



# LESSONS & CAROLS

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## PRELUDE

ONCE IN ROYAL DAVID'S CITY ..... Cecil Frances Alexander  
*Elya, Kate, Loyal, and Léal Makaroff* ..... *Elya, Veritas Scholars Academy (VSA) student,  
16 years old; Leal, VSA alumnus,  
Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada*

## WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

*Marlin Detweiler* ..... *President, Veritas Press, Lancaster, PA*

## BIDDING PRAYER & CAROL

*Dr. Robert Cannon* ..... *Headmaster, Veritas Scholars Academy, Lancaster, PA*

GOOD CHRISTIAN FRIENDS, REJOICE ..... John Mason Neale  
*Aimee Bohner* ..... *Service Representative, Veritas Press, Lancaster, PA*

## FIRST LESSON *God announces that the seed of the woman shall bruise the serpent's head.*

### GENESIS 3:8-15

*Trisha Reese* ..... *Dean of Students, Veritas Scholars Academy, Lancaster, PA*

COME, THOU LONG EXPECTED JESUS ..... Charles Wesley  
*Abigail Kim* ..... *VSA Student, 12 years old, Orinda, CA*

## SECOND LESSON *God promises to Abraham that in his seed shall the nations of the earth be blessed.*

### GENESIS 22:15-18

*Mei Lin Lindstrom* ..... *VSA Student, 18 years old, Chesapeake, VA*

O COME, O COME, IMMANUEL ..... J. M. Neale  
*Carter Boer* ..... *VSA Student, 12 years old, Germantown, TN*

**THIRD LESSON** *Christ's birth and kingdom are foretold by Isaiah.*

**ISAIAH 9:2, 6-7**

*Iyla Raphael*..... *VSA Student, 8 years old, Orange, CA*  
ON CHRISTMAS NIGHT ALL CHRISTIANS SING (tune of Sussex Carol) ..... *Luke Wadding*  
*Paul Reese*..... *Husband of VSA's Dean of Students, Lancaster, PA*

**FOURTH LESSON** *The prophet Micah foretells the glory of little Bethlehem.*

**MICAH 5:2-4**

*Carl Petticoffer* ..... *Vice President of Curriculum Development, Veritas Press, Lancaster, PA*  
O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM ..... *Phillips Brooks*  
*Natalie Ware*..... *VSA Student, 16 years old, Douglas, WY*

**FIFTH LESSON** *The angel Gabriel salutes the virgin Mary.*

**LUKE 1:26-38**

*Damian Haarhoff*..... *VSA Teacher, Conroe, TX*  
AWAY IN A MANGER..... *Martin Luther*  
*VSA students* ..... *Ocean Springs, MS*  
*Elizabeth Graham - 18, Luke Graham (piano) - 16, Phoebe Graham - 14, Emily Cunningham - 14,*  
*Sarah Graham - 12, Lily Zettler - 11, Henry Tucker - 11, Rachel Graham - 9, Claire Zettler - 9*

**SIXTH LESSON** *Matthew tells of the birth of Jesus.*

**MATTHEW 1:18-23**

*Gareth & Joy Williams*..... *VSA's Administrative Manager and her husband, Gareth, Lancaster, PA*  
WHILE SHEPHERDS WATCHED  
THEIR FLOCKS BY NIGHT..... *Nahum Tate*  
*Noah York*..... *VSA Alumnus, West Chicago, IL*

**SEVENTH LESSON** *The shepherds go to the manger.*

**LUKE 2:8-16**

*Evangeline, Gabriel, & Nathaniel Eades*..... *VSA Students: 15, 13, and 11 years old*  
HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING..... *Charles Wesley*  
*(the autumn) feat. Briana Wyzinski* ..... *Executive Assistant to the President, Lancaster, PA*

**E I G H T H   L E S S O N**   *The wise men are led by the star to Jesus.*

**MATTHEW 2:1-11**

*Dr. Robert Cannon* ..... *Headmaster, Veritas Scholars Academy, Lancaster, PA*

**AS WITH GLADNESS MEN OF OLD** ..... *W. Chatterton Dix*

*Eli Driskill* ..... *VSA Alumnus, Alexander, AR*

**N I N T H   L E S S O N**   *John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation.*

**JOHN 1:1-14**

*Veritas Scholars Academy officers* .....

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**O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL**..... *John Francis Wade*

*Peter, Matthew, & Jackson Zagar*..... *(Matthew) VSA Student, 14 years old, Hartford, WI*

**P R A Y E R   &   B L E S S I N G**

*Marlin Detweiler*..... *President of Veritas Press, Lancaster, PA*

**R E C E S S I O N A L   H Y M N**

**JOY TO THE WORLD!**..... *Isaac Watts*

*Isabelle, Daniel, & Nils Ekstrom*..... *VSA Students: 15, 13, and 11 years old, Lanesboro, MN*

**P O S T L U D E**

*Viel Kim*..... *VSA Student, 9 years old, Winterville, NC*



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