The angels message about Jesus’ birth was such good news that people all over the world celebrate Jesus’ birthday. Let’s look at some of the places where people believe in Jesus and sing songs about his birth.

Show the children the map or globe and point out Tulsa, OK. Read Luke 2:11. Tell the children that another name for the town of David is Bethlehem. Locate Bethlehem on the map/globe. In the Old Testament part of the Bible, prophets told about God’s promise to send His Son to be born in Bethlehem.

Ask the children: “What are the names of some of your favorite Christmas carols?” If “Silent Night” is not mentioned, tell the children that it is one of the most famous Christmas carols. Continue by telling them that this carol was first written in Germany. (point to Germany on the map/globe) A pastor of a church wrote a poem about Jesus’ birth in Bethlehem. Locate Bethlehem on the map/globe. In the Old Testament part of the Bible, prophets told about God’s promise to send His Son to be born in Bethlehem.

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(people in Mexico act out the story of Joseph and Mary looking for a place to stay. Christians in Israel plant seeds in front of nativity scenes - the growing seeds remind the people of new life.)

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The Apostle's Creed
I believe in ______ the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only son, our Lord. Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was ______, dead and buried. He descended into hell; the third day He rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the ______ hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to ______ the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the Holy catholic church, the __________ of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer
Our Father who art in heaven, ______ be thy name.
Thy _______ come.
Thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this ______ our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts,
as we _______ our debtors,
and lead us not into temptation,
but ______ us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
______ the power,
and the glory, for ever.
Amen.