

**OPTIONAL SCRIPTURE INTRODUCTION**

*(from Luke 2:8-18; 20)*

CHILD 1: And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night.

CHILD 2: 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,

CHILD 3: “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.”

CHILD 1: Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

ALL: “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to all on whom God’s favor rests.”

CHILD 1: When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another,

ALL: “Let’s go to Bethlehem . . .

CHILD 2: and see this thing that has happened,

CHILD 3: which the Lord has told us about.”

CHILD 1: So they hurried off and found Mary

CHILD 2: and Joseph,

CHILD 3: and the baby, who was lying in the manger.

CHILD 1: When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child,

CHILD 2: and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them.

CHILD 3: The shepherds returned,

ALL: glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen.

# Arise, Shine, Jesus Has Come!

2 octaves  
Handbells/handchimes used: 3



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**With energy and excitement!** (♩ = 72)

Handbells or Handchimes (optional)

Piano

4 5 6

Unison *mf*

A - rise, shine, Je - sus has come!

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Come, come, hur - ry and see. A -

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rise, shine, Je - sus has come, come for you and

13 Handbells/handchimes 14 15

me. { 1. What joy we feel as  
2. What joy we know as