

# COME, LET US ADORE HIM

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**CHARACTERS** - a FATHER (30's to 50's) and DAUGHTER (10 to 15 years old)

**SETTING** - the living room of their home

**TIME** - Christmas Eve

**SET and PROPS** - 2 chairs, Bible, family photo album, Christmas tree with a star at the top  
(This living room set can be as simple or elaborate as you like.)

**COSTUMES** - Christmas casual

**PRODUCTION NOTES** - The lines should be memorized and the dialogue should flow naturally in a relaxed and comfortable manner. During the songs, the actors may continue looking at the photo album together without dialogue. If necessary, the parts of the father and daughter could be played by a mother and son or a mother and daughter or a father and son, depending on what actors are available in your church.

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## SONG: "Advent Medley"

### SCENE 1

*(Father is sitting in the living room looking at a photo album.)*

DAUGHTER: *(entering living room)* **Hi, Dad.**

FATHER: **Hey, sweetheart. Merry Christmas!**

DAUGHTER: *(they hug)* **Merry Christmas to you! What are you doing?**

FATHER: **I'm looking at pictures. I guess I miss your Grandmother.**

DAUGHTER: *(sitting beside him)* **Me too. *(pointing to a picture in the album)* There she is waving to us from her front porch.**

FATHER: **Christmas was her favorite time of year. See this one? It's Christmas at Grammy's in 1952. Look at the star at the top of the tree.**

DAUGHTER: **It's the same one we have on our tree.**

FATHER: **It was Grammy's when she was a little girl. Then when I left home and married your Mom, Grammy gave it to us. And one day, when you start your family, the star will be yours.**

DAUGHTER: **Grammy told me the star at the top of the tree was like the one that shone over the stable when Jesus was born.**

FATHER: *(reaches for his Bible)* **Here. Let's read it. This will help get me in the Christmas spirit. "And she gave birth to her first-born son; and she wrapped Him in cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. And in the same region there were some shepherds staying out in the fields, and keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord suddenly stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them; and they were terribly frightened."**

DAUGHTER: *(reading from the Bible)* **"And the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for behold I bring you good news of a great joy which shall be for all the people; for today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths, and lying in a manger.'"**

FATHER: **"And suddenly there appeared with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men with whom He is pleased.'" *(Luke 2:7-14)***

**SONG: "The Night That Christ Was Born"**

**SONG: "Angel Medley"**

## **SCENE 2**

DAUGHTER: **Look at this one Dad. It's Grammy's fireplace. She always had a fire going when we got there.**

FATHER: **And look at the mantel. She loved to decorate it with holly and evergreen branches. I loved to fall asleep on the floor right in front of the fire after I'd eaten a huge Christmas lunch.**

DAUGHTER: **I remember every Christmas when we went to her house, she'd ask me to set the table for lunch and she'd let me set up her wooden nativity scene right in the middle of the table.**

FATHER: **When I was very small, Mom sat me down and said, "Son, I want you to understand why we celebrate Christmas. It's not about toys and stockings full of goodies. It's all about Jesus.**

**SONG: "Hallelujah"**

**SONG: "Joy to the World!"**

### SCENE 3

DAUGHTER: **Do they celebrate Christmas in heaven?**

FATHER: **I'm sure they do.**

DAUGHTER: **I bet it's a big party.**

FATHER: **Yes, and I can just imagine your Grammy helping with the decorations.**

DAUGHTER: **Do you think they use white lights or colored lights?**

FATHER: **Well, with Jesus there and all the angels too, I'm sure they have all the light they need!**

DAUGHTER: **Grammy was always good at throwing a party.**

### SONG: "Happy Birthday, Jesus"

### SCENE 4

FATHER: *(reading from his Bible)* **"Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, 'Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we saw His star in the east, and have come to worship Him.' And lo, the star, which they had seen in the east, went on before them until it came and stood over where the Child was. And when they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. And they came into the house and saw the Child with Mary His mother; and they fell down and worshiped Him; and opening their treasures they presented to Him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh." *(Matthew 2:1, 2:9-11)***

DAUGHTER: **Grammy loved giving presents. Remember how she would hide our gifts around her house and give us clues to help us find them?**

FATHER: **Oh, yes!**

DAUGHTER: **One time she hid my present in the bathtub! The clue said: "A smile, this present is sure to bring, it'll make a big splash but won't leave a brown ring!"**

FATHER: **What was it?**

DAUGHTER: **A snorkel and fins!**

FATHER: She had a great sense of humor. I remember when we finished opening our gifts, she'd always say, "We're all so rich. We have more than we need."

DAUGHTER: And then she'd say, "Come to the manger in Bethlehem for the greatest gift of all."

FATHER: Look at this picture. It's you in your very first Christmas pageant.

DAUGHTER: How old was I?

FATHER: You were three months old.

DAUGHTER: I was pretty cute!

FATHER: The pastor called and asked if you could be the baby Jesus. Your Mom dressed you in a sweet little white blanket and you fit perfectly in the manger. The only time you were quiet was when we were singing!

**SONG: "Candlelight Medley"**

**SONG: "Glory to God in the Highest"**

## **SCENE 5**

DAUGHTER: (*looking at the album*) Remember this Christmas, Dad? It was the year we had the ice storm and the power went out.

FATHER: I remember your Grammy was mad because her turkey was ruined.

DAUGHTER: She said, "This is the first Christmas I've had to serve peanut butter and jelly sandwiches!" But I didn't mind.

FATHER: At Christmas she was famous for making her sweet potato pie.

DAUGHTER: Oh, yeah . . . the one with marshmallows on top.

FATHER: As a kid, I'd be outside playing and the smell of the pie and the turkey baking would float out into the yard. I couldn't wait for her to call us to lunch. All the other kids in the neighborhood wished they could eat at our house. And most of the time, they did!

DAUGHTER: Grammy was always feeding somebody.

FATHER: If you came to her house hungry, you certainly didn't leave that way. And whenever anyone in the neighborhood was sick or having a rough time, she was always the first one there to help and encourage them.

**SONG: "Make Us One"**

**SCENE 6**

**DAUGHTER:** I miss Grammy. She made everything fun. She always used to say, "Come on honey, let's make a memory!" And then we'd do something, just the two of us. Like the time she let me help her make snicker doodles. She said, "The recipe doesn't call for it, but let's put sprinkles on them anyway!"

**FATHER:** I miss her too. I wish I could hug her again and thank her for being a great Mom. *(looking at the album)* There she is holding you on your first Christmas. She had a great smile. You look a lot like her, you know.

**DAUGHTER:** *(proudly)* I know.

**FATHER:** I tell you what. Why don't I hug you and you hug me and in honor of Grammy we'll make our own great memories this Christmas?

**DAUGHTER:** It's a deal! *(they hug)* Merry Christmas, Dad.

**FATHER:** Merry Christmas, sweetheart.

**SONG: "Hallelujah Chorus"**