



# Music Ideas to Accompany December Theme

**“Jesus Christ once lived on the earth, and I have faith that He will come again.”**

(2007 Outline for Sharing Time & Sacrament Meeting Presentation)

*Note: Share these ideas with whomever is doing Sharing Time each week.*

*Ideas are best when broken up in 5-10 minute segments and interspersed throughout Sharing Time.*

## Weekly Gospel Principles:

### 1. Ancient prophets foretold the coming of the Savior to the earth.

**Preparation:** Read: Helaman 13:2–4, Helaman 14:2–4, & 3 Nephi 1:9–15

- GAP (Gospel Art Picture) #314, #201, #202
- Pictures of Mary, the mother of Jesus, Elisabeth, wise men, & shepherds
- photo of Bethlehem

“Samuel Tells of the Baby Jesus”  
(Children’s Songbook, p.7)

*“Said Samuel, “Within five years  
A night will be as day,  
And Baby Jesus will be born  
In a land far, far away.”*

*Hosanna! Hosanna!  
Oh, let us gladly sing.  
How blessed that our Lord was born;  
Let earth receive her King!*

*Across the sea, in Bethlehem,  
Lord Jesus came to earth  
As Samuel had prophesied,  
And angels sang His birth.”*

Before you sing, ask the pianist to play this song quietly in the background as you tell the children that prophets and angels told of Jesus’ birth.

Ask the children if they can name some of the people from the New Testament that knew Jesus would be born. Get pictures from the library of the following people and show them as you talk about: **Mary** (Luke 1:26–31), **Elisabeth**, mother of John the Baptist (Luke 1:39–44) **wise men** of the East (Matthew 2:1–2), and **shepherds** (Luke 2:8–12).

Help the children understand that these people had signs that helped them know and recognize the Baby Jesus. Mary and Elisabeth had the **witness of the Holy**

**Ghost** and the wise men followed a **star**. What signs did the angel tell the shepherds to look for in their search of Jesus? (Read Luke 2: 12) **“the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.”**

**Did you know that five years before any of these people were being told of the birth of Jesus, someone was prophesying the signs of Christ’s birth in another place in the world? Who was this?**

Show Gospel Art Picture #314  
(Samuel the Lamanite on the Wall)

**Why was Samuel up on this wall?**  
(Samuel had been thrown out of the city of Zarahemla and wasn’t allowed to come back in through the gate. The Nephites in Zarahemla didn’t like being told they were wicked and needed to repent, but the Lord told Samuel to return to the city. (Helaman 13:2–4)

**What did Samuel tell the people?**  
Have 5 people come to the front.  
#1: Holds up hand showing 5 years  
#2: Holds up yellow piece of paper  
#3: Holds up black piece of paper  
(with yellow paper on reverse side)  
#4: Holds up yellow piece of paper  
#5: Holds up GAP #201: The Nativity

Go through the words and point to the corresponding objects. Explain that on the night Jesus was to be born Samuel told the people that the sun would go down, but it would still remain light.

*“Said Samuel, “Within five years  
A night will be as day,  
(Flip #3 paper to yellow side)  
And Baby Jesus will be born  
In a land far, far away.”*

Sing through a few times and ask the children what it would be like to have no darkness for three days. Were the

people scared or happy? (See 3 Nephi 1:15-18, 25.) Those who were wicked were astonished and afraid. But later, many listened to the gospel message and became converted.

Then there was peace in the land. Samuel’s words became “glad tidings.”  
Sing:

*“Hosanna! Hosanna!  
Oh, let us gladly sing.  
How blessed that our Lord was born;  
Let earth receive her King!”*

Tell the children that “Hosanna” is a shout of joy and love. It means we are praising and giving thanks for the birth of Christ.

Before you go to the second verse use a globe or map to show the children the location of Bethlehem, South America and the water that separates these two places. Tell them that while these signs were occurring in South America, thousands of miles away in Bethlehem, Jesus was being born.

On one side of the globe or map, have the first group of five children stand to help with the first verse. On the other side of the globe have two more children come to the front.

#1 Holds up photo of Bethlehem  
#2 Holds up GAP #202: Announcement of Christ’s Birth to Shepherds

*“Across the sea, in Bethlehem,  
Lord Jesus came to earth  
As Samuel had prophesied,  
And angels sang His birth.”*

Ask the children where we can read about angels singing at Jesus’ birth. (The New Testament, Luke 2:8–9, 13–14)

**Express your gratitude of prophets and scriptures that testify and teach us about the Savior, Jesus Christ.**

