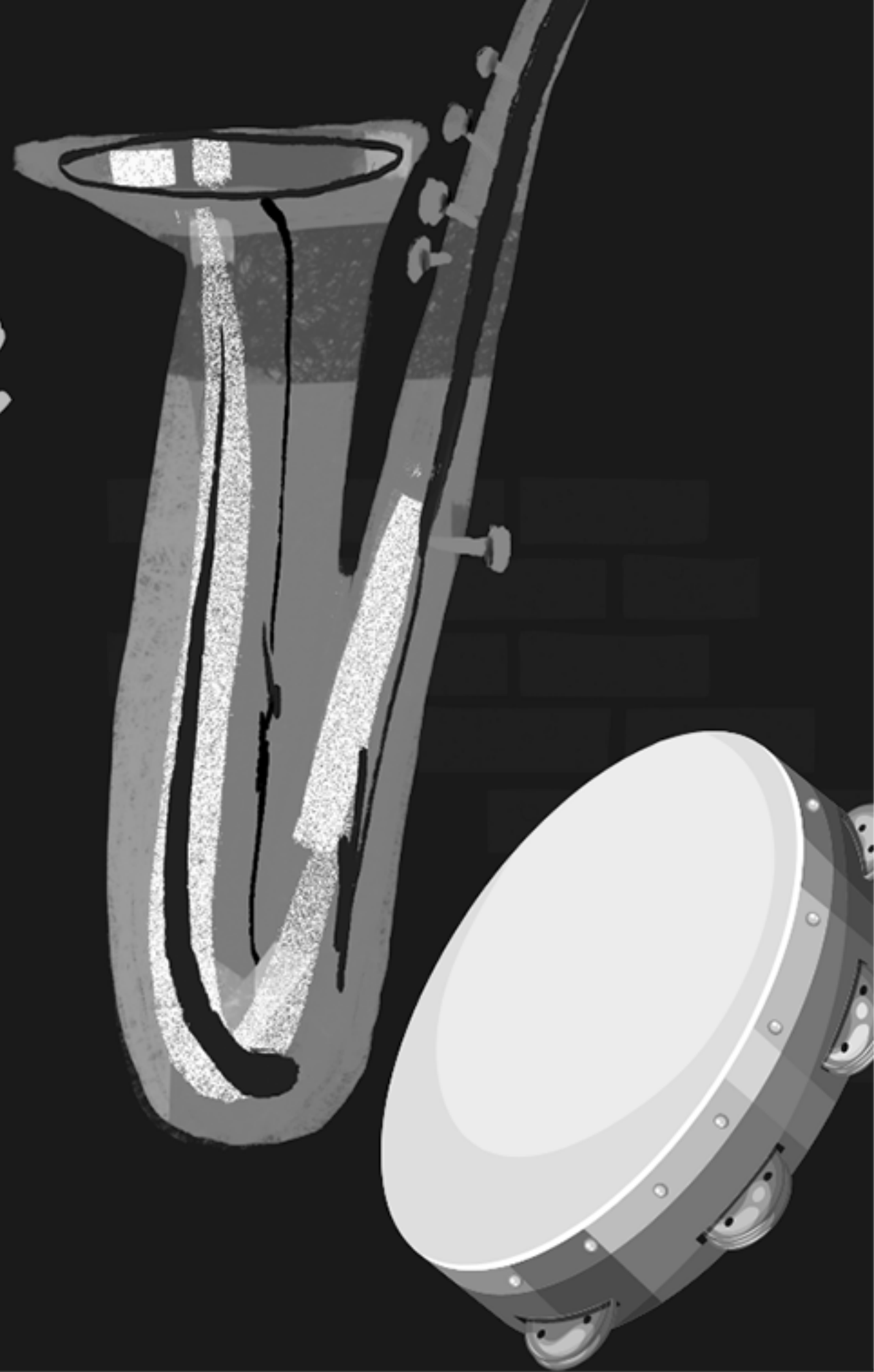


Angels We Have Heard On High



Connect

Prepare: a timer, one can usually be found on your phone or tablet
Everyone thinks of a worship song. Prepare your vocal chords together. The first person ready to sing goes first. Set the timer to one minute. He or she will then hum the worship song they chose without opening their mouth. Everyone else must guess what worship song that is. The one to guess it first gets a point. If no one guesses it after one minute, then move on to the next player. The one with the most correct guesses at the end wins.

That's just a game but wouldn't it be easier to just open our mouths when we praise God? Next time we do praise and worship, let's sing it well as we give honor to God!

Read the Word

Let's read Luke 2:13-2

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!" When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

In the Nativity scene we see Jesus born in a stable for farm animals, it can be difficult to comprehend that this is the Messiah that Isaiah prophesied in Isaiah 9:6-7 where it is written,

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Jesus has all the power of God because He is God. He is worthy of our worship and of our highest praise. And when He was born as a baby, even the angels could not help but praise Him. This is what the song "Angels We have Heard on High" speaks of, as mirrored in our Bible text today.

And through his birth, He gives peace to His children by removing the barrier between us and Him and that is sin. What marvelous deed, indeed and so worthy of our praise!

Huddle

Parent to Kid

3-6 years old

- Think of one good thing you can praise God for.

7-12 years old

- What is one thing you can praise God about Christmas? Can you think of a different thing to praise God every day for 7 days?
- How do you express your praise to God?

Kid to Parents

- How do you praise God when sometimes things do not go your way?

Christmas is truly amazing. That the God of all heavens and earth would come and be born as a human being, with all our frailties and weakness but with all His power and love is unfathomable. That is why He is so worthy of our praise. And you know what? There is still so much more about God that we can know and praise Him for! Let us humble ourselves and come to Him so we can know more about this God who did this incredible thing so we can spend our eternity with Him. Let us learn to openly praise Him and tell others about His goodness!

Pray

Dear God, thank You for that first Christmas night many, many years ago. We pray that we will be able to appreciate what You did and praise You for it. Help us to tell others about it too! In Jesus' Name, amen!

Discover

The song "Angels We Have Heard on High" is an early French carol that dates back to the 18th century. It was lifted from the account in Luke 2 where the angels sprang out in praise to God for the birth of the baby Jesus. There is no known composer of this song.

To fully appreciate the heart of the song, picture yourself as one of the shepherds on the fields that quiet night when the angels appeared. Imagine listening to the glorious praise of the angels!

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