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Every Christmas season, I remember the words: “For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: . . . and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace” (Isaiah 9:6).

The first time I can remember hearing those words was as I sat in the balcony of the Salt Lake Tabernacle. A choir was singing the music of **Handel**. I remember feeling something in my heart. It was the Holy Ghost. The Spirit **confirmed** to my heart that the words I heard sung that night were true.

The baby born in Bethlehem long ago was and is the Son of God, the Only Begotten of the Father.

The feeling I had that night was of faith and hope.

a musician who used scriptures about Jesus Christ in his music

said something is true

Because Jesus Christ was born, death would not be the end. Because of His birth, my heart, your heart, and all human hearts can become pure, clean, and fit to go to a heavenly home.

Angels, shepherds, and Wise Men found peace in Jesus Christ. So will you. The Savior’s birth is the gift that makes it possible for the






Father to give us “peace in this world, and eternal life in the world to come” (D&C 59:23).

I pray that peace will come to each of us as we remember, love, and worship our Heavenly Father. May we always remember the service and kindness Jesus gave—and decide to do the same. ♦

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LET'S GIVE HIM A HANDEL

President Eyring talked about a beautiful piece of music called the *Messiah* by George Frideric Handel. Handel's friend, Charles Jennens, used scriptures to write the words to the music. Here are some sentences from the *Messiah*. Can you fill in the blanks using the Bible verses below? (Answers on page 39.)

-  For unto us a _____ is born.
(Isaiah 9:6, page 873 in the Bible)
-  _____ to God in the highest.
(Luke 2:14, page 1,275)
-  He shall _____ peace.
(Zechariah 9:10, page 1,175)
-  He hath _____ our griefs.
(Isaiah 53:4, page 926)
-  In Christ shall all be made _____.
(1 Corinthians 15:22, page 1,457)



Go to friend.lds.org during December to listen to a beautiful performance of the *Messiah*!



WORSHIPPING CHRIST

Like Handel, you can create something beautiful to show your love for Jesus. Look on the inside front cover to see how Sophie cut out pictures from the *Friend* to create a collage of the Nativity! Show us what you can create!



HALLELUJAH CHORUS

Here's a line of music from one of the most famous parts of the *Messiah* called the "Hallelujah Chorus."

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Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah.