

The Story of Christ's Coming

- A Christmas Worship Service

This service was presented at Lakewood Christian Church in McAlester, Oklahoma, in December, 2018. Some of the narration came from the Advent devotional [Watch and Wait](#) by Jim Branch.

Summary: This is a service that combines music, narration, video, drama, communion, offering, worship, and audience participation in order to celebrate the coming of Christ. The service tells how the Christmas story brings forth new insights and depths each time you meditate on it. It is God's story of hope and life and redemption. It is a story that can become your own. This service will portray the characters of Zechariah and Elizabeth, Mary and Joseph, shepherds and wise men, Herod and John the Baptist, Simeon and Anna. Their lives were changed by the coming of Jesus. People today will be challenged to see a bit of themselves in each one of the characters as they also see how God authored their redemptive story.

Helpful Hints:

Videos: "The Story According to Kids"

A major part of this service is that we video recorded children telling the Christmas story in their own words. We then filmed other children acting out the story according to the recorded audio of the storytellers.

These videos were shown throughout the service:

The Story of Zechariah and Elizabeth

The Story of Joseph and Mary

The Story of the Shepherds and Wisemen

The Story of Herod

The Story of Anna and Simeon

Finale Video

It is a great way to get your youth involved in this service, and the congregation loves seeing their children tell the story of Jesus. If you do not want to film these videos, children or other storytellers could summarize each story during the service. I will add our children's script to the resources in this file for your use or for guidance.

For the Finale Video, we filmed different people from the congregation holding a sign that said “My Story” and then they flipped it over where it said “His Story”. This was to communicate that God is writing the Story of Jesus in each of us. We also filmed all the children (storytellers and actors) celebrating and added this to the end of the Finale Video in order to conclude that storytelling thread. We used the song “My Story” by Big Daddy Weave as the audio for the Finale Video.

Drama Skit:

There is a drama skit that we purchased for the service. “The Most Important Person at Christmas” by the Skit Guys. You would need to go to their website and purchase this if you want to use it. It added more humor to the service. We changed the ending of the skit though. I will add this changed ending to the resources in this file. We also added game show music and crowd responses to the drama. These can be found on iTunes.

Narrators:

Our Narrators used black folders for their readings. Your Narrators may want to memorize their parts. It is most effective if the narrators know their parts so well that they deliver the message in a story telling fashion with expression. This requires multiple practices.