

# From the Manger to the World



*But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see? I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people... Luke 2:10a..."*

## **GOOD NEWS For ALL PEOPLE!** A dramatic reading as an invitation to offering:

Preparation: In advance, recruit four readers and two percussionists. Gather a nail chime\*, a triangle, and drum. For most effective delivery, rehearse at least twice. Feel free to adapt the percussion to your setting and your gifts!

*Begin with gentle drum roll, followed by nail chimes which continue through pause.*

**Man:** With awe, we prepare to receive God's greatest gift.

**Child:** God's greatest gift?

**Youth:** Yes! - Jesus!

**Man:** God-with-us! *Triangle.*

**Woman:** Hushhhhhhh... Ponder... Wonder...

*Pause. Nail chimes end.*

*Gentle drum roll.*

**Man:** A woman will deliver a baby ...

**Child:** A baby?!

**Youth:** Yes! A small baby!

**Man:** ... and will lay him - our gift - in a manger!

**Youth:** God's best gift to us! - Jesus!

**Woman:** God-with-us! *Triangle.*

**Child:** A baby who will grow like we grow?

**Youth:** Yes ... someone who grows, like us!

**Child:** Someone who welcomes all children?

**Woman:** Yes! Someone who welcomes all of us!

**Child:** "God-with-us?" *Triangle.*

**Man:** Yes, "God-with-us!" *Triangle.*

**All:** (in wonder ) God-with us! *Triangle.*

*Readers and drummer begin softly, then crescendo.*

**Man:** God's son! *Gentle drum roll.*

**Child:** Our friend! *Gentle drum roll.*

**Youth:** Our comforter! *Gentle drum roll.*

**Woman:** Wonderful counselor! *Gentle drum roll.*

**Man:** One who brings peace! *Gentle drum roll.*

**Youth:** One who delivers justice! *Gentle drum roll.*

**Child:** Yes ... justice and life for all the world!

**Woman:** Yes ... for all the world,  
for all time without end!

*Loud drum roll...*

**All:** Good News!

**Child:** Jesus is coming! - The greatest gift of all!

**All:** Jesus is coming! God-with-us!

*Three rings of triangle, then nail chime into "fade."*

