



What Child Is This?

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Sunday School Christmas Service – December 24th, 2017

Processional

Hymn 55: Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful

A Message for the Children

Children's Hymn: What Child Shall Come?

What Child is This?

I. What Does God Say?

Genesis 3:15

Hymn: Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Children: v. 1-2

Congregation: v. 3:

**Come, Desire of Nations, come, Fix in us your humble home;
Rise, the woman's conqu'ring Seed, Bruise in us the serpent's head.
Adam's likeness, Lord, erase; Print your image in its place;
O to all yourself impart, Formed in each believing heart.
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"**

Matthew 3:17

Luke 9:35

M: What child is this? God says . . .

C: This Child is the Messiah, the Promised Seed and offspring of the woman, God's Son sent to crush sin, death, and the devil by living a perfectly righteous life and by His sacrifice on the cross.

Hymn 67: What Child Is This? (v. 1)

II. What does Isaiah Say?

Isaiah 7:14

Isaiah 9:6

Isaiah 53:4-5

C: Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows: yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions: he was crushed for our iniquities: upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.

M: What child is this? Isaiah says . . .

C: This Child born of the virgin is the Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace who was punished on the cross to bring to the world peace, the forgiveness of sins.

Hymn 54: Where Shepherds Lately Kneled

III. What Do the Angels Say?

Matthew 1:21

Luke 1:31-33

Luke 2:1-7

Children's Hymn: A Stable Lamp Is Lighted

Luke 2:8-14

M: What child is this? The angels say . . .

C: This Child, Jesus, is God's perfect Son, born of Mary to save His people from their sins.

Hymn 53: To Shepherds as They Watched

IV. What Do the Shepherds Say?

Luke 2:15-20

M: What child is this? The shepherds say . . .

C: This Child wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger is the Savior, Christ the Lord.

Children's Hymn: 47 - Behold, a Branch Is Growing

V. What Do the Wise Men Say?

Matthew 2:1-11

M: What child is this? The wise men say . . .

C: This Child is the one whom kings and nations, angels and shepherds worship. Jesus is the King of heaven and earth, our Great High Priest, and the Savior of all.

Children's Hymn: The Wise Men Followed the Star

VI. What Do You Say?

M: What child is this? Only through the work of the Holy Spirit can we truly know who this Child is.

1 Corinthians 12:3

C: No one can say, "Jesus is Lord" except in the Holy Spirit.

Hymn 67: What Child Is This? (v. 2-3)

Offering

Prayer

Conclusion

M: What Child is this? God answers:

C: He is the Promised Seed, my Son whom I Love.

M: Isaiah answers:

C: He is the virgin-born Child, Immanuel, the sacrifice for our sins.

M: The angels answer:

C: He is the Savior, Christ the Lord, the Son of the Most High.

M: The shepherds answer:

C: He is the Christ Child who brings peace on earth.

M: The wise men answer:

C: He is the King of heaven and earth, our great High Priest, and the Savior of all.

M: Jesus also asks you,

Children: (Mark 8:29) "Who do you say I am?"

M: This Christmas with the many false human ideas floating around about who Jesus is, can you answer this soul-saving, life or death question? Through the Holy Spirit what will you answer? What Child is this?

C: Jesus is Lord!

Benediction

Announcements

Recessional

Hymn 50: Once in Royal David's City