

GO FORWARD!



*this Christmas
with Jesus*

Program Outline

THEME:

Go Forward This Christmas With Jesus

SCRIPTURE:

Luke 2:1-20, Matthew 2:1-12

EXPLANATION:

So much of the Christmas story contained in the second chapters of Luke and Matthew's Gospel is concerned with travel. Mary and Joseph, the shepherds and the magi, all set out on the road - a road that would lead them to the Christ Child. Today more than ever, Christmas Eve can be a time of busy, last minute travel, with people trying to make it home. If not on an actual journey, many people this time of year reflect on their journey along life's road - where they are, where they've come from, and where they're going. The scriptures make clear that God was born on the road. God, who took on flesh and made his dwelling amongst us: God, who is fully revealed in Jesus Christ, was himself born on the road, with only a crude manger providing shelter. The resources in this Christmas Eve program outline remind us that God is not only the *destination* on our road through life, He is the *journey* as well. This Christmas Eve, come journey with Mary and Joseph, the shepherds and the magi, as they encounter *God on the Road*.

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PROGRAM ELEMENTS:

The following programmatic elements have been included in this resource package:

- 🎨 Call to Worship (Two options to select from)
- 🎨 Prayer and Testimony Ideas
- 🎨 Music Suggestions for various groups as well as congregational singing
- 🎨 Christmas Scripture Passages
- 🎨 A Children's Christmas Message
- 🎨 A Christmas Sermon containing a Candlelight Reading

GRAPHIC & VIDEO ELEMENTS:

The following graphic elements have been included in this resource package:

- 🎨 GO FORWARD! this Christmas with Jesus Logos (with and without text)
- 🎨 Program Cover
- 🎨 Visual Title Slide (Widescreen and Fullscreen)
- 🎨 A short Christmas Video encouraging your congregation to GO FORWARD! this Christmas with Jesus!
- 🎨 To download additional free Christmas videos please visit:
<https://vimeo.com/album/3215723>

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:

Salvation Army Historical Writings:

- 🎨 Christmas, Chapters 1-5. Taken from William Booth's "Visions".
<http://www.salvationfactory.org/william-booth-collection/>
- 🎨 A Merry Christmas, Chapter 15. Taken from William Booth's, "Salvation Soldiery". <http://www.salvationfactory.org/william-booth-collection/>