

*Christmas Alphabet*

*2025*

**A is for apple,**

that from the beginning,

Along with the serpent  
was equated with  
sinning.

But brought to the  
manger where love  
shone in glory,

The grace they received  
up-ended the story.



**A** is for **all**,

the point of the story,

Which is why God  
came not in velvet-lined  
glory,

But downward and  
groundward, below with  
above,

So all of creation would  
know of God's love.



# B is for bread

of Bethlehem's fame,

"House of Bread" is its meaning, in Hebrew its name.

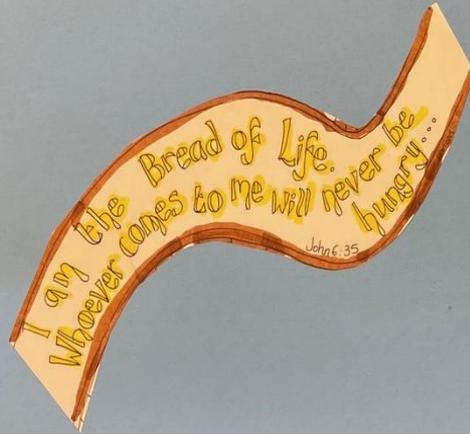
Foretelling the way in the years yet to come

The babe would be bread to make us all one.



is for

Bread



Give us  
this day  
our daily bread

**C** is for  
**comfort** and  
**cover** and  
**color,**

A quilt for the baby  
made by his mother

From stardust and  
blossoms and the first  
light of morning

To welcome the child on  
the night of his borning.



**D** is for  
**darkness, and**  
**despot and**  
**danger,**

All forces that  
threatened the babe in  
the manger.

Reminding the world that  
the God who comes  
near

Comes in the midst of  
the pain and the fear.



# E is for East,

a place foreign and far

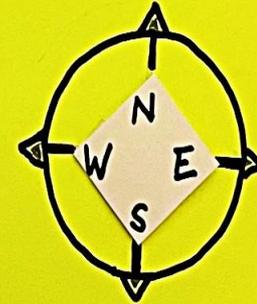
From which the kings  
came by the light of a  
star,

Crossing strange lands  
they bravely came near,

Despite what they heard,  
“You can’t thay-ah from  
he-ah.”



WISE MEN from the EAST



**F** is for **foxes**,

who came to the manger

Knowing the others might  
think them a danger.

But they had in their hearts  
the need to unveil

Their love for the child  
from their nose to their  
tail.



# **G** is for **Gabriel**,

the angel who told

The gutsy young girl of the  
babe she would hold;

And the “yes” the girl gave to  
the seed of conceiving

Opened the way for our  
blessed receiving.



# H is for host

the heavenly choir

That sang for the  
shepherds, their hearts to  
inspire,

Leading the way both  
uphill and down

A music to follow to  
Bethlehem town.



**I** is for **icicles**,

hanging all 'round,

Hoping like Herod,

To keep the world  
bound...



But **J** is for  
**Jesus,**

God's truest deep song,  
Whose love melted hate,  
And proved icicles  
wrong.



K

**K** is for **king**,

the baby adored

We know as our  
shepherd, our North  
Star, our Lord,

Whose crown shone like  
diamonds the night he  
was born,

But for the sake of true  
love was turned into  
thorns.



KING OF KINGS

# L is for light

that can never be hid,

Not under a bushel or  
topped with a lid,

But shines for the world  
so all of creation

Will carry the light of  
love's incarnation.

Carry the  
**L**IGHT  
of Christ  
into the  
World



(no lid)



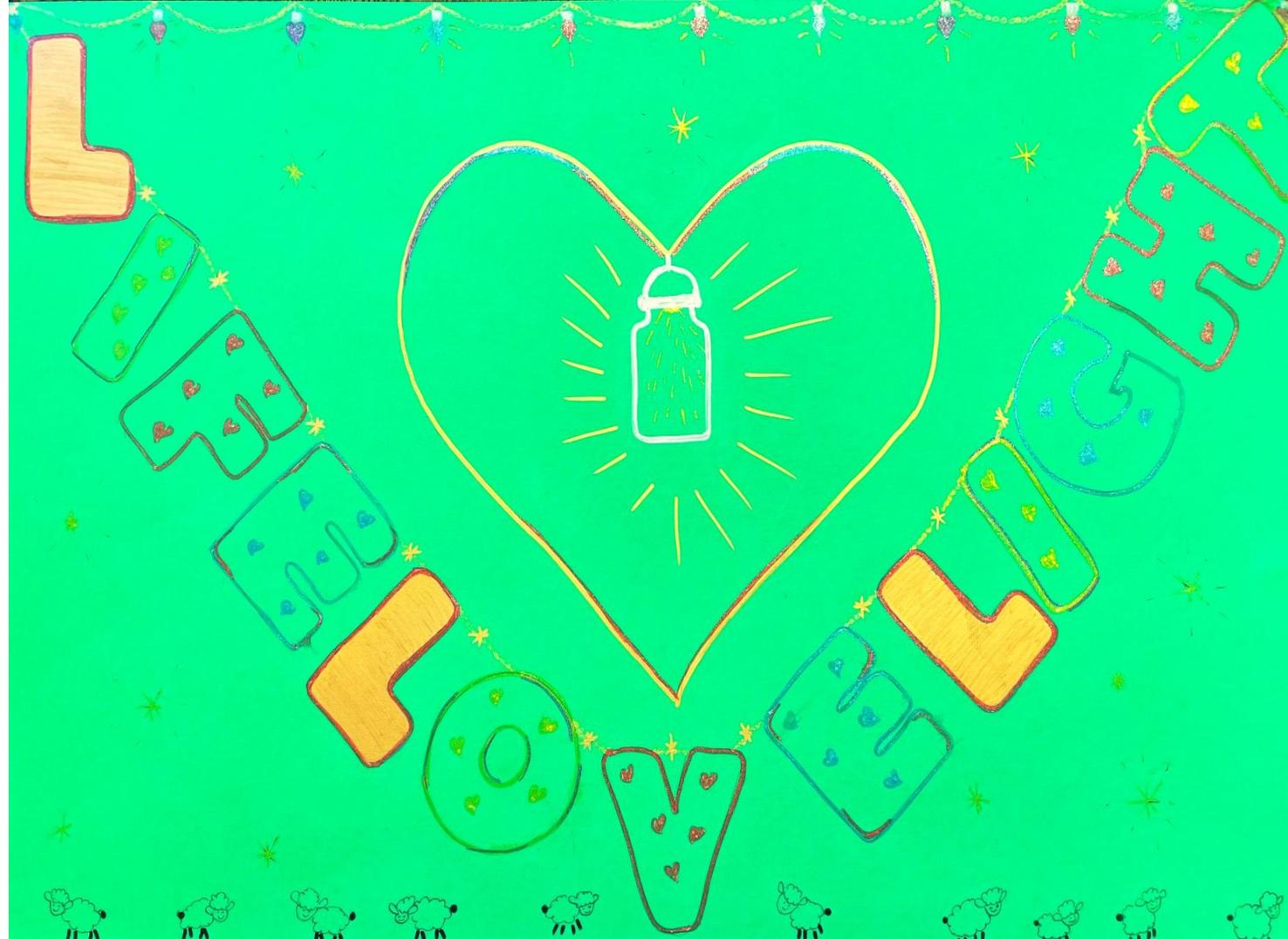
# L is for life

the fullness of being,

That opens our eyes to  
the deepest of seeing,

That the **love** Jesus  
brings is **light** for all  
nations,

Its hope for the world, a  
deep transformation.



M

# M is for Magi,

the bright trinity

Who came to the manger the baby to see.

From lands strange and foreign they followed the star

And proved all are welcome whoever you are.



Pakistani artist unknown, Yale Divinity School 1986

*After Jesus was  
born in Bethlehem  
in Judea, during the  
time of King Herod,  
Magi from the east  
came to Jerusalem*

*(Matt 2:1, NIV)*

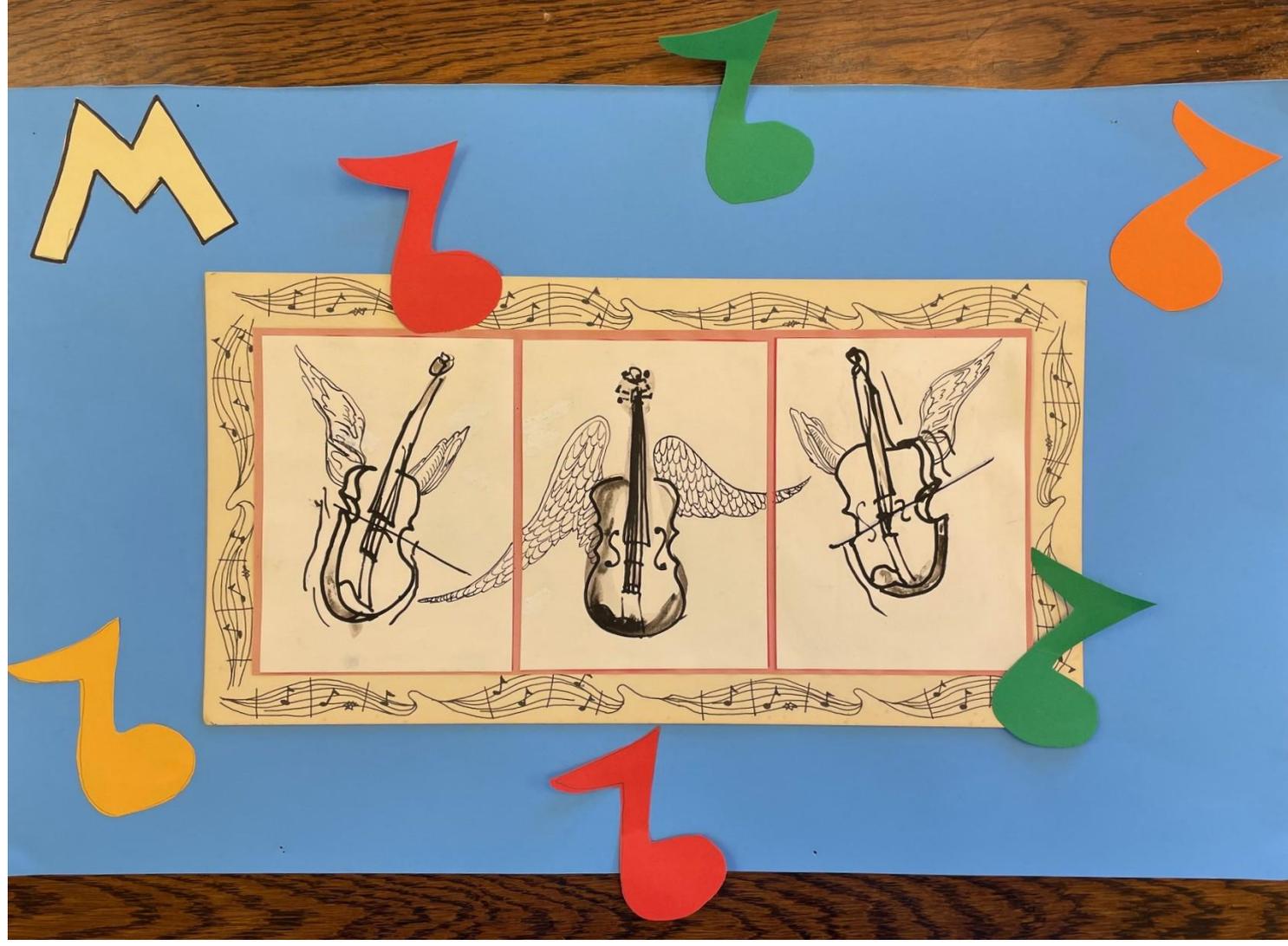
# M is for music,

cosmic in scope,

Filling creation with deep tones of hope.

Entering places no one expected,

Bringing glad tidings to those oft' rejected.



# M is for mountain,

from which the songs rang,

Trees, birds and black  
bears all singing his name,

Proclaiming the good news  
so the cosmos might hear

Of the strange love-crazed  
God who in Jesus came  
near.



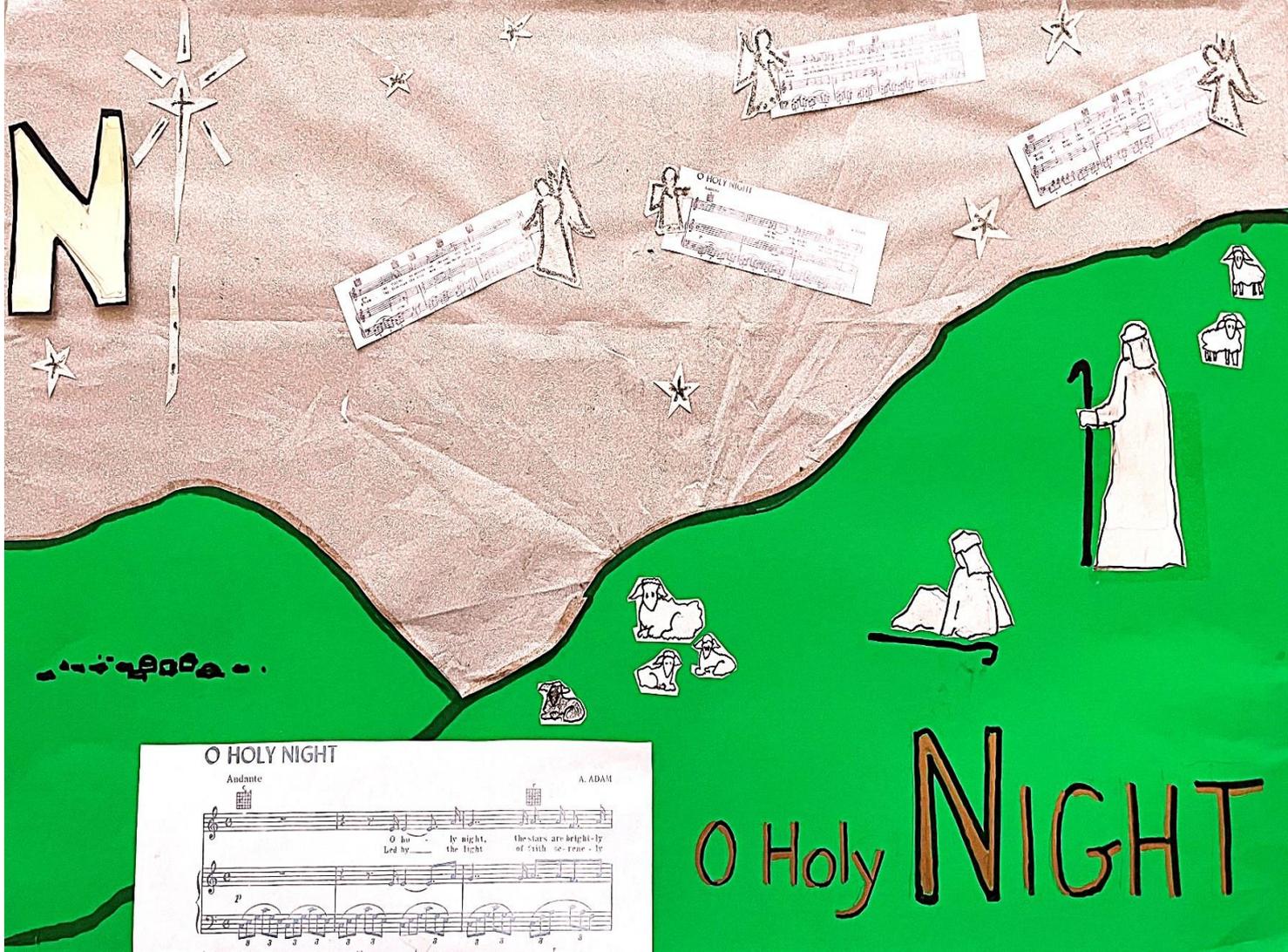
**N** is for **night**,

when shadows are deep,

And all of God's  
creatures are curled up  
in sleep.

But on that one night  
there were those whose  
bright eyes

Were opened by angels  
to see the surprise.



O HOLY NIGHT  
Andante A. ADAM

O ho - ly night, the stars are bright - ly  
Led by the light of faith so true - ly

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O Holy NIGHT