# Joy to the world



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#### **Engaging with Faith for life**

Faith for life is a collection of interactive, tailored products that help people engage with the Bible in ways that are appropriate and meaningful to them.

The books can be used independently or with another person. Whether your relationship is as family member, friend, pastoral carer, staff member, or volunteer—your company and the shared experience of being together is invaluable. When together, take your time as you go through the devotions. Leave pauses to allow for responses and for silence. It might also be helpful to repeat a phrase or thought.

When engaging with the resources it's important to think about the environment around you. Consider the background noise, temperature, lighting and location so that the surroundings are comfortable.

The activities in the resources may prompt a variety of feelings or emotions. Connecting to the Bible can trigger memories of significant events or people from the past. It's important to take the opportunity to talk about or reflect on these spiritual experiences.

The person you are with may need your sympathy, your listening ear and the assurance that you have heard and understood them. If the person you are with does not want to participate in the activity, leave it until another time.

We are motivated by the belief that people living with dementia may not only have a history of faith, but a vibrant faith today and a living hope for the future. This means that by the grace of God they are continuing to grow and be shaped as Christians, regardless of the changes dementia brings.

For more information on engaging with the Faith for life resources at www.hammond.com.au/shop/faith-for-life

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In the Bible we can read God's promise to send a Saviour For to us a child is born
to us a son is given
and the government will be
on his shoulders.
And he will be called
Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
Of the greatness of his government
and peace there will be no end.

Isaiah 9:6,7



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Angels announced the coming of Jesus the Saviour

#### Hark! The herald angels sing

Hark! The herald angels sing Glory to the newborn King!
Peace on earth and mercy mild God and sinners reconciled!
Joyful all ye nations rise
Join the triumph of the skies.
With the angelic host proclaim Christ is born in Bethlehem.
Hark! The herald angels sing Glory to the newborn King!