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Christmas Carols

SOCIAL STORY

I am going to carols



I am going to a special Christmas Carols service at church.
People of different ages and abilities will be there.
We will have fun together celebrating Christmas.

Arriving to the church





We will find a car park, and then walk to the main entrance of the church building. There may be other people arriving at the same time. People will guide us where to go.

Finding my seat



I can look around and become familiar with the room.
I will sit with the people who came with me. Other people will also be talking and finding their seat. I can ask my support person or family member for help if I need it.

The service will begin





Before the service starts, a big clock on the screen will countdown from 3 mins. At 2:00 pm, the service will begin.
Cathy will welcome everyone and explain what we will do.

Singing Christmas Carols





We will sing six Christmas carols together.
The words will be on the screen to read along.
The songs will be led by a band playing instruments on the stage.
Some sounds may be louder than others.
I can sing along, or listen quietly. I do not have to sing.

Playing along with instruments





There will be some percussion instruments that I can hold and play along with the music. They will sound like jingle bells, shakers and little drums. I do not have to take an instrument. I might like watching other people play. If it is too loud, I can put my headphones on, block my ears, or go to a quiet space.

Fun with Mark and Naomi





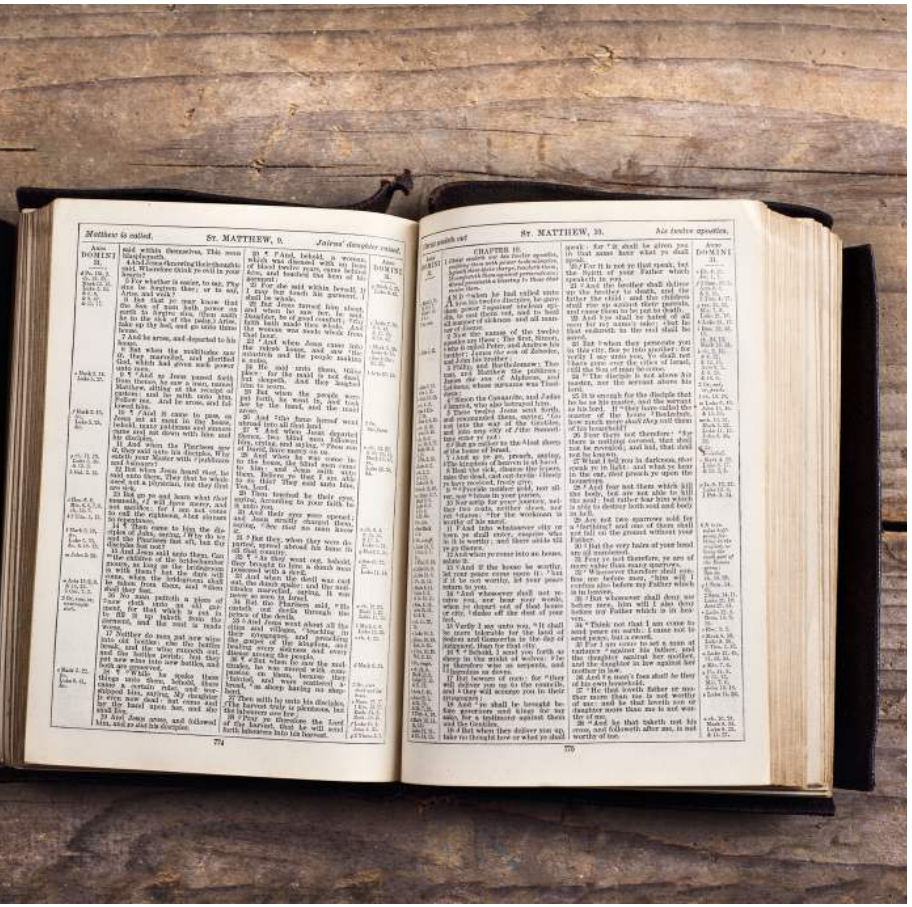
Mark and Naomi will talk to us about Christmas and the bible. I can watch and listen while they speak. I can laugh when they are funny. I do not have to answer questions or join in unless I want to.

Prayer Time



We will have a time of prayer. Someone will speak to God while we listen. I do not have to say anything out loud.

Bible Time





A video will play with people reading out the Bible.
Cathy will then do a short talk about the Bible.
I can listen in my own way.

Looking after myself



Sometimes a room can feel busy or noisy. I might need a break. I can tell my family member or support person if I need help. They can take me to this white tent where it is quieter.

I can use the bathroom







Signs will show me where the bathrooms are. I can leave the service anytime I need to go to the bathroom.

The service will finish





The service will finish at about 3:00pm. There will be lots of people getting out of their chairs and walking out of the doors.
It might be noisy as people chat.

We can eat a sausage sandwich





When we get outside, there will be sausage sandwiches and drinks.
I can stay with my family or support person and enjoy time with other people. I will smell cooking smells from the BBQ.
I will hear lots of people talking.

Leaving church



When we are ready to go, we can say goodbye to our friends, and then go back to our car in the car park and leave. There might be lots of cars in the driveway as we go.

THANK YOU FOR COMING TO OUR

Christmas Carols