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**Series: Sing the Season**  
**Title: *Once in Royal David's City***

1. Do you travel at Christmas? Do you 'go home' for Christmas? Do friends and family come to you? Why are these important considerations at Christmas?
2. Do you remember your first Christmas away from home? What was it like?

Read **John 1:1-14** out loud

3. Is this a Christmas story? Why and/or why not?
4. Where was Jesus in verses 1 and 2? Where was Jesus in verses 9 and 14? Consider the difference. What can be said of how Jesus experienced His 'first Christmas'?
5. Consider the implications of verses 10 & 11. How are we prone to *not* recognize Jesus at this time of year? How do we fail to receive Him at this time of year? All year?
6. How does our culture render Jesus 'homeless' each Christmas?
7. What can we do to ensure that Jesus receives a warm welcome in our homes and lives this Christmas?

## Once In Royal David's City

Once in royal David's city  
stood a lowly cattle shed,  
where a mother laid her baby  
in a manger for His bed:  
Mary was that mother mild,  
Jesus Christ, her little child.

He came down to earth from heaven  
who is God and Lord of all,  
and His shelter was a stable,  
and His cradle was a stall:  
with the poor, and meek, and lowly  
lived on earth our Saviour holy.

And our eyes at last shall see Him,  
through His own redeeming love;  
for that child so dear and gentle,  
is our Lord in heav'n above,  
and He leads His children on  
to the place where He is gone.

Not in that poor lowly stable,  
with the oxen standing by,  
we shall see Him, but in heaven,  
set at God's right hand on high;  
when like stars His children crowned  
all in white shall gather 'round.