

the

song of the manger

Fourth Week of Advent

(Candle - Love)

Song: “Child of Love” - Sara Groves
(Verse 1, Chorus, Vamp)
“Love Has Come” - Amy Grant
(Verse 1, Chorus, Vamp)
“It’s the Thought” - Twila Paris
(Verse 1, Chorus, Verse 2, Chorus, Vamp)

Reading:

Voice 1: To truly understand the significance of the manger...you have to picture the most difficult person you know. You know those difficult people who always have to have things their way? Do you have them in your mind? Now imagine that their life was at stake...would you sacrifice your child to save them? (Pause) The Bible describes each one of us as that difficult person. It says:

Voice 2: We all did it, all of us doing what we felt like doing, when we felt like doing it, all of us in the same boat. It’s a wonder God didn’t lose his temper and do away with the whole lot of us. *Instead* immense in mercy and with an **incredible love**, he embraced us.

Voice 1: (in awe) Amazing! The significance of Christmas is that That embrace began at the manger. That is how God showed his love to us; He sent His one and only Son into the world that we might live through Him.

Voice 2: That is true love; not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to save us. (1 John 4:9-10)

Voice 1: We light the fourth candle of advent to remind us that the manger held God’s love, and still sings of His love for us today.

Song: “Child of Love” (pick-up at verse 2, sing to the end)
“Love Has Come” (pick-up at verse 2, sing to the end)
“It’s the Thought” (pick-up at Bridge, sing to end)

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Staging Notes: 2 readers split in different places. (perhaps in the congregation with microphones (idea of love among us))
Or one actor to read the entire script.
Separate person to light the candle on cue.