

What's New in Media

Advent



Christmas



CD 1026 Dream a Dream
All

Charlotte Church - Christmas music

Dream A Dream (Elysium) * O Come, All Ye Faithful * The Little Drummer Boy *
Mary's Boy Child * Ding Dong! Merrily On High * Winterwonderland * The Christmas
Song (Chestnuts Roasting On An Open Fire) * Hark! The Herald Angels Sing * The Coventry Carol
(Lully Lullay) * Joy To The World * When A Child Is Born * What Child Is This? * God Rest Ye
Merry, Gentlemen * Draw Tua Bethlehem/Far Over Bethlehem * Ave Maria * Gabriel's Message *
O Holy Night * Lo! How A Rose E'er Blooming * Silent Night



CD 1061 Christmas Vespers: Music of Michael Praetorius
All

Edited by Jeannette Sorrell with Apollo's Fire The Cleveland Baroque Orchestra.
Selections from:

Polyhymnia caduceatrix (1619)
Musica Sionae (1621)
Puericinium (1621)
Terpsichore (1612)



DVD 1005 VeggieTales: The Star of Christmas
45 Min Pre 1-2 3-4 5-6

Cavis Appythart and Millward Phelps (Bob and Larry) are putting the finishing touches on their first Christmas musical -- "The Princess and the Plumber." With more electric lights than 1880's London could ever hope to illuminate, Cavis is sure his show will "teach London how to love!"

Unfortunately, little Edmund's (Junior Asparagus) Christmas pageant, featuring the unveiling of a beloved artifact, is scheduled for the same night. Which will London turn out to see? Find out



DVD 1090 How Can I Celebrate Advent
27 Min Pre 1-2 3-4 5-6

Beth and her Brother, Digger, can hardly wait for the Christmas celebration to come, so they are excited to learn that the church has a special season of waiting and preparation in expectation of the coming Savior: the season of Advent.

Beth and Digger happily hear God's plan of salvation as they light the candles of their Advent wreath and mark the days until the coming of Emmanuel, our "God With Us." This program uses a combination of live-action puppets, illustrations, and 3-D computer animation.



DVD 1100 Celebrating the Seasons of Advent and Lent
33 Min 3-4 5-6 7-8

Advent: Celebrating the Season (Grades 3-8, 15 min.)

The custom of the Advent wreath is the focus of this video. In the light of the Advent wreath, we remember, live and hope for the one who has already come. We warm our hearts to live justly, love tenderly and walk humbly with God. The simple Advent wreath tells the story of a people yesterday and today who yearn for more light in their life.

This program also includes other Advent activities and traditions such as the Jesse Tree, an Advent Friend, Straw for a Crib and an Advent House to help young people appreciate the spiritual dimension of the Advent and Christmas season.

Lent: Celebrating the Season (Grades 3-8, 18 min.)

We begin our journey through the season of Lent by being marked with ashes in the Sign of the Cross on our forehead with these words: "Keep Lent and turn to God with all your heart."

This video explores customs, traditions, prayers and ways we can keep Lent as we walk together on the path to Jerusalem, preparing for the new life of Easter. During these 40 days, we pray, we fast, we do good works, we remember.



DVD 1122 The Nativity Story
101 Min 3-4 5-6 7-8 9-10 11-12 Adult

Dramatization of the New Testament birth narratives from the Annunciation to the birth of Jesus, focusing on the relationship between Mary (Keisha Castle-Hughes) and Joseph (Oscar Isaac) and their arduous trek from Nazareth to Bethlehem, with subplots tracking the journey of the three Magi and the efforts of King Herod (Ciaran Hinds) to prevent the prophecy of a messiah from coming to pass. A composite of the Gospels of Matthew and Luke, embroidered with apocryphal traditions and the imagination of the filmmaker, the Bible story gets the prestige treatment in director Catherine Hardwicke's artful, reverent and affecting retelling, with soulful performances from an excellent international cast -- including Shohreh Aghdashloo as Elizabeth -- and impressive production design. Mike Rich's screenplay manages to flesh out Mary and Joseph while remaining faithful to Scripture, poignantly suggesting the humanity beneath the halos. Some violent images. USCCB rating A-I -- general patronage. (PG)



DVD 1123 Amahl and the Night Visitors
46 Min All

The yearly live telecasts of Gian Carlo Menotti's Amahl And The Night Visitors were a cherished Christmas tradition throughout the 1950s. The work was tailored by Menotti for children. This production, staged by the composer himself and originally telecast on Christmas Day, 1955, is a testament to the work's enduring power to move the heart and stir the soul. Starring Rosemary Kuhlmann as Mother and Bill Mclver as Amahl, this is the story of the Three Kings visiting the cottage of a poverty-stricken shepherd's widow and her crippled son. Members of the Symphony of the Air are under the direction of Thomas Schippers. Also on the DVD, from the same broadcast, is The Columbus Boychoir performing Christmas carols. The DVD also includes an exclusive 2007 interview with Rosemary Kuhlmann. (black & white/mono, 46 min., plus 30 min. bonus features)



DVD 1148 The Crippled Lamb
60 Min All

This heartwarming animated special is based on Max Lucado's story of Joshua, a little lame lamb, and the special chance he had to honor the Christ child one starry night in Bethlehem.



DVD 1150 Jacob's Gift (also VTE 1639)
30 Min All

"The one who builds the best project will be asked to help build the new synagogue," Rabbi Simeon announces to the students in his woodworking shop. Young Jacob struggles to choose just the right project to show his craftsmanship, until he finally discovers a great idea. But harassed by his fellow students for his creativity, and with his father's inn overflowing with guests, Jacob is pulled away from his woodworking by duties and distractions. In the end, Jacob sacrifices winning the contest to do a kindness for a family with a newborn baby, and learns an important lesson about giving.



VTE 1123 The Visual Bible for Kids: The Birth of Jesus
30 Min 1-2 3-4 5-6

A cozy fire, cookies and cocoa, and a favorite uncle played by Kirk Cameron (Gowing Pains), to read the Christmas Story. It's tree trimming night for the Barnes family and a young guest. The young guest thinks the Bible is "just another story." As Uncle Kirk reads the timeless words of Luke and Matthew and the events of the first Christmas unfolds, the Bible comes to life. Children, even the young guest, Sam, discover the truth of God's love and the reality of Jesus in his life. The video features film sequences from The Visual Bible using the NIV translation from the gospels of Luke and Matthew.



VTE 1139 Savior Is Born, The
30 Min 1-2 3-4 5-6 7-8 9-10 11-12

Morgan Freeman delivers a poignant re-telling of the first Christmas from the gospels of Matthew and Luke. The inspiring musical score is performed by the Christ Church Cathedral Choir of Oxford, England.



VTE 1196 The Animated Stories from the New Testament: King Is Born, The
25 Min 1-2 3-4

The story that never grows old comes alive once more in this remarkable animated video which retells the birth of Jesus. Travel with Joseph and Mary as they embark on their long journey to Bethlehem and the birth of the baby Jesus, the Messiah.

VTE 1259 **Jesus of Nazareth: Born for us**
28 Min **7-8 9-10 11-12 Adult**

Experience the person of Jesus, his life and times. A catechetical/educational version of the television production of Jesus of Nazareth. Teacher's guide includes commentary, full script, suggestions for prayer and other activities with children, teenagers and adults.

Tape 2 contains: Joseph and Mary leave for Bethlehem; no room in the inn; shepherds watching their flocks; Jesus is born; Simeon prophesies; Magi bring gifts; Herod's rage; Flight into Egypt.

VTE 1595 **Following Jesus through the Church Year: Advent Road**
10 Min **1-2**

Krispin, a special agent whose mission is to find Jesus, leads us through the church year. He travels the roads that surround the life and ministry of Jesus, and picks up clues about who Jesus is and what he does. Krispin travels through the four weeks of Advent, guided by signs along the road, lit by the Advent wreath and by the people and events he encounters.

VTE 1596 **Following Jesus through the Church Year: Christmas Crossroads**
10 Min **1-2**

Krispin, a special agent whose mission is to find Jesus, leads us through the church year. He travels the roads that surround the life and ministry of Jesus, and picks up clues about who Jesus is and what he does. Krispin is lost in the crowded streets of Bethlehem. The census is on, and there is no room for him to stay at the inn. Aaron, a shepherd, brings Krispin to the stable where he says Jesus was born and tells Krispin about the birth. Jesus is not longer in the stable, though, so Krispin must travel to Nazareth to find him.

VTE 1603 **Jesus Comes**
15 Min **Pre**

By the way he lived and the words he spoke, Jesus showed us how to live as friends with him and one another. In this video we walk through Advent, Christmas, and Jesus' early life discovering the wonderful joy Christ's birth brings us.

VTE 1609 **Angel's Advent Lesson, The**
11 Min **1-2 3-4 5-6**

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*The Angels
Advent
Lesson*



In this production, a young boy and a winsome guardian angel are featured. They try to help children learn what Christmas is really about. It is much more than just presents and new toys. It is the time to view Advent with a sense of reverence, hope, and joy - a special time in preparation for the coming of Jesus into our lives.

VTE 1610 **Advent: A Time for Hope**
20 Min **Adult**

Family activities such as Christmas shopping and card writing reveal a spirituality that can teach us about Advent. We live in a hectic world, and Christmas is a busy time but God calls us from within this world to witness to the presence of Christ. Kathleen Chesto shows how family life can provide signs and symbols of hope as we wait for the coming of the Kingdom of God.

VTE 1611 Preparing For Christmas
60 Min All

Christmas is a special time of year...family reunions, gifts, music and most of all the joy of togetherness. But the true meaning of Christmas is much more than these things. This four part program spends 15 minutes each week of Advent preparing for Christmas. The themes of Waiting, Hoping, Preparing, and Giving/Receiving are used each week to help us "wait in Faith" for what Christmas is really meant to be.

VTE 1612 Preparing For Christmas II
56 Min All

Each week of Advent Fr. Anthony Scannell presents reflections on the Advent season through scripture readings, fully dramatized stories, beautiful photography, music and reflective prayer. This program will help rediscover the meaning and beauty of your family's Christmas preparation.
Week One: The Child in Us Week Two: Santa Clausing

VTE 1613 What Is Christmas?
10 Min Pre 1-2

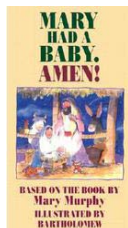
Simple yet complete details of the first Christmas story are explained through the heartwarming tale of a young boy and his dog as they come to know the real meaning of Christmas.

VTE 1614 Nativity Story, The
12 Min All Pre 1-2 3-4 5-6 7-8 9-10 11-12 P/ Adult

The masters of renaissance painting, illumination and sculpture, helped by the narration of the Christmas story and the singing of traditional Christmas carols, colorfully and dramatically tell the redemption story in this Christmas program.

VTE 1615 Nativity, The
30 Min 7-8 9-10 11-12 Adult

All roads lead to Bethlehem as God fulfills a prophecy and a promise to people. A child is born in a stable beneath a shining star.



VTE 1616 Mary Had a Baby, Amen
15 Min Pre 1-2

Simon the rhyming mouse tells the delightful story of the birth of Christ. He invites youngsters to travel back in time with him to experience the first Christmas. They will relive all the events of that night - Mary and Joseph finding refuge in a stable, angels and shepherds worshipping the baby Jesus, the three wise men bearing gifts, and the Star of Bethlehem leading the way.

VTE 1617 Birth of Christ: The Nativity Story
97 Min 1-2 3-4 5-6 7-8 9-10 11-12 Adult

The love story of Mary and Joseph, and the birth of Jesus are realistically portrayed in this film. The film depicts the emotions and relationships of the participants of the first Christmas

VTE 1618 Gift, The
6 Min Pre 1-2

Once upon a time there was a little bug who heard about the newborn king. He searched and searched until he found him in a manger in Bethlehem. This delightful story is told in rhyming verses and is beautifully illustrated. It is sure to remind young children that the most important gift they can give Jesus at Christmas is love.



VTE 1619 First Christmas, The
24 Min Pre 1-2 3-4 5-6

The traditional story of the birth of Jesus beginning with Mary and Joseph's trip from Nazareth to Bethlehem is told in this presentation. Witness their encounter with the innkeeper who had no room, the announcement to the shepherds, and follow the Magi who trek across the desert guided by the mysterious star. This is all done through the magic of claymation.



VTE 1620 American Sign Language Christmas Stories
180 Min All

These Christmas stories are brought to life with a unique blend of drama and skillful storytelling. The special talents of our story tellers and actors will delight you as you enjoy this Christmas season. So whether you know sign language or not come share the Christmas spirit with the rich culture of Deaf America.

VTE 1621 Christmas Is
20 Min 1-2 3-4

Benji is a disappointed little boy who must play the second shepherd in the school play - again. But his disappointment turns to joy when a daydream transports him and his lovable pooch, Waldo, back to the first Christmas. There they join the real second shepherd, and in the magic of the holy birth, Benji learns that the true meaning of Christmas makes each of us, even second shepherds special.

VTE 1622 Mouse in the Manger, The
20 Min Pre 1-2

Oscar the mouse becomes angry with his father when he is refused extra hay for his bed, and leaves home. In his adventures he feels a deep sense of loneliness. He meets Martha the cow, Hank the sheep, and Sidney the donkey. They share stories about themselves. Oscar learns a lot about himself and returns home with a better understanding of himself and those

VTE 1623 **Innkeepers, The: A Christmas Story**
30 Min **Pre** **1-2**

This is the story of the first Christmas as experienced by the innkeepers, Aramus and Ramada. This delightful show is filled with song and the message of how Jesus' birth changed the world for all time.

VTE 1624 **Story of Christmas, The**
47 Min **All**

Take an enchanting animated journey back in time, and witness the miraculous birth of the Christ child, as seen from the perspective of a humorous ox and a feisty donkey. When the evil King Herod schemes, it's up to the resourceful barnyard animals to warn the Wiseman and save the day.

VTE 1625 **First Christmas Snow, The**
23 Min **Pre** **1-2** **3-4**

Lucas the shepherd boy is blinded and nearly lost in a paralyzing winter storm but is saved by the sisters of a nearby abbey. Sr. Theresa allows him to stay until Christmas. In return, the boy decides to give all he owns - his flock. For his rare kindness, Lucas experiences a miraculous recovery. The pint-sized shepherd with the king-sized heart enjoys the greatest gift, the gift of love.

VTE 1626 **Best Night of the Year, The**
11 Min **Pre** **1-2** **3-4**

Children will love this imaginative retelling of the story of Jesus' birth and learn from the stable animals that kindness and generosity are very good things indeed. Even on the coldest night of the year, wonderful things can happen - so wonderful in fact that it can become the BEST night of the year. Still frames put on video with a narrator.



VTE 1627 **Littlest Angel, The**
24 Min **Pre** **1-2** **3-4**

When a mischievous little boy enters heaven, he finds a new world of wonder. One day the archangel makes an announcement - God is to have a son. Every angel rushes to find the perfect gift. The little boy, with his tilted halo and untested wings, has no idea what to give until he realizes that the most valuable gift always comes from the heart.

VTE 1628 **Francesco's Friendly World: The Gifts of Christmas**
44 Min **Pre** **1-2** **3-4**

Celebrate Christmas through songs, suspense and surprises as Francesco initiates a Christmas tradition destined to be emulated the world over for centuries to come. Meanwhile, Beatrice, the raccoon, Fleurette, the bluebird, and Leopold, the bear cub donate their winter treats toward a cake to celebrate Jesus' birthday. Luigi, the bee, volunteers his bees wax for a beautiful candle. Gabriella, the ewe and her lamb, Anthony, offer their wool to be woven into a warm new robe for Francesco. Though the animals give up much to surprise Francesco, they sacrifice even more to learn that love outweighs all Gifts of Christmas.



VTE 1629 Red Boots For Christmas
30 Min All

It's nearing Christmas in a small town in Germany. Hans the shoemaker works into the night, purposely shut away from the holiday festivities around him. Alone in his shop, with no family and few friends, Hans has never learned the true meaning of Christmas. While he mocks the townspeople's merry preparations, he is visited by an angel who brings the promise of a very special gift. Hans eagerly awaits the return of this angelic messenger and crafts a gift to give in return--the finest boots ever made. Hans learns the joys of sharing and fellowship while learning the true meaning of Christmas, the ultimate gift, a gift from God.

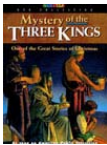
VTE 1630 Christmas Gift, A
8 Min All

Clay animation illustrates Peter, Paul and Mary's ballad "Christmas Dinner," - the story of a waif and a poor elderly lady's Christmas



VTE 1631 Go Look in the Manger
30 Min Pre 1-2 3-4

Eight-year-old Ricky borrows his mother's favorite record to take to school for show-and-tell on the condition that, if it is broken, he will get no Christmas presents. He forgets his promise and the record is broken during a game. That night at church, Ricky hears the story of the greatest Christmas gift ever, the gift of Jesus, and makes a significant discovery.



VTE 1632 Mystery of the Three Kings
50 Min 11-12 Adult

People across the world are familiar with the Christmas card image of these exotic kings paying homage to the newly born Jesus at the stable in Bethlehem, but their true story is filled with mystery. From Yemen in Southern Arabia to Persia and the ancient centre of astronomy at Babylon in Mesopotamia, we search for the origins of the Three Wise Men, and learn the secrets of the gifts they brought for the Baby Jesus. Using new evidence we discover explanations for the miraculous appearance of a star which led them to Bethlehem. As we journey into a world of prophets and ancient myths, we shed new light on the early traditions of the Wise Men - from long-hidden frescoes to dusty sacred texts and beautiful mosaics in early churches throughout the ancient and medieval world. By retracing the steps of the Wise Men, we piece together a fascinating puzzle to reveal how their incredible trip has influenced every aspect of the Christmas story, from the time of the Church Fathers to the present day.

VTE 1633 Ordinary Fir Tree, The
12 Min All

A special fir tree grows up in the forest next to another tree which is fuller than he. Yet, he has a great wish to be full and tall enough to be used as a Christmas tree. This presentation helps teach children to face the future with confidence and optimism, even in the face of temporary setbacks.



VTE 1634 **Wish That Changed Christmas, The**
23 Min **1-2** **3-4**

Holidays are full of special wishes and dreams. And if your heart is in the right place, any dream can come true, especially at Christmas. This story is about Ivy, an orphan who has no place to go for the holidays. She boards a train on Christmas Eve to spend a miserable holiday alone, until a special message sends her on a search for the grandmother she's always wanted, and into an adventure that will change her life forever.

VTE 1635 **Perfect Present, The**
20 Min **Pre** **1-2**

Five year old Amber is excited about Christmas, especially the expected visit from Santa Claus. Her father tells her the story of the Nativity while setting up the family manger scene. When she goes to sleep, Amber finds herself outside Bethlehem. She talks with Joseph, the innkeeper, a shepherd, one of the Wise Men, King Herod, and Mary. When she awakens, she hurries to open her presents but decides to first go to the manger scene and wish the baby Jesus a Happy Birthday.



VTE 1636 **Little Drummer Boy, The**
30 Min **All**

This is the touching story of an orphaned drummer boy whose gift of music for the Christ Child is repaid with a wondrous miracle.

VTE 1637 **Christmas Spirits**
16 Min **5-6** **7-8**

Several children on summer vacation learn that Christmas is not about the time of year, it is how they act towards one another.



VTE 1638 **City That Forgot About Christmas, The**
30 Min **Pre** **1-2** **3-4** **5-6**

"Sometimes I wish there wasn't a Christmas" Benji declares amidst the Christmas bustle. But Grandfather knows that Benji's outlook on Christmas is only fogged by its frenzied activities. He shares the story of a woodcarver who lived in a village that had forgotten about Christmas. When the woodcarver tells the children about the town where Jesus was born, the mood of the city changes and becomes filled with the joy of Christ.



VTE 1640 **Timmy's Gift**
24 Min **Pre** **1-2**

This is a story about an ordinary someone, much like you or me, who is called upon to accomplish a very important task. Little Timmy the angel is given the greatest honor in all of heaven - to deliver the jeweled crown to the newborn Prince. But he's sure they've made a mistake. He's much too little for such a long journey...and who knows what frightful things lay ahead.

VTE 1641 **Grandma's Ornament**
14 Min **1-2** **3-4** **5-6**

What to do about Amy? She's a clumsy child who spills and trips and bumps into things. And this year, it's her turn to hang the special decoration on the tree. Grandma brings a new ornament every year; and this year's decoration is a prized heirloom, a fragile handmade Christ child resting in a delicate manger. Amy, understandably, is not looking forward to the event. How she overcomes and wins out over her clumsiness makes for a very winning and delightful story.

VTE 1642 **Good and Perfect Gift, The**
24 Min **5-6** **7-8** **9-10** **11-12** **Adult**

Manuelita has been praying for a special gift this Christmas - a Dad to spend Christmas day with her and her mother. The beauty of this heartwarming story is that prayers can lead us to appreciate the gifts of those who enter into our lives.

Comment: clothing and hair a bit dated



VTE 1643 **Best Christmas Pageant Ever, The**
60 min **1-2** **3-4** **5-6** **7-8**

Beware of the Herdsmans! The nastiest, dirtiest kids you could meet...and they've decided they belong in this year's Christmas pageant. The town thinks they belong in the care of the police. But when the curtain goes up, a miracle happens.

VTE 1644 **Legend of the Christmas Flower, The**
40 Min **All**

While in Mexico in 1825, Dr. Joel Poinsett discovered the beautiful flower that now bears his name, the Poinsettia. But throughout Latin America, the flower is known as "The Flower of the Holy Night." Here's the whole history of the world's favorite Christmas flower.



VTE 1645 **Christmas Wish, A**
9 Min **Pre** **1-2** **3-4**

Little Justine wishes Christmas might come right away. There's a surprise in store, though, when her wish is granted, for it doesn't turn out exactly as she hoped. This presentation stresses the importance of Advent as a season of expectation.



VTE 1646 **Christmas for Little Children, A**
30 Min **Pre** **1-2** **3-4**

Through exciting music and stories, the richness of the Christian faith comes alive. Children share in the Bethlehem experience, visit a colorful family of puppets for a home celebration and worship Jesus in the beauty of the Church. Ten lively Christmas songs are shared.



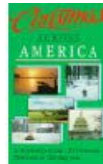
VTE 1647 **Mr. Krueger's Christmas**
25 Min **7-8** **9-10** **11-12** **Adult**

Mr. Krueger, an elderly widower who works as a janitor, is alone at Christmas. As he wishes others a Merry Christmas, they ignore him as he is old and unkempt. This story is one of hope and an unexpected encounter with the Christ child. The theme of love as the reason for Christmas is shown throughout. A heartwarming story that brings the true meaning of Christmas to all who see it.



VTE 1648 **Charlie Brown Christmas, A**
30 Min **All**

The PEANUTS gang is really getting into the spirit of Christmas. Snoopy has decked out the doghouse with tinsel and lights. The rest of the kids have bought an aluminum revolving tree for their school play. But Charlie Brown is wondering "Is this what Christmas is all about?" We join Charlie Brown and his friends as they discover the true meaning of Christmas in this heartwarming holiday classic.



VTE 1649 **Christmas Across America**
40 Min **All**

From the excitement of New York City, to a tiny church in historic Genoa, Nevada; from the tireless work of the Salvation Army, to the silent splendor of candlelit luminaires in Arizona and new Mexico; and from winter carolers in New England and Colorado, this video truly grasps the music and spirit of Christmas across America.

VTE 1650 **Songs of Christmas**
49 Min **All**

The stories behind some of our most popular and loved Christmas carols are told in this video. As the children act out the story, the scene fades back to the time when the carol was composed. Excellent for teaching about Christmas customs and traditions.

VTE 1651 **Christmas Joy**
40 Min **All**

Christmas is a time for singing. Here is a masterpiece of rich visual imagery, filled with warmth, humor and imagination. Put this presentation on while decorating the tree, wrapping presents, or having a party in class.

VTE 1719 Nativity
30 Min 9-10 11-12 Adult

No portion of the Gospels, with the exception of Christ's passion, has aroused our interest and imagination as have the stories of Jesus' birth recorded in Matthew and Luke. Not only are the miraculous events they detail thrilling, but the stories also contain a profound theological summary of the entire Gospel. In this video, the scriptural stories of the Annunciation, Visitation and the Nativity are blended with theological reflection and told with some of the greatest Christian art of the western hemisphere.

NOTE: Makes a lot of historical connections with art and history and culture of the time. Good for meditation.

VTE 1761 St. Nicholas and the Legend of Santa Claus
15 Min 1-2 3-4

Youngsters learn the amazing story of the adventures of St. Nicholas, the Man of God who became Santa Claus. Tells the story of St. Nicholas as a legend.



VTE 1762 Nicholas: The Boy Who Became Santa
30 Min 1-2 3-4

This video presents the fascinating story of the boy whose love and care for others make him one of the most popular legendary figures. We learn the story behind the feast we celebrate on December 6.

VTE 1920 Lighting the Way
25 Min 5-6 7-8 9-10 11-12 Adult

This multi-cultural video features four young people and their family celebrations of: Kwanzaa; La Posada; Hanukkah; Christmas. Viewers look at the diversity of cultures that call the United States home.

VTE 1921 Multicultural Christmas
22 Min All

Christmas is celebrated in different ways throughout the world. One main ingredient that stays the same is family. Five families from different areas of the world share their celebration of the Christmas holidays with us.



VTE 2188 VeggieTales: The Toy That Saved Christmas
30 Min Pre 1-2 3-4 5-6

With award winning writing, catchy songs and ground breaking computer animation, The Toy That Saved Christmas teaches children of all ages that "Christmas isn't about getting, it's about giving. And it's especially about a little baby named Jesus, who was the greatest gift of all.

VTE 2462 An Advent and Christmas Journey: Hope in the Darkness
22 Min Adult

Father Himes has a great gift for taking traditional ideas and biblical stories and helping us see them in a whole new light. Watch these videos and experience Advent and Christmas in a new way. Father Himes refers to biblical passages used in this season without relying on one particular liturgical cycle, so this series can be used in adult education, group discussion and sermon preparation for any year. Himes reflects on the spiritual themes and personalities of the season.

We are creatures of time and God is timeless. We look for the timeless one, God, to speak to us. We are constantly restless and nothing on this earth ultimately satisfies us. We wait, and hope, for God. Advent is only one month of the year but as Christians we are always in Advent. Father Himes uses quotes from the great poet W.H. Auden and his favorite theologian St. Augustine of Hippo to delve into the deep issues of what it means to be a human being and what it means to live in time, time that is constantly "slipping away."

VTE 2463 An Advent and Christmas Journey: The Second Coming is NOW
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Himes talks about the second coming of Christ—a major theme in Advent and a topic of much discussion in American culture. Himes tells us that the coming of the Kingdom of God is not predictable but takes us by surprise. The Kingdom is constantly, relentlessly coming upon us in ordinary ways. Himes shows us that the Kingdom of God is among us now, reconciling all people with the living God.

VTE 2464 An Advent and Christmas Journey: Threatened by Grace
27 Min Adult

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Himes explores what the Last Judgment might mean. He does this by looking at what the "world" means in the Scriptures. Sometimes the world is seen as "good" but in other

passages is seen as the enemy of God. Himes invites us to live in this tension and see the world as in transition. The Last Judgment will not mean the annihilation of the world but its transformation.

VTE 2465 An Advent and Christmas Journey: Prophets: John, Mary, Joseph
29 Min Adult

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Prophets live in expectation of something new. That is why they play such a prominent role in Advent. Something new is about to happen—the Savior will be born and that will change everything. With humor and wisdom, Himes looks at Old Testament prophets like Isaiah and three of the key New Testament figures of Advent—John the Baptist, Mary and Joseph—and shows how they inspire and challenge us today.

VTE 2466 An Advent and Christmas Journey
28 Min Adult

Father Himes has a great gift for taking traditional ideas and biblical stories and helping us see them in a whole new light. Watch these videos and experience Advent and Christmas in a new way. Father Himes refers to biblical passages used in this season without relying on one particular liturgical cycle, so this series can be used in adult education, group discussion and sermon preparation for any year. Himes reflects on the spiritual themes and personalities of the season.

How can we say anything new about Christmas? Himes offers a Christmas banquet of provocative insights into the feast day. He looks at the early church controversies concerning the divinity and humanity of Christ. He connects Christmas and Easter: God gives life where life could not possibly exist—in a virgin womb and an empty tomb. Christmas is a season of generosity. Himes asks us not to reject the secularization of Christmas but to reinterpret it. Finally Himes talks about what Christmas tells us about the Trinity.

VTE 2488 La Gran Posada: A Christmas Celebration
57 Min 5-6 7-8 9-10 11-12 Adult

La Gran Posada is a Mexican tradition recreating the story of Joseph and Mary in their search for an inn (posada) in Bethlehem before the birth of Jesus. Centered on the annual devotional procession organized by San Fernando Cathedral in San Antonio, Texas, this documentary is a behind-the-scene look at the procession, music, costuming and foods that are an integral part of the contemporary expression of a tradition with its roots in Mexican colonial history. It is also the story of Mexican immigrants who arrive San Antonio with nothing and through La Gran Posada find a home, a family, and a new life.