

Keeping Watch with the Shepherds in Bethlehem

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"And shepherds were keeping watch in the night!"

When the Gospel of Luke recounts the Christmas story, it tells us that, when Jesus was born, shepherds were keeping watch in the night. What were they watching for in the dark? For more than for what might threaten their flocks. They were looking for light, for something to brighten their darkness.

John's Gospel makes this point. It doesn't give us a description of Mary and Joseph in a stable at Bethlehem. Instead it describes the coming of Jesus at Christmas in an image, a light shone in the darkness. Notice that John doesn't say that a light shone into the darkness, but that it shone in the darkness. That's an important distinction.

Christmas, Christ being born in our world, is very much about finding God inside of what's commonplace and inside even the darkness of sin, violence, war, greed, and the indifference that sometimes seem everywhere. Christmas is about light being seen inside of darkness.

And so one of the things that Christmas asks us to do is to imitate the shepherds in the Christmas story and keep watch, hoping to see "light inside of darkness". How do we do that?

Our Christian tradition has different ways of expressing it, but it's what Jesus meant when he told us to "read the signs of the times" and what John of the Cross meant when he said that "the language of God is the experience that God writes into our lives." God is inside ordinary life and our job is to see God there.

Classically, this was expressed in the concept of "divine providence", namely, the notion that inside the conspiracy of accidents that shape our lives we can see the finger of God writing history from another point of view. God shines forth, in some way, in everything that happens.

We need therefore to be meteorologists of the spirit, reading inner weather so as to see the deeper movements of God inside the outer events of history. We watch like the shepherds when we look at our world, with all that's in it, both good and bad, and see light there, namely, God's presence, grace, graciousness, forgiveness, love, unselfishness, innocence.

But that's not easy to do. The darkness around us is deep. We live in a world where what we see is often simply bitterness, wound, non-forgiveness, anger, greed, false pride, lust, injustice, and sin. Where do we see light inside of that? Do you see light in the 6:00 news each night?

Christmas tells us that the problem isn't just with the news, but with how we see the news. What we see is very much colored by what we feel and think at any given moment. Philosophers used to express this in the axiom: "Whatever is received is received according to the mode of the receiver." Sound wisdom. The Buddhists put it more simply. They have an axiom which says that we don't see what's outside of us but we see what's inside of us and project it outside. To illustrate this they offer a colorful little anecdote.

A fat, overweight Buddha was sitting under a tree one day. An arrogant, young soldier walked by, saw him, and said: "You look like a pig!" The Buddha looked up at the soldier and said: "And you look like God!" Surprised, the soldier asked him: "Why do you say that I look like God?" The Buddha replied: "You see, we don't see what's outside us, we see what's inside and project it outwards. I sit here all day and think about God and when I look out, that's what I see. You, on the other hand, must be thinking about something else!"

The point, I think, is clear. Our eyesight, even our physical eyesight, is linked to our attitudes, our thoughts, our feelings, our wounds, and our virtues. They form the prism through which we see. The task therefore, to keep watch in the night, is to link our eyesight to the virtues of Christmas. What are these?

Christmas speaks of childlikeness, wonder, innocence, joy, love, forgiveness, family, community, and giving. When we are in touch with these we more easily see what's special inside of ordinary life. These make light shine in the darkness.

Sometimes, just as at the first Christmas, we see light in darkness most clearly in the face of a newborn, a baby, where innocence can still stun us into wonder and soften, for a while, the edges of our cynicism and hardness. That, in fact, is one of the main challenges of Christmas.

Like the shepherds we're asked to watch in the night and we're watching when, in our hearts, there is more wonder than familiarity, more childlike trust than cynicism, more love than indifference, more forgiveness than bitterness, more joy in our innocence than in our sophistication, and more focus on others than on ourselves.

Christmas is meant to soften the heart and it's that which sharpens the eyesight.

and we saw his glory, (*inscribe 1*)
the glory as of the Father's only Son, (*inscribe 1*)
full of grace and truth.

The gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

*Then, as the following Scripture passage is proclaimed, another family member places an **Epiphany card** (representing the Three Kings) over the front door on the inside of the house.*

Reader: And behold,
the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them,
until it came and stopped over the place where the child was.
They were overjoyed at seeing the star,
and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother.
They prostrated themselves and did him homage

Those gathered sing an appropriate song, such as "We Three Kings," as they each receive a lit candle and follow the family into the main gathering space of the home. Before chalking all of the doorways they wish on the interior, the leader begins the litany and all join in its response as the family proceeds to chalk their interior doorways.

Leader: As this household has been given the light of Christ through baptism,
let us pray that this home shines radiantly with the love of God
to be a shelter of peace for all who visit and dwell in it as we sign all of our doorways.

Leader: Our response is: Make us your dwelling place, Lord.

All: Make us your dwelling place, Lord.

Leader: With Mary, and Joseph... **Make us your dwelling place, Lord.**

With Anne and Joachim...

With Elizabeth and Zechariah...

With Anna and Simeon...

With the shepherds and the kings...

With all the angels and saints...

With all holy men and women...

For the sick and the hungry...

For the homeless and the lonely...

For friend and stranger...

For neighbor and traveler...

In our hopes and dreams...

In our faults and failings...

In times of joy and peace...

In times of sadness and grief...

When anger and fear confuse us...

When pride and pain confound us...

When the plans we make must change...

When you call us home by a different way...

In all things, great and small...



The leader continues.

Leader: Christ taught us to call upon the Father, and so we pray:

All: Our Father...

Those gathered may then place a hand on the shoulder of the person near them as the leader says the following prayer.

Leader: Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation, for through your goodness you have given us shelter from the cold and the light of your Word to brighten the darkness of night.

We come to you bearing no gifts for everything we have is a gift from you. All we can offer is our love for each other and our faith in your Son. Transform, then, these humble gifts into an epiphany, a revelation of your divine presence, and bless this house and all who come to it.

May this home and this family be a light for all who are lost and afraid, a place of peace and hospitality for those in need, and a sign that you are indeed God with us.

And when our long journey has ended, lead us all by the star of your mercy that we may come home to you to the dwelling place you have prepared for us.

Grant this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

The leader says:

Leader: Let us bless the Lord.

All respond, making the sign of the cross:

All: ✠ Thanks be to God.

The prayer may conclude with the singing of a Christmas carol, such as "Joy to the World".

This Epiphany blessing of the home was taken from: http://www.stmaryny.org/wp-content/uploads/2010/09/Epiphany_Blessing_of_the_Home__Household.pdf

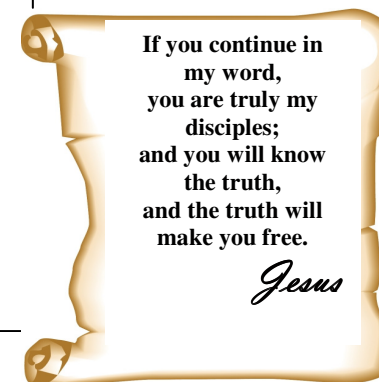
After the blessing of the home it would be wonderful to end the celebration with a piece of Epiphany Bread. See the next page for a few recipe suggestions.



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16th Week of Ordinary Time (July 22) Job 14-18 19-23 24-27 28-32 33-37 38-40.4 40:5-42	21st Week of Ordinary Time (Aug 26) Hebrews 1-2 3:10 11-6 7 8-10:18 10:19-12 13	26th Week of Ordinary Time (Sep 30) Daniel 5-8 9-12 13 14 Baruch 1-3:8 3:9-5 6	31st Week of Ordinary Time (Nov 4) Psalms 29-32 33-36 37-40 41-44 45-48 49-52 53-56
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1st Week of Lent (Feb 26) Leviticus 1-5:13 5:14-7 8-10 11-13 14-16 17-20 21-24	Easter (Apr 8) Matthew 28; Mark 16:1-13 Luke 24:1-49; John 20-21 John 1-3:21 3:22-6 7-10:21 10:22-12	7th Week of Easter (May 7) (Ascension) Acts 1:13-26 Joshua 8-9 10-12 13-15 16-17 18-21 22-24	13th Week of Ordinary Time (July 1) Nehemiah 1-5 6-9 10-13 Ecclesiasticus (Sirach) 1-5 6-9 10-13 14-18
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Brazilian King's Bread

Since Twelfth Night concludes the Christmas holidays, people traditionally have marked it with a big party closing the season. The Twelfth Night revels in many countries feature parties, dancing, and feasting. At the feasts, people often eat a special bread or cake with a bean, coin, or figurine baked in it. The person getting the piece with the good luck token becomes the Twelfth Night King or Queen, leading revelers in their merrymaking.

The holiday also carries solemn religious overtones. It is one of the three major Christian holidays, along with Christmas and Easter. The name Twelfth Night simply reflects its occurrence twelve days after Christmas. But in some places it is known as Feast of the Three Kings because the Three Kings (also known as Wise Men or Magi) are believed to have reached the Christ Child on January 6. And, with emphasis on the religious character of the occasion, Epiphany notes that the holiday marks a special revelation of Jesus divine nature - the arrival of the three Magi as the first manifestation of Jesus to the Gentiles.

Here's a bread Brazilians love with their coffee on Twelfth Night. The finder of a tiny doll enclosed during shaping becomes king or queen of the holiday celebration. You can substitute a lucky almond for your own party.

INGREDIENTS

- 1/2 tablespoon active dry yeast
- 2 tablespoons warm water (105-115 degrees)
- 1/3 cup milk
- 3 tablespoons sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 3 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 2-2 1/2 cups flour
- 1 egg
- 2 tablespoons golden raisins
- 2 tablespoons chopped mixed candied fruit, plus extra for decoration
- 1 tablespoon chopped Brazil nuts or blanched almonds
- 1 whole almond, plus additional for decoration
- 1 tablespoon sugar

Glaze: 1 egg, beaten with 1 tablespoon water

DIRECTIONS

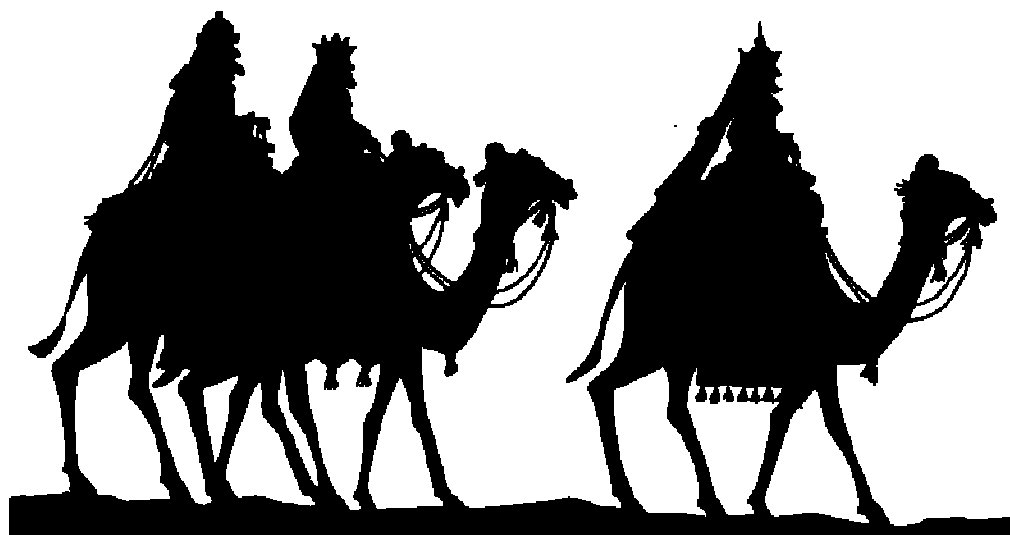
1. Dissolve yeast in warm water. Set aside for 5 minutes. Heat milk, sugar, salt, and butter to warm (105-115 degrees).
2. Combine 1 1/2 cups flour, yeast mixture, milk mixture, and egg. Mix thoroughly.
3. Add enough remaining flour to form a soft dough. Knead on lightly floured surface about 10 minutes.
4. Place in greased bowl, turning to coat top. Cover; let rise in warm place until double - about 1 hour.
5. Lightly knead in raisins, candied fruit, and nuts. Place in greased bowl, turning to coat top. Cover; let rise in warm place until double - about 45 minutes. (This is for the second time.)
6. Punch down dough and insert whole almond. Shape a round loaf; make a 4-inch hole in center and push dough into a ring about 8 inches across. Place on greased baking sheet. (Butter outside of a 3- or 4-inch custard dish and set it in the hole.)
7. Let bread rise in warm place for 30 minutes. Make glaze and brush on loaf. Press lightly with whole candied fruits and whole nuts. Sprinkle top with sugar.
8. Bake in a preheated 350°F oven 40-45 minutes or until done. Cool on wire rack.

Recipe Source: *Festive Bread Book, The* by Kathy Cutler, Barron's Educational Series, Inc., 1982

Epiphany word Search

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Bible Challenge 2011

The Catholic Church has always venerated the divine Scriptures, and teaches that "Sacred Scripture is the speech of God as it is put down in writing under the breath of the Holy Spirit." "Ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ." (From the Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation, nos. 9, 21, and 25)

By making a commitment of only twenty to thirty minutes a day, you can prayerfully read through the entire Bible in one year! Use whatever Bible translation you like that contains the entire Canon of Scripture. If you miss a day, catch up, or simply mark that day and when you have finished the year, go back and pick up sections that you didn't read. If possible find a friend and encourage one another throughout the year.

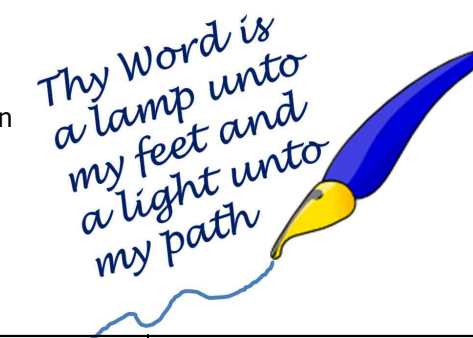
Begin with a short prayer. For example:

† In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

"Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Your faithful and kindle in them the fire of Your love. Send forth Your Spirit, and fill us all with your divine wisdom. And You shall renew the face of the earth. Amen" †

- When you have finished your daily reading meditate silently for a moment on what you have read.
- Some portions of Scripture are more difficult to read, understand and apply: be patient
- The chapter and verse numbering in this guide is based on the New American Bible. Other versions may have slightly different numberings.
- Ask the saints for guidance as you undertake this challenge.

(Adapted from the Bible Project distributed by the Prince Albert Diocesan Adult Faith Education Office.)



<p>1st Week of Advent (Nov 27) Isaiah 1-2 3-5 6-10:4 10:5-12 13-18 19-23 24-27</p>	<p>4th Week of Advent (Dec 18) Luke 1 Song of Solomon 1-3:5 3:6-5:1 5:2-6:3 6:4-8:4 8:5-14</p>	<p>Epiphany (Jan 8th) Overlaps into the 1st Week of Ordinary Time Luke 2 I Corinthians 1-7 8-12 13-16 Genesis 1-11 12-21 22-28</p>	<p>3rd Week of Ordinary Time (Jan 22) Exodus 14-18 19-23 24-27 28-31 32-34 35-37 38-40</p>
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Advent/Christmas Resources



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Video	Irish Christmas : A musical celebration	V 783.6 IRI
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Book	Instant Christmas Pageant: The Mouse's Tale	263 HAN
Book	Instant Christmas Pageant: Not-So Silent-Night	263 HAN
Book	Instant Christmas Pageant: Operation Baby King	263 HAN
Book	Instant Christmas Pageant: Live from Bethlehem	263 HAN
Book	How the Grinch Stole Christmas	FIC HOW
Video	Grandma's Ornament	V394.2 GRA
DVD	Go Look in the Manger	DVD 248.82 CHR
Video	Gifts of Christmas	V248.82 FRA
Book	Fourth Wise Man	FIC FOU
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DVD or Video	First Christmas	DVD & V 394.2 CHR
Video	First Christmas crib	V 394.2 FIR
Book	Electric Christmas	248.82 ADV
Book	Easy Ways to Christmas Plays	808.2 V
Video	Donkey's Tales	V394.2 DON
DVD or Video	Crippled Lamb	V & DVD 248.82 LUC
Video	City That Forgot About Christmas, The	V394.2 CIT
Video	Christmas: God's Greatest Gift (Sacred Heart Kids' Club)	V234 SAC
Video	Christmas Wish	V394.2 Chris
Video	The Littlest Angel (Christmas Through The Ages)	V 394.2 CHR
Book	Christmas Story	232.92 CHR
DVD or Video	Christmas Story Keepers	V & DVD 220.9505 STO
Book	Christmas Sourcebook	264.02
DVD or Video	Christmas Show (Bedbug Bible Gang)	V & DVD 220.9505 BED
Video	Christmas Is	V394.2 CHR
DVD or Video	Christmas Crossroads (Following Jesus through the Church year 2)	V or DVD 263 FOL
Book	Children's Way to Christmas	263.91 CUR
Book	Celebrating the Season of Advent	263.91 ADV
Book	Celebrate While We Wait: Family Devotional Resources for Advent and Christmas too	263.91 SCH
Book	Born in a Manger	220.9505 BEN
Video	Birth of Jesus (The Visual Bible)	V 220.9505 VIS
Book	Big Book of Catholic Customs & Traditions for Children's Faith Formation	268.3 BRA
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Book	Activities and Ideas for Advent and Epiphany	249 ONE
DVD	Angel Song (Cherub Wings)	DVD 248.82 CHE

You are invited to the

Diocesan Epiphany Celebration

The theme of this year's celebration is

'Christmas around the World'

*There will be a program with music,
which will feature a journey to Christmas celebrations around the world.*

The Epiphany Celebration will be on

January 8th, 2011

Beginning at

3:00 p.m.

At

Sacred Heart Cathedral


in

Prince Albert, Saskatchewan

Those who are able to attend the Epiphany Celebration are invited to bring appetizers for a shared feast at the end of the program.

Refreshments will be provided by the Diocese.

For more information please contact the Chancery Office at (306)922-4747



New Advent/Christmas Resources

Resource Type	Title	Barcode
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Book	Celebrating the Season of Advent	263.91 ADV
Video	Christmas! Dora the Explorer - Preschoolers	V394.2 CHR
CD	Christmas Star...John Burland	CD 268 BUR
Book	Fumbly Bumbly Angles Instant Christmas Pageant with Soundtrack	263 HAN
Book	Handbook of Sacraments for Today's Catechist	268.2 SPR
Book	Joy to the World Advent Activities for Your Family	263.91 BAS
Book	Joyful Meditations: Years A-B-C Daily Advent & 12 Days of Christmas	263.91 SAV
Book	Keys to the Kingdom Advent & Christmas (A): 8-13 yr olds	263.91 KEY
Book	Learning Centers for Advent and Lent	263.91 MUR
Book	Let's Get Ready for Christmas Advent Activities for Preschool Children	263.91 AND
DVD	Littlest Light on the Christmas Tree	DVD 394.2 CHR
Book	Live Advent At Home: Daily Prayers and Activities for Families	263.91 MAT
Book	Live from Bethlehem Instant Christmas Pageant with Soundtrack	263 HAN
Book	Mouse's Tale Instant Christmas Pageant with Soundtrack	263 HAN
Book	Not-So-Silent Night Instant Christmas Pageant with Soundtrack	263 HAN
Book	Operations Baby King Instant Christmas Pageant with Soundtrack	263 HAN
Book	Services for the Advent Wreath Based on Lectionary Years A-B-C	263.91 JAR
DVD	Starlight Escape (Story Keepers)	DVD/V 220.9505STO
CD	We Shall Prepare: An Advent and Christmas Cantata for Young	CD 786.3 FRI



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DVD	A Fruitcake Christmas (Hermie)	DVD 248.82 HER
Book	Advent Arts and Christmas Crafts: Prayers and Rituals for Family, School, and Church	263.91 HEI
Book	Advent Begins at Home	263.91 POL
DVD	Advent Calendar: Christmas Carols	DVD 263.91 ADV
DVD	Advent Calendar: Christmas Countdown for December	DVD 263.91 ADV
Book	Advent Christmas Epiphany	263.91 DAY
DVD or Video	Advent with St. Nicholas	V394.2 ADV or DVD 263 BER
DVD or Video	Alabaster's Song	DVD & V 398.21 LUC
Video	Amahl and the Night Visitors	V 394.2 AMA
DVD	An Advent and Christmas Journey (Adult)	DVD 263.9 HIM
DVD	An Angel for Christmas	DVD 398.27 ANG
DVD or Video	Angel's Advent Lesson	V & DVD 263.91 COS
Book	Winter: Celebrating the Season in a Christian Home	263.91 MAZ
Video	'Twas the Flight Before Christmas (McGee and Me)	V 248.82 MCG
DVD	True Christmas Story	DVD 394.2 CHR
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Book	To Dance with God	263.91 MUE
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DVD or Video	Timmy's Gift (Precious Moments)	DVD & V 394.2 TIM
DVD	Three Christmas Classics	DVD 394.2 CHR
Video	The Gift	V394.2 GIF
DVD or Video	Story of the Nativity (Beginners Bible)	DVD & V 222.11 STO
Book	Story of Christmas	220.9505 LIT
DVD or Video	Story Keepers Starlight Escape	DVD & V 220.9505 STO
Video	Star of the King	V 394.2 STA
DVD or Video	Star of Christmas (Veggie Tales)	DVD & V 248.82 VEG
Video	Star for Jeremy	V394.2 STA
Video	Stableboy's Christmas	V394.2 STA
Video	Silent Night	V398.2 SIL
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Video	Silent Mouse	V 394.2 SIL
Video	Quigley's Village Christmas	V 248.82 QUI
DVD or Video	Punchinello and the Most Marvelous Gift	DVD 268.82 LUC
Book	Preparing for Christmas	263.91 DOL
Video	Other Wise Man	V 394.2 OTH
Video	Ordinary Fir Tree	V394.2 ORD
Book	One Wintry Night	220.9505 GRA
Video	Night before Christmas	V 394.2 NIG
Video	Nicholas: The Boy Who Became Santa	V 920 NIC
Video	Nestor: the Long Eared Christmas Donkey	V 394.2 NES
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DVD	Nativity (Greatest Heroes)	DVD 220.9505 GRE
Book	My Favorite Advent & Christmas Activity Book	263.91 ERI
DVD or Video	Mission: Christmas Spirit (Angel Wings)	DVD & V 248.82 MIS
Video	Mary Had a Baby. Amen!	V 394.2 MAR
DVD	Martin and the Heavenly Tree	DVD 394.2 MAR
DVD	Martin, the Cobbler	DVD 394.2 MAR
Video	Littlest Angel	V235 LIT
DVD	Little Shepherd	DVD 394.2 CHR
DVD or Video	Little Drummer Boy	DVD & V 394.2 CHR
Video	Legend of the Candy Cane	V 394.2 CHR
Book	Lectionary-based gospel dramas for Advent, Christmas and Epiphany	808.2 OC0
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Book	King Born in a Stable (Children's Favorite Bible Stories)	220.9505 FRO
Book	Just Look in the Stable: Luke 2: 1-20 for children	220.9505 TAN
DVD	Joy to the World (BugTime)	DVD 248.82 BUG
Book	Joseph's Christmas Story for children	232.9505 OLI