

# A Starry Night Assembly



Telling the Christmas story with music, song and art.

## Aims

- ★ To reflect on the Christmas story
- ★ To consider ways we can be a 'light' for others

## Resources

- ★ Assembly PPT standard and widescreen
- ★ 'A Starry Night' video (11:52)
- ★ 'A Starry Night' exit music (2:58)
- ★ Lumi image
- ★ Chorus actions
- ★ Questions
- ★ 'A Starry Night' blank sheet

## More resources

### Explore more with:

- ★ Colouring sheets
- ★ KS1 lesson plan
- ★ KS2 lesson plan
- ★ Lots of follow-up activities including literacy, RE, music and art

### Available from:

[salvationist.org.uk/resources/schools/starry-night](https://salvationist.org.uk/resources/schools/starry-night)

You may wish to print out the Lumi image and stick tinsel along the edge. You could wear Lumi as a badge, stick on to a paper headband like a crown, or have the end of a stick like a wand with tinsel trailing down.

Don't forget to let teachers know there is a range of follow-up activities that can be found in the A Starry Night lessons!

## INTRO

### Slide 1 - Intro

Welcome pupils to assembly.

Explain that they are going to see a video about the first Christmas which uses music and art to help tell the story. Introduce the main character, Lumi, the little star.

The chorus uses actions; teach the pupils the actions for the chorus and for the word 'star'. Encourage pupils to do the actions - and sing - along with the video.

## QUESTION

- ★ What might Lumi see on the first Christmas night?



Take a variety of responses.

## Slide 2 - Video

### VIDEO

Watch A Starry Night video (11:52)

### LONGER ASSEMBLIES

You may wish to pause the video and ask further questions. See lesson for timings and questions.

### CONTENT

#### Slide 3 - Recap

Ask pupils to recap what Lumi saw. Emphasise any words linking to light.

- ★ There was a dazzling new star in the sky.
- ★ Mary and Joseph arriving at the stable, guided by the glow of the new star.
- ★ The new star gleaming above the place where baby Jesus was born.
- ★ Shepherds hearing about Jesus from angels who were radiant with heavenly light.
- ★ Lumi shining the way for the shepherds to the stable.
- ★ The new star illuminating the way for the travellers, the wise men, to find Jesus.
- ★ Lumi sparkling with joy at everything he had seen.

Ask if the pupils can remember the actions for the chorus. Ask for some volunteers to come to the front and help demonstrate. Ask for everyone to show the action for 'star'.

### CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVE

#### Slide 4 - Light symbolism

Explain that light is an important element in the Christmas story: Light from the stars in the night sky - like Lumi. Light from the new star, guiding people to baby Jesus. Light from the angels, bright against the darkness.

Light can symbolise many things like:

- ★ Showing the path ahead
- ★ Giving comfort and hope; and
- ★ Light can be used to help us celebrate



Christians also call Jesus the Light of the World (John 8:12). They believe that Jesus helps guide us and gives us hope and comfort, that he shines brightly against a world full of darkness, full of worries and hardship.

## **SALVATION ARMY PERSPECTIVE**

### **Slide 5 - Light to others**

Being a light to others, helping others just like Jesus did, is very important to The Salvation Army. The Salvation Army is a church and a charity, so its members, just like the people we saw in the video, try to be a light for others, helping people find their way and giving comfort and hope.

They do this in many ways: with training and advice, by providing food and shelter, with toys and kindness - especially at this time of year when people might struggle a little more. Loving others is very important.

### **Slide 6 - Celebrate**

But it is important to find the time celebrate too, and to share this happiness, this light, with others. It's a time to celebrate in lots of ways, and especially with music and song - and one way is to tell the Christmas story and to share it with others.

Loving God, celebrating God's story, is important to Christians, so The Salvation Army's mission is to Love God and Love Others.

## **REFLECTION**

### **Slides 7, 8 & 9 - Reflect**

Ask the pupils to take a moment to reflect on each of these questions:

- ★ Why do you think Lumi sparkled with joy as he thought about everything he had seen?
- ★ They called Jesus 'King of all the world'. Why? And what kind of king do you think he would be?
- ★ How can you be a light to others?

Pause for a short reflection time.

## **GOODBYE**

### **Slide 10 - Goodbye**

Thank the pupils and staff for letting you be a part of their assembly.  
Play the exit music (press the yellow loudspeaker) as pupils leave.

