NARRATOR: Of all the Christmas wishes you can share this time of year, there’s one phrase in particular we love to say and hear. Those two words, *Merry Christmas*, put a grin on every face. We thought you’d like to see each letter’s meaning, in its place.

**M** is for the *manger* filled with hay so soft and deep. A humble bed where baby Jesus cuddled down to sleep.

**E** is for *excitement* that we feel the whole month through. We laugh and play, sing Christmas songs, and smile at people too!

**R** can stand for *red*, a Christmas color, fun and bright. Combined with green it makes our decorations look just right.

**R** also means *reverent*. As we think of Jesus’s birth, we remember that our Savior came to live for us on earth.

**Y** is for *yuletide*, which means the Christmas season—A magic time of love and kindness. Jesus is the reason!

**SONG**: “Away in a Manger,” *Children’s Songbook*, 42–43.

**SONG**: “Have a Very Merry Christmas!” *Children’s Songbook*, 51.

**C** is for *candles* that can fill our homes with light. It also means the Christ child who was born that holy night.
H is for the happiness we feel this time of year. Everywhere we go, we try to spread some Christmas cheer.

R is for rejoicing, living life with love and joy. Our Savior gave a precious gift to every girl and boy.

**SONG:** “Joy to the World,” *Hymns*, no. 201.

I is for inviting, reaching out to make new friends—Plates of cookies to deliver, Christmas cards to send!

S is for the shepherds watching over flocks with care. They hurried off to Bethlehem to meet the Christ child there.

T is for togetherness, seeing family near and far, Long trips to visit relatives by plane or train or car.

M is for a miracle. Heavenly Father sent His Son. No one else could take His place. He was the Chosen One.

**SONG:** “He Sent His Son,” *Children’s Songbook*, 34–35.

A is for the angels who brought tidings of good news. To share those tidings with our friends is something we can choose.

S is for the star that guided seekers long ago. That Christmas light still guides us now, no matter where we go.

**NARRATOR:** We wish you, “Merry Christmas!” It’s a lovely thing to say. We’re glad you came to celebrate and sing with us today. There’s only one more song to share before we soon depart, A Christmas tune that touches each and every Christmas heart.

**SONG:** “Silent Night,” *Hymns*, no. 204.