

Young Disciples Christmas Program Reading

Jenna (4th Grade)

Joshua (1st Grade)

Joe (5th Grade)

Tiffany (4th Grade)

Caleb (4th Grade)

Thomas (1st Grade)

JOSHUA: God made a promise.

JOE: And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers;

THOMAS: he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel.

JOSHUA: God made a promise.

TIFFANY: For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders.

CALEB: And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

JOSHUA: God made a promise.

JENNA: And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them,

TIFFANY: "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

JENNA: Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

TIFFANY: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests."

JOSHUA: God made a promise.

THOMAS: Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout.

JOE: He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Christ. Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying:

CALEB: "Sovereign Lord, as you have promised,
you now dismiss your servant in peace.
For my eyes have seen your salvation,
which you have prepared in the sight of all people,
a light for revelation to the Gentiles
and for glory to your people Israel."

JOSHUA: God made a promise.

THOMAS: The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.

JENNA: We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

JOE: For no matter how many promises God has made, they are "Yes" in Christ.

CALEB: And so through him the "Amen" is spoken by us to the glory of God.