

"O ANTIPHONS" of Advent

INTRODUCTION

The "O Antiphons" are sung on the last seven days of Advent. Each antiphon, or short refrain, begins with the word "O." Each one also calls Jesus, the Son of God, by a different name.

Do this activity with your class or at home with your family. Beginning with December 17, color and cut out the O Antiphon ornament. Read the prayer for that day. Then sing a verse of "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel." Hang the ornament on a branch you have planted in a vase or on your Christmas tree.

DECEMBER 17: O WISDOM

PRAY:

O Wisdom, O holy Word of God,
show us the way to Salvation.

SING:

O come, O Wisdom from on high,
Who order all things mightily;
To us the path of knowledge show,
And teach us in her ways to go.

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.**



DECEMBER 18: O LEADER OF THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL

PRAY:

O Leader of the House of Israel,
you gave the Law to Moses.
Come save us with your power!

SING:

O come, o come, great Lord of might,
Who to your tribes on Sinai's height
In ancient times once gave the Law
In cloud and majesty and awe.

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shall come to you, O Israel.**



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DECEMBER 19: O ROOT OF JESSE'S STEM

PRAY:

O Root of Jesse's stem,
you are the sign of God's love.
Come save us!

SING:

O come, O Rod of Jesse's stem,
From ev'ry foe deliver them
That trust your mighty power to save,
And give us vict'ry o'er the grave.

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DECEMBER 20: O KEY OF DAVID

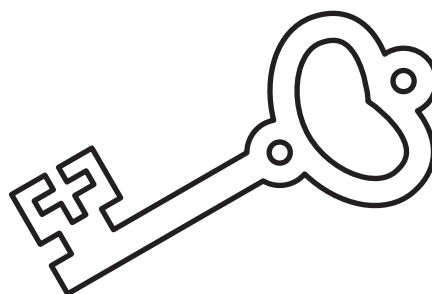
PRAY:

O Key of David, you open
the gates of Heaven.
Come free all people from darkness!

SING:

O come, O Key of David, come,
And open wide our heavenly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high,
And close the path to misery.

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.**



DECEMBER 21: O RADIANT DAWN

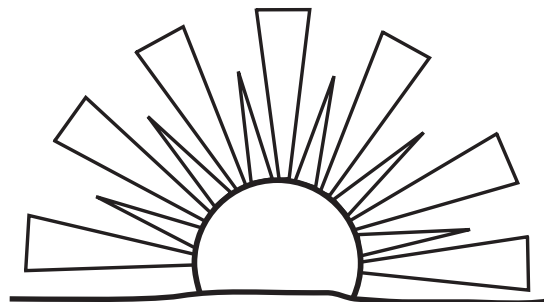
PRAY:

O Radiant Dawn, come and shine
on all people who live in darkness.

SING:

O come, O Dayspring from on high,
And cheer us by your drawing night;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadow put to flight.

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DECEMBER 22: O KING OF ALL NATIONS

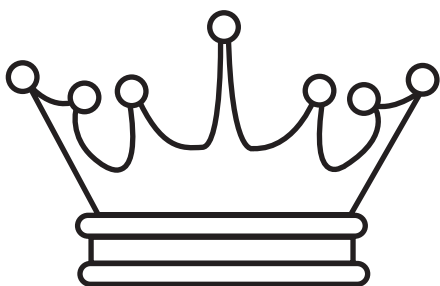
PRAY:

O King of all nations,
come and save all people!

SING:

O come, Desire of nations, bind
In one the hearts of humankind;
O bid our sad divisions cease,
And be for us our King of Peace.

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.**



DECEMBER 23: O EMMANUEL

PRAY:

O Emmanuel, you are our King!
Come to save us, Lord our God!

SING:

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.**

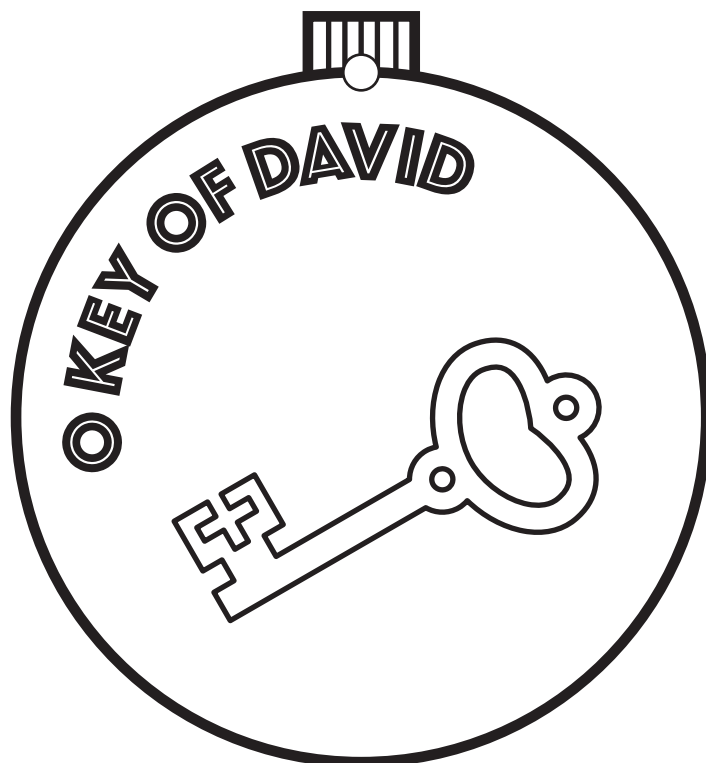


O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Text: *Veni, veni Emmanuel*; Latin, 9th century.

TUNE: VENI EMMANUEL, LM with refrain.

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