Our 3rd through 6th grade friends will be learning four songs to sing during our Christmas Pageant, on December 13th at 9am (during worship). These songs are: Joy to the World, Hark the Herald Angels Sing, O Little Town of Bethlehem, and a special verse of our “theme song”.

It would be very helpful if you could practice the songs at home with your child(ren). Here are some resources to help you do that.

* “Joy to the World” will be sung as a large group with all children. The children will only be singing the first verse by themselves, so that’s the one to focus on. You can sing along with this version: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=30OaM6b48k8> .
* Again for “Hark the Herald Angels Sing”, the children will only be singing the first verse by themselves, so that’s the one we want them to be the most familiar with. If you’d like a “sing along version”, here is a YouTube video with the lyrics: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xqooC4ZG75Y> .
* The same for “O Little Town of Bethlehem” – 1st verse only ☺ Here is a recording to practice with: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xqooC4ZG75Y> .
* The “theme song” will be sung to the tune of “God loves me dearly”, but with different words. I did find a recording of the tune [(https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fbPwDTpCZcg](file:///E%3A%5CSunday%20School%5CAdvent%20and%20Christmas%5C%28https%3A%5Cwww.youtube.com%5Cwatch%3Fv%3DfbPwDTpCZcg)) that you can sing along with. Below are the words the children will sing to that melody:
*“Oh, what a pity:
The crowded city,
It looks so pretty –
 It has no heart!
Make room for Jesus
Who loves and frees us.
Oh, do what pleases:
 Give him your heart!”*

Many of our 3rd through 6th grade students also chose to have speaking parts during the Pageant. These should’ve come home – please let us know if you need another copy. We encourage you to run through these lines over the next few weeks to help your child(ren) feel comfortable with the text. If your child has not yet received a speaking part and wants one, please contact us right away.

Finally, please mark your calendars to have your child(ren) for our upcoming rehearsals:

* Sundays, Nov. 15th, Nov. 22nd and Dec. 6th - 10:15am
* Thursday, Dec. 10th from 4-5:30pm – full run through, no costumes
* Saturday, Dec. 12th - 1-3pm - dress rehearsal
* Sunday, Dec. 13th - 8:30am – group pictures, get costumes on, warm up our voices