songs have been designed to help parents and teachers celebrate the traditional Christmas story with Pre-school and Primary aged children. Keeping as close to the original as possible, these traditional carols and new songs have been set to well known melodies, or given new words; lyrics today's children can relate to. Songs are suitable for Christmas productions and Jill Kemp and Wendy Webster's songs are copyright free. Free online Christmas story booklets and resources www.lambsong.co.nz

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1. Come On Ring Those Bells

By Andrew Culverwell 1962 © AMCOS

Everybody likes to take a holiday
Everybody likes to take a rest
Spending time together with the family
Sharing lots of love and happiness

Chorus: **ring bells**

Come on ring those bells
Light the Christmas tree,
Jesus is the King born for you and me.
Come on ring those bells everybody say,
“Jesus we remember its your birthday.”



Celebrations come
Because of something good,
Celebrations we like to recall -
Mary had a baby born in Bethlehem
Greatest celebration of them all!

Chorus: **ring bells**

Come on ring those bells
Light the Christmas tree'
Jesus is the King
Born for you and me.
Come on ring those bells,
Everybody say

“Jesus we remember its your birthday.”



2. Play Our Jingle Bells

Jill Kemp
Melody traditional.

Use with Bells or Tambourines

Jingle bells jingle bells
Jingle all the way
Oh what fun it is to ring
Our jingle bells today
Oh.. (repeat)

Christmas time is here ring our bells today
Everyone can hear
What fun bells are to play
Hear our bells ring loud
Hold them high this way
Oh what fun it is to ring
Our jingle bells today

Oh Jingle bells jingle bells jingle all the way
Oh what fun it is to ring
Our jingle bells today



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3. Clean The Stable

By Jill Kemp

I don't want to sweep out the stable

stamp foot

Or get the water today

Do I have to get hay for the manger

hands on hips

I just want to go out and play

Who cares if I sweep out the stable

palms up

Who cares if there's water today

Who cares if there's hay in the manger

I just want to go out and play

Who's this fast asleep in the stable

pointing

Who's donkey is staying today

Who's baby is this in the manger

Its Jesus asleep in the hay - Shhh



4. Little Donkey

Jill Kemp

Little donkey went one day

'ride' donkey

Along the road and far away

Mary was riding on his back

thumb pointing back over shoulder

Clip clop clip along the track

Clip clop clip clop Donkey go

Bethlehem is far I know

hand over eyes

Mary was riding on his back

thumb over shoulder

Clip clop clip along the track

In the stable Donkey stays

house over head

'Thank you, Donkey,' Joseph says

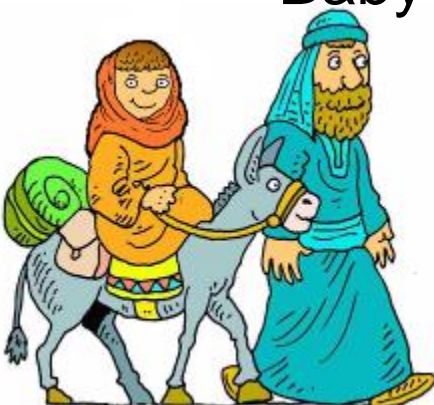
pat head

Baby's sleeping in the hay

sleep

Baby Jesus born today

rock baby



5. Knockity Knock

By Jill Kemp
Melody: Mulberry Bush

Knockity knock knock knock knock knock

knock

Have you room for us to stay

No no no we're far too full

We have no room - just go away

wave away

Knockity knock knock knock knock knock

knock

Can we have a place to sleep

Yes yes yes please come right in

beckon in

Our barn is warm we'll move the sheep



Knockity knock knock knock knock

knock

‘Have you a baby born today?’

Angels sang the happy news

conduct

Of Jesus in a bed of hay

rock baby



If Jesus comes knocking on my heart

knock on heart

I'll let him in come in right away

beckon in

I keep him living in my life

I'll make room for Him to stay



6. Away In A Manger - For Today

Keeping as close to traditional with words today's child can understand.

Words by Jill Kemp. Sung by Alexander and Rachel Dorney.

Away in - a manger - in a bed made of hay

rock baby

God's Son ba - by Jesus

point sky

Born this Christ - mas day

sleeping

A star in - the night sky - so big and so bright

diamond above head

Twinkles - so brightly

twinkle fingers high

This first Christmas night

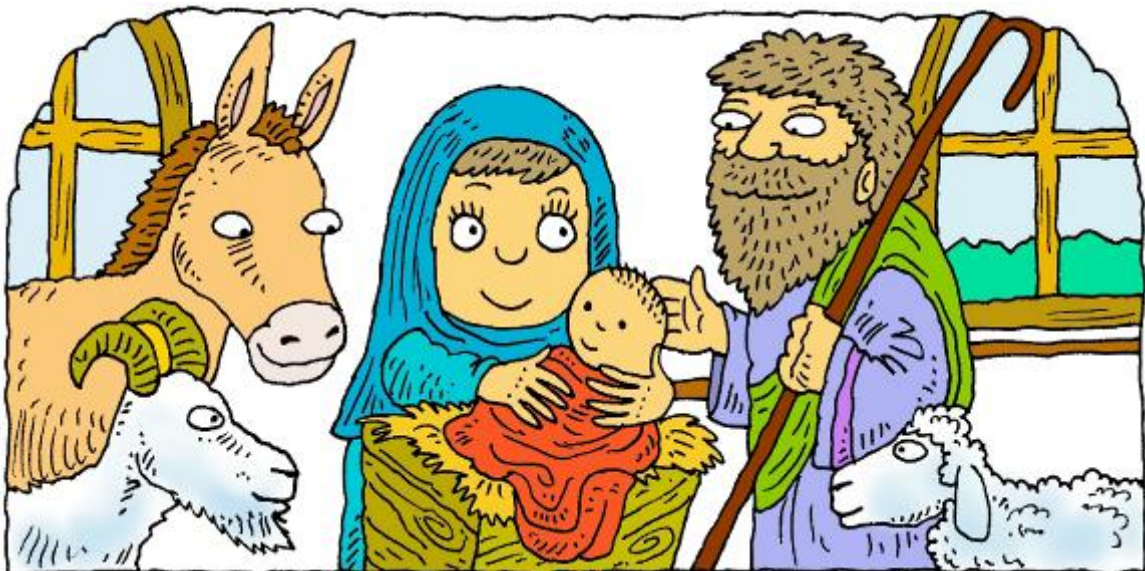
hands under head sleeping

The cows mooing softly the baby awakes

rock baby

God's Son ba - by Jesus

No crying - He makes



I love you - Lord Jesus

hand on heart

Look down from - on high

Keep these - little children safe all their lives

hug self



Be near me - Lord Jesus - I ask you to stay

praying hands

Close by me - for ever and love me - I pray

Bless all the - dear children

pray blessing over children

In your lov - ing care

And take them - to heaven

point up

To live with - you there

hug self



7. Mary Had A Baby Boy

Tune: Mary had a little Lamb - traditional
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Adapted by Jill Kemp

Mary had a baby boy baby boy, baby boy
(repeat)

And Jesus is His name

Angels came to tell the news tell the news..
(repeat)

And Jesus is His name

Shepherds came to see the child..
(repeat)

And Jesus is His name

Wise men came to bring their gifts..
(repeat)

And bow before the King

God gave the world His only Son...
(repeat)

And Jesus is His name



8. Mary's Lullaby

Brahms's Lullaby Words by Jill Kemp
Illustration unknown

With ten little fingers and ten little toes
Your two little ears and a wee button nose
Angels watch over you all the night through
Now sleep little one God's love's around you

As you smile up at me I feel God's love
You are God's gift to me sent from above
Angels watch over you all night through
Now sleep little one God's love's around you

So small and so precious
You're God's child I see
Your heart touches mine
And God touches me
Angels watch over you
All the night through now sleep little one
God's love's around you



9. Baa Baa

By Jill Kemp

Tune: If Your Happy And You Know It

Illustration unknown

I'm a little shepherd boy with my sheep

Baa Baa x2

I stay with them night and day

When they sleep and when they play

I'm a little shepherd boy with my sheep

Baa Baa

I'm a little lamb I love my shepherd boy

Baa Baa x2

I stay with him night and day

When I sleep and when I play

I'm a little lamb I love my shepherd boy

Baa Baa



10. Mary's Song

Melody: Jesus Loves Me - Annie Bartlett Warner 1859

Words by Jill Kemp

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Wiggle fingers toes etc

Little fingers little toes
Tiny little button nose
In your eyes I see love shine
Smile and God's heart touches mine

Yes Jesus loves me x3
His heart touches mine

When you smile and look at me
In your eyes God's love I see
Angels 'round you all the time
Smile and God's heart touches mine

Yes Jesus loves me x3...



11. Shepherds' Rhyme

By Jill Kemp

Shepherds by their fire one night

point up

Saw a star so BIG and bright

diamond above head

Little lambs have gone to sleep

hands under head "sleeping"

While the shepherds watch their sheep

Baa Baa Baa Baa

In the sky the angels sing

conducting

Telling of the new born king

fingers make crown on head

In a manger see Him sleep

cradle baby

Baby Jesus fast asleep Shh

Precious Jesus we love you

hand heart

point

Thank you that you love us too

hug self



12. I Am A Little Shepherd Boy

Melody - While Shepherds Watched

Adapted by Jill Kemp

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I am a little Shepherd Boy
I look after all my sheep
I watch over them
All through the night
So they can safely sleep

I sit and watch the stars at night
And remember what I saw
One special night so long ago
When Jesus Christ was born.

The biggest star I ever saw
Shone in the sky that night
And Angels suddenly appeared
All shining and so bright





Don't get a fright the Angel said
God sent his only Son
He is God's special gift to you
God's love to everyone

We found the baby sleeping
Just like the angel said
Wrapped snugly in His warm blanket
In a Manger for a bed

My little sheep are waking
It is another day
But God's love living in my heart
Will never go away





13. Joy To The World - For Today

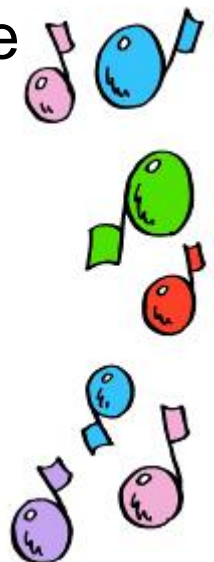
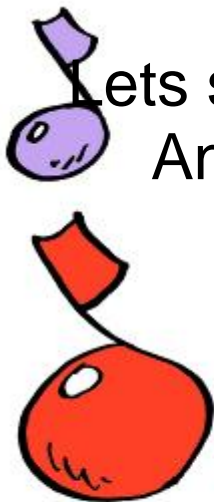
Traditional Isaac Watts 1674 - 1748
Melody: George Frederick Handel 1685 - 1757
Words adapted by Jill Kemp



Joy to the World the Lord is come
Let earth receive her King
Let every heart welcome Him
And sing this song of joy x2
And sing to Him this song of joy

Let Him rule the world
With truth and love
Let earth receive her king
Let every heart turn to Him
And live in truth and love x2
And share the love that Jesus brings

Joy to the world we thank our God
That He has sent His Son
Let's sing for joy this Christmas time
And thank Him for His love x2
Thank Him that Jesus
Came down to earth



14. Angels We Have Heard - For Today

Tune: Traditional
Words by Jill Kemp



Angels singing in the sky
Songs about the new born king
Hear the angels sing for joy
Peace on earth the angels sing

Chorus: Glory peace to every one

wave arms over head

Glory God has sent to earth His Son

You will find the new born king
In a manger bed of hay
Peace on earth the angels sing
Joy to the world this happy day

Chorus: Glory peace to every one..

Praises to our God on high
God of heaven and of earth
Angels sing a song of thanks
To celebrate the Saviour's birth



15. Angels Sing

Jingle Bells - traditional.

Words by Jill Kemp

Angels sing, angels sing

wave hands over head

Happy happy day

Sing about the new born king

In a bed of hay Oh

Peace and joy peace and joy

praying hands

Happy happy day

Go and find the baby boy

point

God sent on Christmas day

Jesus is the King

fingers make crown on head

Sent from God above

point up

To bring us all his peace and joy

And tell us of God's love Oh



16. Twinkle Star (Wise Men)

Twinkle Star - traditional Adapted by Jill Kemp



Twinkle twinkle Christmas Star
twinkle fingers - make diamond with fingers & thumbs

Three Wise Men come from afar

3 fingers

Bringing presents for a King

bow

Gold Frankincense and Myrrh they bring

open palms

Twinkle twinkle Christmas star

twinkle fingers - make diamond with fingers & thumbs

Three Wise Men come from afar.

3 fingers

Twinkle twinkle big and bright

twinkle fingers - make diamond with fingers & thumbs

Baby Jesus born this night

rock baby

Angels singing in the sky

conduct music

See the Wise Men passing by

shade eyes with hand

Twinkle twinkle big and bright

twinkle fingers - make diamond with fingers & thumbs

Jesus Saviour born this night

rock baby



17. See The Wise Men Follow The Star

Mulberry Bush
Words Jill Kemp

Use with moving star

See the Wise Men follow the star
hands over eyes

Follow the star follow the star
See the Wise men follow the star
To find the baby King

See the presents that they bring
hold hands out in front

That they bring that they bring
See the presents that they bring
For the baby King

See the Wise Men bow down low
bow

Bow down low bow down low
See the Wise Men bow down low
Bow before the baby King



18. What Can I Give Him

By Christina G. Rossetti
Verses Two & Three by Jill Kemp

What can I give Him as small as I am
If I were a shepherd I'd give Him a lamb
If I were a wise man I'd do my part
I know what I'll give Him
I'll give Him my heart

What can I give Him to show Him my love
Jesus my Saviour from heaven above
What can I give Him tho I'm so small
Here's what I'll give Him
I'll give Him my all

I know what I'll give Him for my special part
To show that I love Him
I'll give Him my heart
I'll fill it with love for Jesus my King
Here is my present
My gift that I bring



19. Christmas Makes Me Happy

Jill Kemp
Tune: Irish Eyes



Christmas makes me happy
The presents and the fun
I wish every day was Christmas
With love for everyone

Today can be like Christmas
Like Christmas day its true
If you think about what God gave
When He sent His Son for you

When you are sad keep smiling
And remember His love for you
Because it will feel like Christmas
And you will be happy too



20. Six Amazing Christmas Candles

By Wendy Webster. Used by permission.

Dress 6 children as candles or use props

Six amazing Christmas candles
All dressed up for Christmas time
Someone came and bought **one**
And now there's only **five** (repeat)

Five amazing Christmas candles
All dressed up inside the store
Someone came and bought **one**
And now there's only **four**

Four amazing Christmas candles
Looking pretty as can be
Someone came and bought **one**
And now there's only **three**



Three amazing Christmas candles
All dressed up for me and you
Someone came and bought **one**
And now there's only **two**

Two amazing Christmas candles
Ready for some Christmas fun
Someone came and bought **one**
And now there's only **one**

One amazing Christmas candle
Looking special as can be
Who will buy the last **one**
I think it will be **me**

Extra to sing without music - By Jill Kemp

I took my plain and simple candle
It shone into a stable bare
On a simple, humble manger
And the baby sleeping there
As I knelt beside his cradle
Right into my heart did shine
Peace and Joy and Love forever
A gift from God at Christmas time



21. The Five Days Of Christmas

Shalom Kindergarten. Used by permission.
Sung by Wendy Webster

Use with props

On the first day of Christmas
My best friend gave to me
A star for my Christmas tree



On the second day of Christmas
My best friend gave to me
Two ringing bells
And a star for my Christmas tree



On the third day of Christmas
My best friend gave to me
Three candles white
Two ringing bells
And a star for my Christmas tree



On the fourth day of Christmas
My best friend gave to me
Four golden ribbons
Three candles white
Two ringing bells
And a star for my Christmas tree



On the fifth day of Christmas
My best friend gave to me
Five angels tall
Four golden ribbons
Three candles white
Two ringing bells
And a star for my Christmas tree



22. Christmas Bells

Chorus from Snoopy's Christmas -
The Red Baron by the Royal Guardsmen 1996
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Christmas bells
Those Christmas bells
Ringing through the land
Bringing peace to all the world
And goodwill to man.



23. Happy Birthday Dear Jesus

Sung by Wendy Webster and Marc Joseph



Happy birthday to you
Happy birthday to you
Happy birthday
Dear Jesus
Happy birthday to you



24. Who Was Born On Christmas Night

Gwen Binns. Used by permission

Who was born on Christmas night
Under a star that was shinning bright?

twinkle fingers

Why did the Wise Men follow that light?

I know don't you?

Jesus

whisper

Why did the Angels pray and sing

praying hands

When Wise Men came

With their gifts to bring?

hold out cupped hands

What was the name of the special king?

I know don't you?

Jesus

whisper



25. At Christmas Time Rhyme

By Wendy Webster



At Christmas time what did I spy?
I saw a bright star shining in the sky!
At Christmas time what did I see?
I saw the Wise men 1 2 3



At Christmas time what did I see?
I saw the Shepherds
Watching their sheep





At Christmas time what did I spy?
I saw the angels singing in the sky.
At Christmas time what did I spy?
I saw a stable with Mary and Joseph inside.



At Christmas time what did I see?
I saw baby Jesus fast asleep.
At Christmas time what did I see?
I saw Jesus and He saw me!





26. It's Christmas Rap

By Deanna Hunter..Used by permission.



What's that? asked the man
To his friends one night
It's so bright said the man
With his hands in the air
What's going on up there
Said the third man there
Its Christmas and the Angels are singing
It's Christmas



Rap

Bounce BB **bounce around** coz I found
The brightest star in town!
So with all your love you have within
hand on heart
Come sing with me this rhyme
I want all the children in the world
To know its Christmas time

In the east there lived a family
Who were about to have a baby
They travelled round and round
Through the town and found
All there was, was a barn in a stable

Rap

Bounce BB **bounce around** coz I found
The brightest star in town!
Then his day thanked the stranger
For keeping him warm in a manger
So with all your love you have within
hand on heart

Come sing with me this rhyme
I want all the children in the world
To know its Christmas time



27. Feliz Navidad Made Easy

Original Lyrics by Jose Feliciano © Amcos
Adapted by Jill Kemp

Feliz Navidad, Feliz Navidad, Feliz Navidad
And a prosperous New Year to you

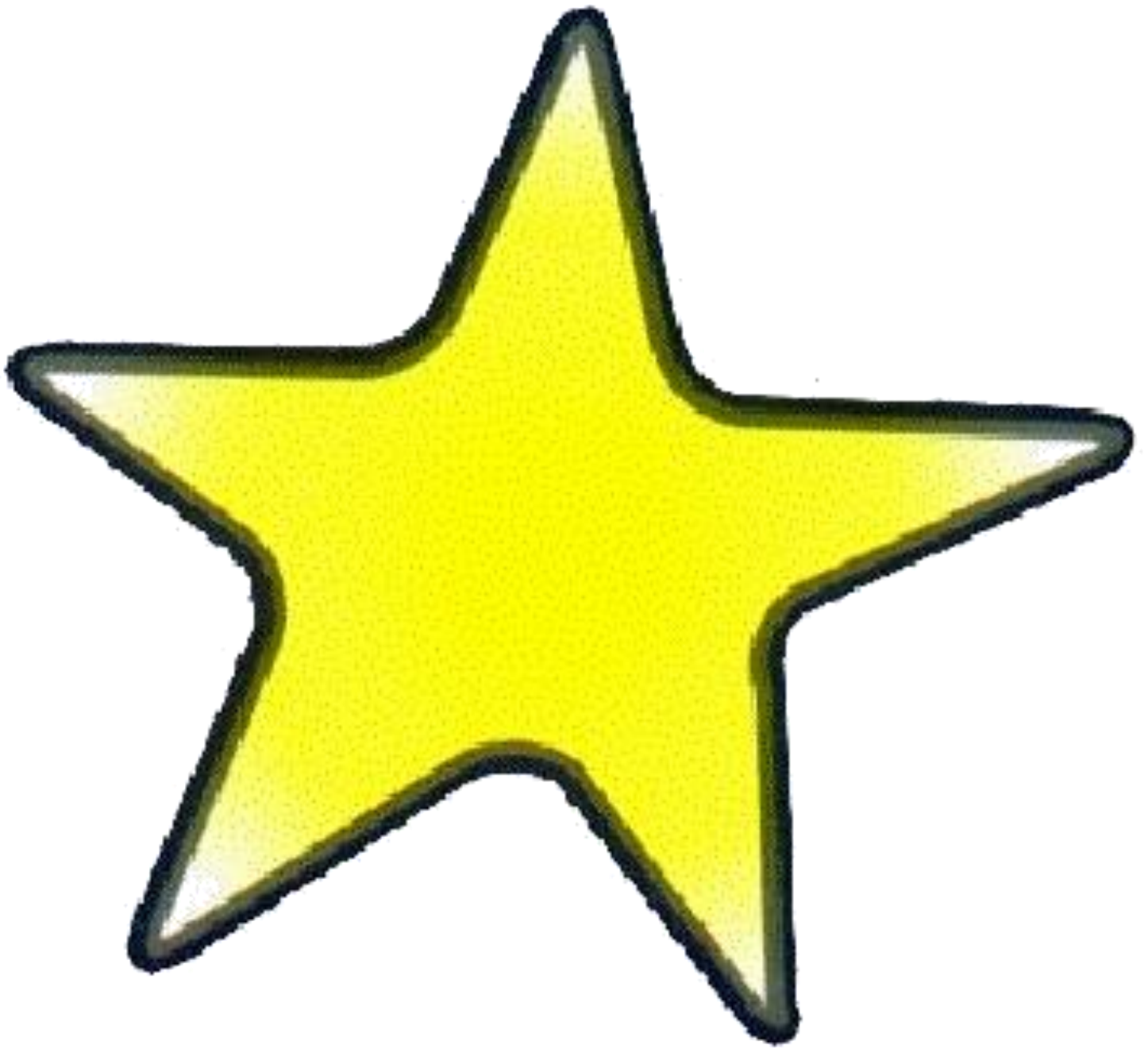
I wanna wish you
A Merry Christmas
I wanna wish you
A Merry Christmas
I wanna wish you
A Merry Christmas
From the bottom of my heart

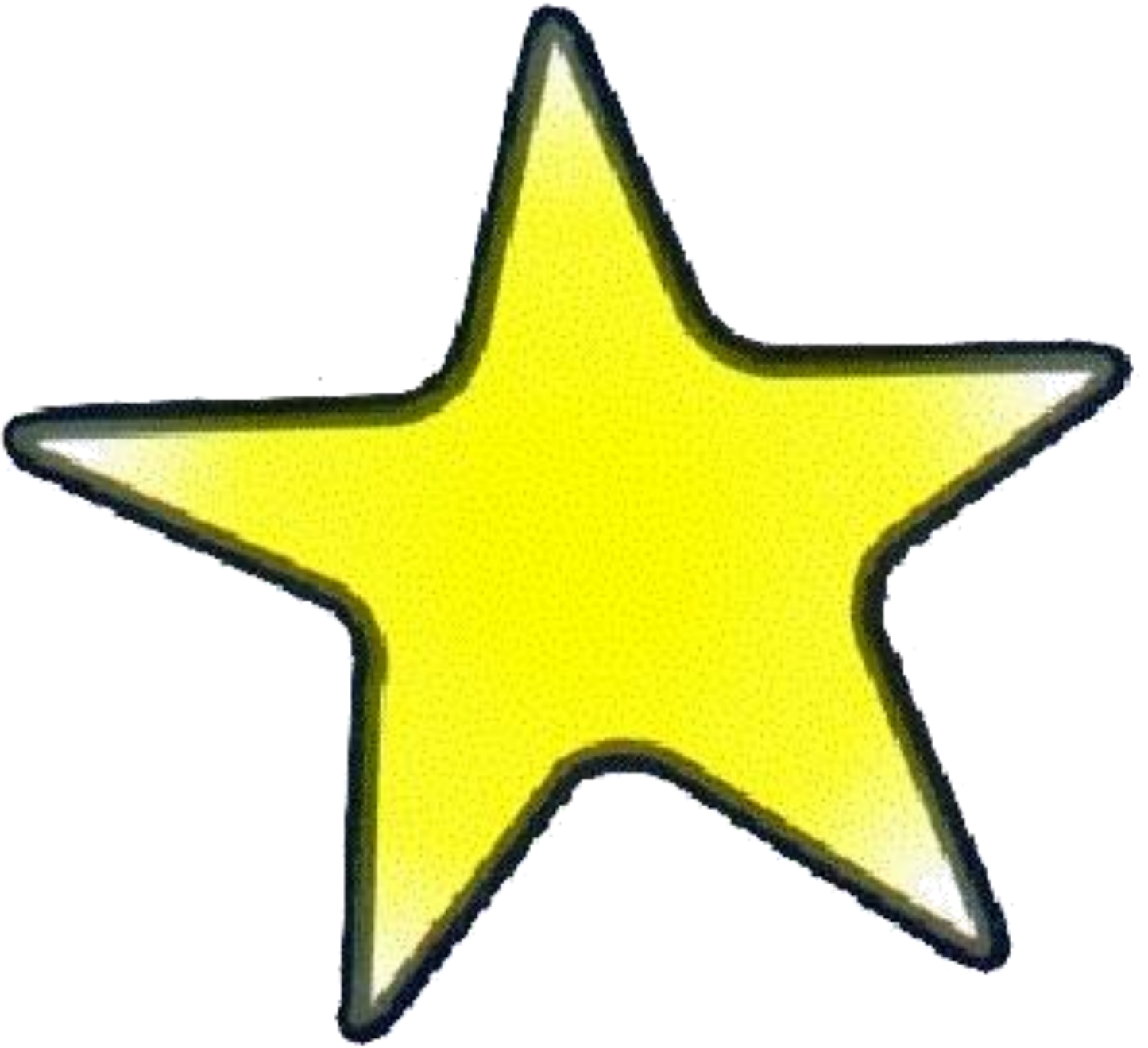


28. Moving Star Instructions

Jill Kemp

1. Screw opposing curtain EYES into Scotia or beams in ceiling.
2. Tie clear fishing line tightly between the eyes.
3. Loop a string OVER the fishing line, attaching star so it can run freely along line.
4. Bring star to end the Wise Men start from.
5. Have strong dark reel of cotton in a small jar (keeps from rolling everywhere.)
6. Thread cotton THROUGH EYE other end from star.
7. Run thread along fishing line to star & tie on the loop.
8. Pull cotton slowly from opposite end.
9. Star can be 'run back' along line for a replay.
10. Shining a torch on star adds effect - the children are mesmerized!





Reverse side