

# The Sounds of Christmas

## Part 4: The Sound of Love

**BIG Idea:** Christmas is the sound of God's love made flesh — entering our darkness, inviting us into His family, and changing everything.

**Application:** Slow down this Christmas to intentionally remember Christ, receive His love fully, and let that love shape how you live and love others.

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## Why We Celebrate

### 1. Love came down in the flesh.

**John 1:1-5 (NLT)**

- <sup>1</sup> *In the beginning the Word already existed.*
- The Word was with God, and the Word was God.*
- <sup>2</sup> *He existed in the beginning with God.*
- <sup>3</sup> *God created everything through him,  
and nothing was created except through him.*
- <sup>4</sup> *The Word gave life to everything that was created,  
and his life brought light to everyone.*
- <sup>5</sup> *The light shines in the darkness,  
and the darkness can never extinguish it.*

**Philippians 2:6-7 (NLT)**

*"Though He was God... He gave up His divine privileges... and was born as a human being."*

***Love didn't just send a message—love became a man and dwelt among us.***

### 2. Love shines brightest in the dark.

**John 1:5 (NLT)**

*"The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never extinguish it."*

**1 John 4:9 (NLT)**

*"God showed how much He loved us by sending His one and only Son into the world so that we might have eternal life through Him."*

***The darker the night, the clearer the light—and the louder love speaks.***

### 3. Love invites a response.

**John 1:12 (NLT)**

*"But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God."*

**1 John 4:19 (NLT)**

*"We love each other because He loved us first."*

***God's love calls us out of fear—and into family.***