



**GULF SHORES CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
Sunday Morning Sermon by Ray Reynolds  
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*The Christmas Carols*

Introduction It is Christmas time! I want to share spiritual lessons we can learn through the Christmas season. I want us to see how everything connects to the gospel story. Each of us have opportunities to talk about Christ during this season and God has given us many visual reminders of His saving work. Jesus did a marvelous job teaching object lessons throughout His ministry. Today we will discuss Christmas carols (**Luke 2:8-20**). Let's study together...

Discussion:

**I. *Joy to the World (#659)***

AUTHOR: Isaac Watts  
DATE: 1719

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**II. *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing (#654)***

AUTHOR: Charles Wesley  
DATE: 1739

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**III. *O, Little Town of Bethlehem (#660)***

AUTHOR: Philip Brooks  
DATE: 1865

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**IV. *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel***

AUTHOR: John Mason Neale  
DATE: 1861

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**V. *O Holy Night***

AUTHOR: Placide Cappeau de Roquemaure  
DATE: 1847

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**VI. *Silent Night, Holy Night (#663)***

AUTHOR: Josef Mohr  
DATE: 1818

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**VII. *The 12 Days of Christmas***

AUTHOR: Unknown  
DATE: 1600s

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Conclusion: How should we respond to the Christmas story? What can we learn from Christmas carols? How can we share the gospel story during Christmas? Will you share spiritual lessons you have learned? Are you singing praise to the Lord? Are you giving a message of hope to others? Have you received salvation? Will you keep it to yourself?