

# Adventsbrief



## **For the guardians:**

Welcome to the 3rd Advent letter from the the parish for Church Pioneering "Growing Up with God!" in Oldenburg. If you missed the first two: Under the QR code, you will find all the letters, along with versions in German. Feel free to share the materials. I wish you a wonderful Advent season, Pastor Meike Melchinger

## **Story:**

Finally, my big moment has come!

I've been practicing in secret - during the day when the sun is so bright that my light can't be seen, I puffed myself up.

Like this! (inflate cheeks) - To make myself bigger!

And then I beam with all the brilliance I can muster! (smile broadly) - Can you do that too?

Go on, show me!

Finally, my time has come! I get to shine! But wait, I'm not in position yet.

I have to get to the right spot first.

Imagine if I had shone in the wrong place! It would be like everyone going to the sewage treatment plant instead of the ice cream parlor. Or ending up in the broccoli field instead of the strawberry field.

Quickly, to the right position, and then I'll shine as much as I can.

Brighter than the best lighting ever.

I am a bright neon sign, like a big arrow in the sky, screaming, "Here!"

And indeed, as soon as I get into position, directly over Bethlehem, a small town in the middle of nowhere on the way from Jerusalem to Egypt, I hear singing.

Oh, how wonderful, I shine even brighter and more luminous than before.

Because the angels are singing so beautifully.

About a child bringing peace, showing how much God loves people.

And I? I get to light the way to this child.

Would you like to shine too? Do you remember how it goes?

(All together now, broad smiles!)

And if you want, let's try if we can sing beautifully like angels.

(For those who know, start singing)

(Gloria, Gloria...

Angels we have heard on high

Sweetly singing o'er the plains,

And the mountains in reply

Echoing their joyous strains.

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**Craft idea:**

Color the figures printed here (pencils or felt-tip pens), then cut them out. Place them on newspaper or paper towels and gently brush with cooking oil. Let them dry. Stick them to the window with adhesive tape, next to the others.

