

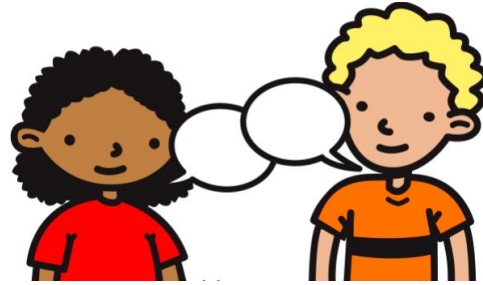
# Collective Worship Hymn Reflection



Wednesday, 3rd December, 2025

Pro Deo et Ecclesia

Carols are special hymns we sing at Christmas time that help us learn about and celebrate the Christmas story.



Can you name any Christmas Carols?

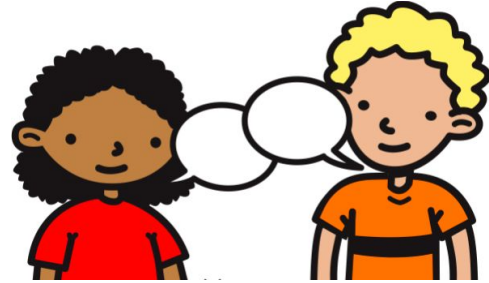
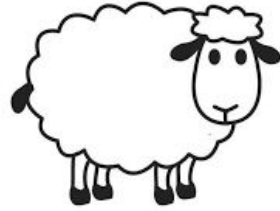


Listen to the Carol together - think about the story it is telling. The story is from Luke Chapter 2 in the bible.

While shepherds watched  
Their flocks by night,  
All seated on the ground  
The angel of the Lord came down  
And glory shone around.

"Fear not," said he,  
For mighty dread  
Had seized their troubled mind  
"Glad tidings\*" of great joy I bring  
To you and all mankind"

\*Tidings means news



Retell this part of  
the story to your  
partner.

To you in David's\*

Town this day

Is born of David's line

The Savior who is Christ the Lord

And this shall be the sign

The heavenly Babe

You there shall find

To human view displayed

And meanly\* wrapped

In swathing bands\*

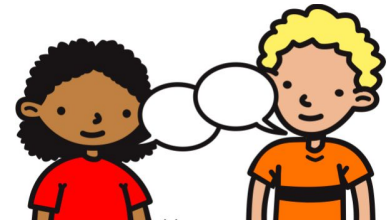
And in a manger\* laid.

\*David is King David

\* meanly means poor or  
humble (not unkind!)

\*swathing bands are cloths

\*manger is an animal  
feeding trough

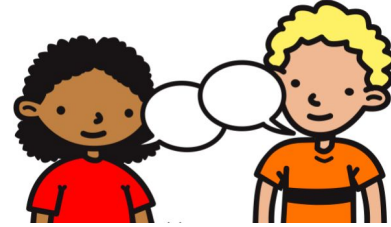


- What news did the angel give the shepherds?
- What is the sign that will help the shepherds recognise the baby?

Thus spake the seraph\* ,  
And forthwith  
Appeared a shining throng\*  
Of angels praising God, who thus  
Addressed their joyful song.



All glory be to  
God on high  
And to the earth be **peace**;  
Goodwill henceforth  
From heaven to men  
Begin and never cease!  
\*seraph is another word for angel  
\*throng means a big crowd



**Explain to your partner  
what is happening in these  
verses.**



## Reflection:

What do you think it was like for the shepherds that night on the hillside?

Thank God that he sent Jesus into the world to bring peace.

Thank God that we can look forward to celebrating Jesus' birth just like the shepherds did!