

Teaching "Christmas Bells"

Introduction: *(Walk to the front ringing a bell loudly and shouting, "Hear ye! Hear ye!")*
A long time ago before TV and radio, people called town criers would walk the streets of the town ringing a bell. They would shout, "Hear ye! Hear ye!"—"Listen! Listen!"—so everyone would stop and listen to their important news. I have some important news for you today! We're going to sing a song about it.

Presentation: *(Sing the song or play the CD.)*

Explanation: *Christmas bells, Christmas bells, ring them out today*—Town criers used to ring bells and tell people important news, but we have the most important news to tell!

Christ was born in Bethlehem to take our sins away—Christ is another name for Jesus. He is God the Son. As God He has always existed. But He came to Earth as a baby and was born in a town called Bethlehem. That's really why we celebrate Christmas. It's Jesus' birthday! Jesus came to save us from our sin. Sin is anything you think, say or do that goes against God's perfect laws. Our sin keeps us from having a friendship with God. But Jesus came to take the punishment for our sin so we could know God! Jesus willingly died a very painful death but on the third day after He died, He came alive again! He walked and talked with His friends on Earth then went back to Heaven, where He is now ruling as King of everything.

Tell all the world of Jesus' love this happy Christmas day—Jesus loves everyone in the whole world—including you! Because of His love He left His perfect home in Heaven and lived on Earth. He did this so you can have a friendship with Him now and forever.

Application: *Saved:* If you already trust Jesus as your Savior, you can be the one to tell others about how much Jesus loves them.

Unsaved: If you have never trusted Jesus as your Savior, you can do that today. Trusting in Jesus means you believe only in Him to forgive your sins. When you believe in Him, He saves you and you will have a friendship with God that lasts forever. If you would like to talk more about believing in Jesus, meet me *(designate time and location)*.

Repetition: *(Have children stand and sing the song. If bells are available, have the children ring them as they sing.)*

CHRISTMAS BELLS

(Tune: "Jingle Bells")

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The musical score for "Christmas Bells" is written for a piano and voice. It features a treble and bass staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The melody is in the treble staff, and the accompaniment is in the bass staff. The score is divided into five systems, each with a key signature change indicated by a sharp sign (F#) on the treble staff. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. The first system is an instrumental introduction. The second system begins with the lyrics "Christ-mas bells, Christ-mas bells, Ring them out to-day. Christ was born in Beth-le-hem to". The third system continues with "take our sins a-way. Christ-mas bells, Christ-mas bells, Ring them out to-day. Tell". The fourth system concludes with "all the world of Je-sus' love this hap-py Christ-mas day." The fifth system is an instrumental conclusion.

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