

All Is Well

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- *Opportunities for additional songs have been suggested.*
- *The “stage group” consists of children dressed in costume who come on stage during the appropriate Bible passages.*

Introduction: Well-Spring

Narrator One: Our world is not well. The people we honor with our vote dishonor the office. Stress levels are high as terrorists make it difficult to fly with even shoes or shampoo. Millions of people starve and try to avoid the rampant death associated with civil war. And even in our land of plenty children go without food and medical care while we are distracted by the antics of the famous. Our world is not well. Proverbs tells us to “Above all else guard your heart for it is the wellspring of life.” The world we live in, as well as our own sin, makes this task a challenge we cannot meet alone.

Narrator Two: *John 4: 14*
The wellness that we seek is found in the baby lying in a manger. Join us in our search for a well world and a well soul. Walk with us to see the baby Savior.

Group One: ALL IS WELL, THE SAVIOR IS BORN!

Group Two: THEY FOUND HIM IN A MANGER IN BETHLEHEM!

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The angels came with news of love
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God’s work on earth had just begun (kdm)

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Narrator: *Luke 1: 26-31*

Stage group: Angel visits Mary

Narrator: *Matthew 1: 18-21*

Stage group: Joseph paces in his room, falls asleep and an angel visits. He awakes and goes to take Mary's hand.

Well-Born

Narrator One: *Matthew 1:17*

Jesus' family tree can be traced back to the royal house of David. He was in every sense of the word "well-born." Yet, when the angels came to tell the parents the good news, the situation was not what our world would call well. Mary accepted that her pregnancy was of God and Joseph accepted that it was God's will to accept Mary as his wife. Jesus was well-born not because of his lineage, family situation or birth circumstances. He was well-born because He is God's Son.

Narrator Two: *Galatians 3:26-29*

Because God has made us His children, through His promise, and the waters of our baptism, we are also well-born. We do not wear the crown of King David, but we will wear the crown of eternal life.

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They traveled on a Donkey's back
The comforts of the world they lack
A mother tired with body worn
A father cries as the baby's born (kdm)

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Narrator: *Luke 2: 4-6*

Stage group: Mary and Joseph travel to Bethlehem find a stable and lay the baby in the manger.

Well-Ordered

Narrator One: We did not travel that long road with pregnant Mary. We did not assist Joseph as he worked to comfort Mary during delivery. We do not know what they were thinking but scripture gives us no indication that their faith and trust ever faltered. We are tempted to say "What was God thinking?" How could He plan a more disorganized birth? Unmarried parents, a long donkey ride, no clean place to sleep, much less give birth and not so much as a mid-wife to assist in the delivery of the Savior of the world. Yet, all of this leads us to trust that God's plan is good. Out of disorganization He brought the plan of Salvation.

Narrator Two: We do not always understand God's plan for us or for our world. The faith He gives us keeps our trust in a God who is good, all the time. Only He can bring order out of the chaos of our world.
Isaiah 55:8-13

Please join together to offer praise to God through His word found in Isaiah 12.

Narrator One: In that day you will say

Congregation: I will praise You O Lord.

Narrator One: Although You were angry with me,

Congregation: Your anger has turned away and You have comforted me. Surely God is my Salvation;

Narrator One: I will trust and not be afraid.

Congregation: The Lord, the Lord, is my Strength and my Song;

Narrator One: He has become my Salvation.

Congregation: With joy you will draw water from the wells of Salvation.

Narrator One: In that day you will say:

Congregation: Give thanks to the Lord, call on His name; make known among the nations what He has done, and proclaim that His name is exalted, sing to the Lord, for He has done glorious things;

Narrator One: let this be known to all the world.

Congregation: Shout aloud and sing for joy, people of Zion, for great is the Holy One of Israel among you.

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Narrator: *Luke 2:8-16*

Stage group: Shepherds in the fields receive a visit from the angels. They travel to the manger.

Well-Timed

Narrator One: The children of Israel had been waiting for Jesus for many long years. During times of slavery, war and occupation they wondered when God would fulfill His promise. We look back on the time of Jesus' coming and marvel at the lack of communication technology. Just think what God could have done with the World Wide Web! The children of Israel waited until many gave up hope; yet Jesus was not late. Our time has much to offer and a great need for a Savior: yet Jesus' arrival was not premature. The birth of Jesus was well-timed to orchestrate our Salvation.

Narrator Two: *Romans 5:6-8*
While God's timing is perfect it points us to the wonder of the act of justification. Jesus, being God, took on human form, lived a perfect life, bore our sin on the cross and rose again. In this one act: Salvation was won for the children of God.

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Narrator: *Matthew 2: 1-2 and 10-11*

Stage group: Wise men follow a star to give gifts to the baby

Well-Pleasing

Narrator One: *Matthew 3:17*

Narrator Two: We cannot please God through our own works. Yet, even though we sin, even though we live in a sad, unwell world, through the blood of Jesus we are pleasing to God.
Hebrews 13: 20-21

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We travel in this world forlorn
Until we are in Christ reborn
Tell others of our Savior's Joy
Through the love of a baby boy (kdm)

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Narrator: *Luke 2: 17-20*

Stage group: Towns people and shepherds worship the baby then move off to tell other people about the Savior.

Well-Chosen

Narrator One: *John 15:19*

Narrator Two: We are His chosen and He calls us to be His servants; to worship Him, to serve Him, to tell others about Him and to care for one another. Through the love of God the Father, Son and Spirit, we have the wellness we seek.

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Blessing:

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