

November 5, 2011

It's November, and various groups of us are excitedly rehearsing to lead our 5th service next door at Forest Heights Long Term Care Centre! Many thanks for sending in your field trip permission forms, and for supporting our efforts to give your children an opportunity to inspire, serve and minister in the name of Jesus.

While we'll be preparing readings, special ensembles, sermons and worship songs written and selected to encourage folks of all ages and stages, we usually like to include hymns and/or traditional carols as well, which are of course much loved by the residents. Becoming familiar with these hymns often proves to be a challenge for our kindergarten and primary-aged children...Who is Harold the Angel anyway? Why is he singing, and how do you hark him? ☺

Along with praying for God's blessing and power to be shown in and through them—please do!—we ask that you would take some time at home to enjoy some regular Hark! the Herald sing-a-longs at with your child...With younger children, sometimes just singing the song together repeatedly over time helps them to learn some of the words. Recognizing the tune and being able to sing some of the words will help them to feel a part of the community as we sing.

We'll focus on the rest...And thank-you for teaching your child this carol! Happy singing!