



# Bible Drama Scripts

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## PEACE ON EARTH

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**SYNOPSIS:** A short, performable poem that asks whether the angels were wrong to proclaim peace on earth when our world is still filled with hostility.

**SETTING:** Present.

**CHARACTER:** A young person or an older person who longs for peace and is concerned about world conditions.

**PERFORMANCE TIME:** 1 minute.

**PERFORMANCE NOTE:** Speak expressively with clear diction. Add appropriate gestures.

Pause and breathe at the end of each line. Where there's punctuation, pause a bit longer to allow the audience to absorb the meaning.

**TOPICS:** Christmas, Advent, Peace, Hope, Eternity.

**PERFORMANCE POSSIBILITIES:** Can be used during Advent as the Candle of Peace is lit or as a Call to Worship or Benediction. Can also be used as an introduction for Advent/Christmas carols such as "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel," "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing," "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear," or "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day."

**BIBLE REFERENCES:** Luke 2: 13, 14; Isaiah 9: 6,7

**PROPS:** Consider dressing as someone in need or using a cane to indicate problems walking.

## **PEACE ON EARTH**

Two thousand years ago  
Angels sang Messiah's birth  
And with it, peace on earth.  
Yet, young and old of every race  
In every place  
Still shout and cry,  
Still bleed and die,  
Held hostage by hostility.

Two thousand years?  
Were angels wrong to sing that song  
Since evil thrives and hate's still strong?  
Young and old of every race  
In every place  
Take heart! Arise!  
Emmanuel's cries  
Shout peace for all eternity.