

Caroling

1. What is the history of caroling?
2. For whom and why do we sing carols?
3. Name five carols you like to sing.
4. Learn the origin of any one carol.
5. Find and discuss a verse that talks about Jesus' birth.
6. Go caroling with a group in your community.

Helps

1. *Christmas Traditions: Facts and Fallacies* by Tim Gilroy is a book with information about caroling. Also, information can be found online. Following is some very basic information: Carols were first written in Latin before Middle Ages, then written for and sung in plays as early as 1410, then by travelling minstrels. Puritans stopped Christmas celebration altogether and carol singing as well but in the Victorian Age Carol singing became popular again both to sing in the streets and in church services.
2. Jesus, to celebrate his birth.
3. There's a whole slew: Away in a Manger, Joy to the World, The First Noel, Go Tell it on the Mountain, O Come All Ye Faithful, Silent Night, O Little Town of Bethlehem...
4. *Best Loved Christmas Carols* by Ronald M. Clancy, *Why Was the Partridge in the Pear Tree? The History of Christmas Carols* by Reverend Mark Lawson-Jones and Bishop Dominic Walker, *The Carols of Christmas* by Andrew Gant. Searching online will get you information as well.
5. Isaiah 7:14: Behold a virgin shall conceive and bear a Son.
Isaiah 9:6: For unto us a child is born.
Matthew 1:21: And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus.
Matthew 1:18-25: Birth of Jesus
Luke 2:1-20: Birth of Jesus
6. Visit a shut-in, a care home etc.