Christmas Sing-Along Kit

A flexible 30-minute gathering for church volunteers, choirs and small groups

Before you begin

Everything in this kit is yours to change. It describes a voluntary sing-along. It is not an approved liturgy and does not replace what your church or tradition prescribes.

- Choose your own date. Not every tradition keeps Christmas on the same day.
- Fill in the song worksheet and the invitation.
- Print the pages you need, or edit the text version.

1. Gathering outline

Thirty minutes, from welcome to goodbye. The five song slots are empty on purpose: you choose the songs.

STARTS	MIN	PART
0:00	5	**Welcome and joining** Greet people. Show the QR or the link. Help everyone join, and begin when they are ready.
0:05	4	**Song 1** A gentle opener that many people know.
0:09	4	**Song 2**
0:13	4	**Song 3**
0:17	3	**Reading or reflection** optional One short text your tradition uses, read by one person. Skip it and give the minutes to the songs.
0:20	4	**Song 4**
0:24	4	**Song 5** A closing favorite.
0:28	2	**Closing** A few words of thanks, and a blessing in the words of your own tradition.
	30	**Total**

How to adjust it

- Shorter: sing three songs and skip the reading.
- Longer: give each song more time, or add songs after Song 5.
- Running late: shorten the next song. The people matter more than the clock.
- Move the reading wherever your tradition places it, or leave it out.

Welcome words you can adapt

> Welcome, and thank you for coming. We will sing together for about half an hour. Scan the QR on the screen with your phone's camera and you will see the same words we do. If you would rather not use a phone, the words are on the screen at the front. There is no wrong way to join in.

Closing words you can adapt

> Thank you for singing with us. May the songs stay with you on the way home. We wish you a peaceful and joyful season.

2. Song worksheet

Fill in one row for each song slot. Write in pencil: plans change.

Song 1

Song title

_____

Exact version or translation The wording your group sings, and who made it.

_____

Where you get permitted lyrics Your church license, the publisher, or a public domain source.

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Leader or musician

_____

Notes Key, tempo, which verses, who reads.

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Song 2

Song title

_____

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Leader or musician

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Notes Key, tempo, which verses, who reads.

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Song 3

Song title

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Leader or musician

Notes Key, tempo, which verses, who reads.

Song 4

Song title

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Leader or musician

Notes Key, tempo, which verses, who reads.

Song 5

Song title

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Leader or musician

Notes Key, tempo, which verses, who reads.

A note about song rights

This kit contains no lyrics, Bible translations, prayers, arrangements or recordings. A traditional title or an old melody does not mean that a particular translation or arrangement is free to copy. Use only texts you own, have permission to use, or that are in the public domain in the exact version you use.

Texts already in Ormilio's free library

In Ormilio, choose Add, then From the library. These Christmas texts are there, in public domain versions:

- Joy to the World (words by Isaac Watts, 1719)
- O Come, All Ye Faithful (Latin hymn, English translation by Frederick Oakeley, 1841)

Check that the version your group sings matches the library text before you rely on it.

3. Leader checklist

Before the gathering

- [ ] Choose your songs and confirm you have permission to use each text.
- [ ] Prepare the gathering in Ormilio: add the songs in order.
- [ ] Test with at least two other phones, not only your own.
- [ ] Check the connection in the room, including the back rows: Wi-Fi or mobile data.
- [ ] Rehearse pressing Next at the pace of each song.
- [ ] Prepare a fallback: printed words, or the shared screen alone.

At the gathering

- [ ] Show the joining instructions: on the big screen, on a printed sheet, or both.
- [ ] Help people join. Some will need a hand.
- [ ] Leave a moment for people to make the letters bigger or smaller on their phones.
- [ ] Begin only when people are ready.

4. Invitation to complete

Fill in the fields, then print this page, copy it into a message, or edit the text version.

Event name To complete

_____

Date and time To complete

_____

Venue To complete

_____

Organizer contact To complete

_____

Joining link or QR Paste the link, or stick the QR here, from your own gathering in Ormilio. To complete

This kit has no event QR. A real one exists only after you create your gathering in Ormilio, and then it is yours to print.

5. Card for the room

Show this on the big screen, or print it for the door and the chairs.

Sing along on your phone

1. Point your phone's camera at the QR. Or open join.ormilio.com and type the join number.
2. The words open in your browser. No app. No account.
3. Follow the highlighted line. It moves when the leader moves it.
4. Letters too small? Tap Bigger letters.

Join number: _____

No phone? Follow the words on the screen at the front.

6. Messages to send

Replace what is in [square brackets], and change the words so they sound like you.

WhatsApp invitation

> Hi! We are singing Christmas songs together on [date] at [time], at [place]. Bring your phone: you will see the words on your own screen. No app and no account needed. Join link: [link]. Hope to see you there!

Email invitation

> **Come and sing with us on [date]**
>
> Hello,
>
> You are warmly invited to sing Christmas songs with us on [date] at [time] at [place]. It is a short, friendly gathering of about half an hour, and everyone is welcome.
>
> Bring your phone if you can. When we begin, scan the QR or open this link and you will see the words on your own screen: [link]. You do not need an app or an account. If you prefer, the words will also be on the screen at the front.
>
> For questions, contact [name] at [phone or email].
>
> With warm wishes,
>
> [Your name]

A note to recommend the kit to another organizer

> I found a free Christmas sing-along kit that works with Ormilio: a 30-minute outline, song worksheet, checklist and invitations. Everyone follows the words on their own phone. No email needed to download it: [link to this page]

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