

1.	Child to light candle	Raylan
2.	Child to bring forward photo of joyful people	Finn B
3.	The flame of this third candle represents the light of great joy that filled the world when Jesus was born. Joy is a feeling of great happiness and delight. During Advent, we remember the joy that comes with the anticipation of Jesus' birth, and also the joy He brings into our lives.	Aanay
4.	Let us turn to the Bible to hear about the message of joy in the season of Advent: "But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David, a Saviour has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.'" This verse reminds us that the birth of Jesus brought immense joy to the world. It's a joy we can experience and share with others.	Francine
5.	Angel	Loui
6.	Shepherd 1	Andreas
7.	Shepherd 2	Sienna
8.	Shepherd 3	Zach
9.	Shepherd 4	Sofia
10.	In Ethiopia, there's a special tradition called "Tsome Nebiyat", which means "Fast of the Prophets". It is a time of reflection, prayer, and fasting observed from November 25 th to January 6 th . Let's hear about how it helps the people of Ethiopia prepare for Christmas.	Teddy
11.	Narrator 1: In a distant Ethiopian village, children eagerly await the celebration of Jesus' birth. They call this special time "Tsome Nebiyat."	Frankie
12.	Child 1 reader: Tell us more about Tsome Nebiyat! Fasting helps me understand the true meaning of Christmas.	Sarah
13.	Child 1 actor	Tiya
14.	Storyteller reader: Tsome Nebiyat is a time of fasting and reflection. It begins 43 days before Christmas and teaches us the value of self-discipline. Self-discipline is when you control your desires and wants to focus on something more important. In Tsome Nebiyat, we fast from certain foods, just like John the Baptist lived simply in the wilderness. We do it to prepare our hearts to receive Jesus with joy and gratitude.	Nathan
15.	Storyteller actor	Phoebe
16.	Child 2 reader: Self-discipline? What's that? It's like a practice of patience and gratitude.	Aram
17.	Child 2 actor	Michael
18.	Child 3 reader: Why do you do that? And it makes me feel so joyful when the celebration finally arrives!	Maddie
19.	Child 3 actor	Chloe A
20.	Narrator 2: And so, in their simple acts of self-discipline, the children of the village experience the true joy of Christmas.	Fraser
21.	Song: shaker	Finn M
22.	Song: drum	Filip Chloe P
23.	Soloists	Julia Sophie Emily Isabelle
24.	When we light the Candle of Joy, it reminds us of the joy that comes with the birth of Jesus. Let's remember that joy is not just about being happy but about sharing love, kindness, and hope with others. By doing good deeds and helping those in need, we can find true joy and make the world a brighter place.	Mya
25.	<i>Let us pray,</i> Dear God, thank you for the joy that we find in the small things and the big moments of life. Help us to share joy with others and prepare our hearts for the joy of Christmas. Amen.	Charlie
26.	Child to bring ? to the crib	Gene