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*Luke 2:1-7*

*The Rhyne Family*

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**Candle Lighting Song:** *(Tune of "Away in a Manger")*

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a candle to signal that conflict must cease.*

*For Jesus is coming to show us the way,  
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