

# Follow The Star

## Join the Song

IN CHURCH



How can your church 'Join the Song' in this time of Advent? You may have seen that schools will be journeying through the theme of Follow the Star: Join the Song, this Advent time. Here are a few ideas to get you started as you connect with your schools and households this season.

Speak to your school about how they are using the [Join the Song resources](#) and ask how clergy, lay leaders and volunteers might play a part this year.

Send out the [Join the Song at home](#) pdf to the families in your community.

Why not use [The First Nowell](#) - **PASSWORD: [JoinTheSong2023!](#)** as a key feature in your carol service this year? Could various key stages sing different verses? Could children or young people solo particular parts?

Could you follow up the four 'songs' in your teaching throughout December in church? [See the plans for collective worship here.](#)

Invite households to bring their completed [Advent Calendars](#) to display in church at the Christmas Eve service

Check out the [Collective Worship resources for schools here.](#) Could you repeat some of these moments of reflection in church? Could children lead them for the adults?

Send the school a video of you all practising the carol in church to wish the school a Merry Christmas.

Can the school resources be adapted for your children's / young people's group?

Find out what your diocese is getting up to this Advent by visiting the diocese website.

**Why not PRAY this PRAYER that children have been learning in school.**



Lord, by the song of the angels  
you announced your birth to the shepherds,  
and by the leading of a star  
you revealed your glory to strangers.

Teach us to know you now,  
and to make you known to all.

**AMEN.**

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