

the

song of the manger

Second Week of Advent

(Candle - Faith)

Song: "A Cradle Prayer" - Rebecca St. James
(Sing to music interlude, reading during interlude), or

"Saviour of the World" - Hillsong
(Verse 1, Chorus, Verse 2, Chorus, Vamp)

Reading:

Wouldn't it be great if we could have been at the manger that night? Do you think the halo was visible? Do you think we would have seen the glory in His eyes? The angels announcement would have been convincing don't you think? I guess if you were a smarty pants and knew all of the Old Testament prophecies that had been fulfilled that night...that would have been convincing too. But aside from the sky lighting up, and the angels proclaiming that this baby was indeed God, and all of those prophecies coming true...Do you think the baby in the manger was so extraordinary that all who were there believed? I don't know, but I think that each person who got to see it for themselves still had to have faith that this was God's answer to the world. Jesus himself said "Have faith in God". Do you have faith that the story of the baby in the manger is true, and not just a story? We light the second candle of advent to remind us that kneeling at the manger took faith, and it still sings of our faith today.

Song: "A Cradle Prayer" pick-up after interlude and sing to end.
"Saviour of the World" - pick-up at second ending of chorus and sing to the end.

Staging Notes: One actor for dramatic reading over music interlude
Separate candle lighter to light the candle on cue