

# 2014 OSLC Children's Christmas Program Songs

**Instructions:** During this year's Christmas program, the children will be singing three songs. The first song (*Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah*) is a new tune to many. Please practice this tune with your child by visiting [www.soundcloud.com/oslcissaquah/childrens-christmas-program-song](http://www.soundcloud.com/oslcissaquah/childrens-christmas-program-song). The second and third songs (*The First Noel* and *Away in a Manger*) are very familiar to most. For each of these songs, the children will sing the first verse on their own and be joined by the congregation on the second verse.



## Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah

Light four candles to watch for Messiah:  
let the light banish darkness.  
He is coming, tell the glad tidings.  
Let your lights be shining!

Text: Wayne L. Wold, b. 1954  
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## The First Noel

- 1 The first Noel the angel did say  
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;  
in fields where they lay, keeping their sheep,  
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

### *Refrain*

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel!  
Born is the King of Israel.

- 2 They looked up and saw a star  
shining in the east beyond them far;  
and to the earth it gave great light,  
and so it continued both day and night. *Refrain*

Text: English traditional

## Away in a Manger

- 1 Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,  
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head;  
the stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,  
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.
- 2 The cattle are lowing; the baby awakes,  
but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.  
I love you, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky  
and stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

Text: North American, 19th cent.