

## IPEAR for “Joy to the World”

**Introduction:** (*Come in excitedly.*) “He’s here! He’s come! Aren’t you excited He’s here?” Who is here? Let’s sing this song and find out!

**Presentation:** (*Sing the song for the children*)

**Explanation:** Did you hear who has come? (*Allow response.*) Jesus!

*He is Jesus, Lord of Creation*—Jesus is God the Son. He is the ruler of all Creation because He made the whole world, including you! He is the one in charge.

*He is Jesus, light of the world*—Jesus called Himself the “light of the world” because He came to take away the darkness of sin. Sins are the things you and I do that are against God and His ways. Sin is like darkness because it keeps you from apart from God; you cannot get to God on your own. But Jesus is the light that shines through the darkness of sin. Jesus is the only one who can bring you to God.

**Verse 1:**

*Joy to the world! The Lord is come! Let Earth receive her King!*—It was a wonderful, joyful day when Jesus was born as a baby. He is the King! He made the whole Earth and is in charge of it.

*Let every heart prepare Him room*—When Jesus came to Earth some people thought He should have been a King with a throne and a crown to get rid of all the bad guys. One day, Jesus will do that. But when He came as a baby it was to be king of people’s hearts. Jesus came to take away the darkness of sin in your heart so you can believe in Him and be in His light.

*And Heaven and nature sing* — this is Good News and everyone should sing about it!

**Verse 2:**

*Light of the world! The Lord is come! He is the light of life!*—Jesus came to bring light so you would not be in the darkness of sin anymore. He is the only one powerful enough to take away your darkness of sin.

*Whoever follows Him will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life*—to walk in darkness is to be separated from God. But when you follow Jesus (believe in Him) you will then be in the light! Your life will show you belong to Jesus! Jesus will help you walk in His light to do, say and think things that please Him. Life with Jesus means you are close to God and have a friendship with Him!

**Application:** *Unsaved:* If you haven’t believed in Jesus as the light of life, then you are walking in the darkness of your sin. But Jesus can bring His light to your life and take away that darkness of sin! Will you believe in Jesus today?

*Saved:* If you have already believed in Jesus, you can be happy that you are no longer in the darkness of sin! Your life can show that Jesus has saved you and given you His light. You can ask God to help you tell others about Jesus and live so others can see Jesus has changed you.

**Repetition:** (*Sing the song with the children*)