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**JESUS' STAR**  
A Christmas Program  
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CHARACTERS: Reader, one to fix scene on table and place letters on star, soloist and musician.

PREPARATION: Arrange a table in the front of the hall with a nativity scene leaving out the wisemen and shepherds. Have figures of wisemen and shepherds behind the scene where they are not visible to audience and still convenient to be placed into the scene.

Make a large cardboard star and paint with silver glitter. Prepare the letters J E S U S in a size proportionate to the star. Paint them with bright blue glitter. Fix letters and star so that the letters can hook easily to the points of the star. Place letters with the wisemen and shepherds - easily accessible.

Place an easel or stand behind the table for the star so that it will be above the manger scene. Reader will place star here at proper time. Helper should stand to one side.

MUSIC: Two Christmas solos, duets, or other combinations.

**PROGRAM**

Reader enters carrying the star which she places on the stand. She speaks:

Twinkle, twinkle little star,  
How I wonder what you are-  
Up above the world so high  
Like a diamond in the sky.

We are all familiar with this childhood verse. In this day and age stars are very important to us but as Christmas time draws near the brightest star, the Star of the East, the twinkling star, the sacred star seems really to shine like a diamond in the sky. (Spot may be shone on manger scene if it can be arranged)

For it was the brightest and twinkling star that hung above the manger in Bethlehem the night Baby Jesus was born. It was the guiding star that again shone the brightest which led the wisemen over hill and dell to the manger outside the Inn.

Place wisemen in scene.

It was also the twinkling star the lonely shepherds observed in the heavens the night of Jesus' birth; the star that caused them to leave their flocks and visit the new born babe.

Place shepherds in scene.

The star has 5 shining points. Some say the points stand for Faith, Hope, Mercy, Charity and Love. These are all wonderful but we prefer to think God chose the biggest star, the twinkling star, the star that sparkles like a diamond, to have five points, each to bear a letter in the name of His most precious gift to the world.

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For as we all know the baby's name was JESUS. (Letters placed on star as named.)  
J is for Joy and Rejoicing. (Read Luke 2:8-9)

Christmas solo here.

*Joy to the world*

E is for the eternal life that we were guided to by this bright star.  
(Read Luke 2:10-11)

S is for the sacred story. (Read Luke 2:12, 13, and 14)

U is for us all (Read Luke 2:15-16)

S is for sharing with the world this great news. (Read Luke 2: 17,18,19,20)

Another Christmas song is sung. *Silent night* This ends the program.

If it is possible in your Lodge room it would be very effective to have lights lowered at the end and a spot-light on the star during the last song.

This program may be made more elaborate by having people make the nativity scene and by having individuals place the letters on the star and reading the words and Bible verses that go with the letter.