Once upon a time there was a star who stopped shining. This star had been the biggest, brightest star in the whole sky, but one night, when he tried to sparkle, nothing happened. He tried and tried and he tried again, but the big star could not shine.

Song 1. THE BIG STAR

1. The big star tried with all his might,
    He huffed and puffed into the night,
    But though he was big, whatever he did,
    He could not shine.

2. The big star puffed out his chest,
    He really did try his best,
    But though he was big, whatever he did,
    He could not shine.

3. The big star jumped up and down,
    He clapped his hands and turned around,
    But though he was big, whatever he did,
    He could not shine.

4. The big star tried with all his might,
    He huffed and puffed into the night,
    But though he was big, whatever he did,
    He could not shine,
    Could not shine.

The next night, the other stars came to see him. They were very excited because they had some important news.

A baby is going to be born.
In Bethlehem, in a stable.
He will be the Son of God.
His name will be Jesus.
**Class 1**

**Song 2. A BABY IS GOING TO BE BORN**  
**CD Track 2/9**

1 **A baby is going to be born,**  
   A baby is going to be born.  
   Tonight, tonight in the bright starlight,  
   A baby is going to be born.

2 **A stable is where he will be,**  
   A stable is where he will be.  
   Tonight, tonight in the bright starlight,  
   A stable is where he will be.

3 **The angels will sing in the sky,**  
   The angels will sing in the sky.  
   Tonight, tonight in the bright starlight,  
   The angels will sing in the sky.

4 *Repeat Verse 1*

**NARRATOR (3)**  
The other stars had more news for the big star.

**Layla**

**STAR 5**  
You have to shine brightly.

**Christina**

**STAR 6**  
Very, very brightly!

**Ruby Dawn**

**STAR 7**  
To show people the way to the stable.

**Alisha**

**NARRATOR (4)**  
The big star looked at the other stars.

**Keira Rose**

**BIG STAR**  
But I can’t shine.

**Harley Rose**

**STARS**  
Yes you can!

**All Stars**

**BIG STAR**  
No I can’t!

**Harley Rose**

**STARS**  
Yes you can. Shine star, shine!

**All Stars**
NARRATOR (5) The big star tried and tried and tried, but he could not shine. That night on the hills above Bethlehem, some shepherds were looking after their sheep. Suddenly an angel appeared in the sky. The angel spoke to the shepherds.

ANGEL (1) You must go to Bethlehem.

ANGEL (2) The baby Jesus has been born in a stable.

NARRATOR (6) The shepherds were amazed to see the angel. They were very excited because they knew that the baby must be very special.

SHEPHERD 1 Isn’t this exciting?

SHEPHERD 2 Let’s go quickly.

SHEPHERD 3 Yes, let’s go and see the baby!

NARRATOR (7) In great excitement, the shepherds started to walk over the hills towards Bethlehem. It was hard to hurry because it was very, very dark.

Song 3. TOO DARK! CD Track 3/10

1 We’re going to Bethlehem in the dark, 
   In the dark, in the dark, 
   We’re going to Bethlehem in the dark 
   And it’s too dark to see.

2 We’re hurrying, hurrying in the dark, 
   In the dark, in the dark, 
   We’re hurrying, hurrying in the dark 
   And it’s too dark to see.

3 We’re tripping up, tripping up in the dark, 
   In the dark, in the dark, 
   We’re tripping up, tripping up in the dark 
   And it’s too dark to see.
4 We’re stumbling, stumbling in the dark,
   In the dark, in the dark,
   We’re stumbling, stumbling in the dark
   And it’s too dark to see.

5 We’re going to Bethlehem in the dark,
   In the dark, in the dark,
   We’re going to Bethlehem in the dark
   And it’s too dark to see.

NARRATOR (8) Way up above, high in the sky, the smaller stars watched the shepherds as they stumbled in the dark. They knew that the big star could help and they called loudly to him.

STARS Shine star, shine!

NARRATOR (9) The big star tried and tried and tried, but he could not shine. Far away in the east, three wise kings were travelling to Bethlehem to see the baby Jesus. They were sure that there had been a big, bright star in the sky, but now it was nowhere to be seen.

KING 1 Where is that star?

KING 2 I don’t know!

KING 3 It was here last night!

Song 4. HEY STAR

CHORUS: Hey star, Why don’t you show us the way to go?

1 Riding in the desert, looking for a star,
   We’ve got a long way to go,
   We really don’t know where we are,
   This journey is so slow.

2 On and on and into the night,
   Riding to and fro,
   All we want is a bit of light,
   So we would like to know,
CHORUS

3 Instrumental

CHORUS

4 Riding in the desert, looking for a star,
   We've got a long way to go,
   We really don't know where we are,
   This journey is so slow.

CHORUS

NARRATOR (10) Way up above in the sky, the other stars watched the kings as they rode on their camels. They called loudly again to the big star.

STARS Shine star, shine!

NARRATOR (11) The big star tried and tried and tried but he could not shine. The other stars didn't know what to do.

STAR 8 You have to shine, big star!

STAR 9 Please try harder!

STAR 10 It's really important!

NARRATOR (12) The big star tried again. He tried and tried and tried and tried, but still he could not shine. The other stars also tried everything they could. They read him a story... they told him a joke... they did a funny dance... and they sang him a song.

Classes 5 & 6 Song 5. SHINE STAR, SHINE

1 You are a beautiful star, gliding high,
   Floating in the dark, in the sky.
   So shine star, shine,
   Shine star, shine,
   All you have to do is shine.

2 You are the biggest star and you have a job to do.
   Can you make a start 'cos we depend on you?
   So shine star, shine,
   Shine star, shine,
All you have to do is shine.

3 You are a beautiful star, gliding high, Floating in the dark, in the sky. So shine star, shine, Shine star, shine, All you have to do is shine.

NARRATOR (13) The stars tried and tried but nothing worked; the big star still could not shine. The other stars thought for a while, then suddenly had an idea. They led the big star through the sky to the stable in Bethlehem.

NARRATOR (14) Looking into the stable, the big star saw Mary and Joseph and a beautiful baby. As he watched, he could feel that the baby loved him; that the baby Jesus loved all the stars and all the angels and all the people in the whole world.

NARRATOR (15) The big star began to shine. He shone and shone, brighter and brighter and floated up into the sky above the stable. His light could be seen for miles and miles. The stable glowed in the starlight and the baby Jesus slept peacefully in the manger.

Song 6. FAR BELOW

1 Down through the night the starlight came And made the stable glow, And there in a manger Jesus lay, Far below, far below.

2 All through the night the star shone bright, It showed us where to go, And there in a manger Jesus lay, Far below, far below.

3 Instrumental

4 Down through the night the starlight came And made the stable glow, And there in a manger Jesus lay, Far below, far below. Far below, far below.

NARRATOR (16) The light from the big star spread over the hills and out across the land. The shepherds found their way to the stable.

SHEPHERDS What a beautiful baby!
Then the kings arrived and gave the baby Jesus some lovely gifts.

We worship you, great king!

And so the big star shone brightly in the sky. He shone his light down over the stable, where a very special baby lay, on that very special night.

**Song 7. HALLELUJAH!**

1. Come to the stable, follow me,
   Come to the stable, follow me,
   There is a newborn king to see,
   Hallelujah, hallelujah!

2. He brings His love for everyone,
   He brings His love for everyone,
   He is Jesus, God’s own son,
   Hallelujah, hallelujah!

3. And His love will make us shine,
   And His love will make us shine,
   Shine until the end of time,
   Hallelujah, hallelujah!

4. Come to the stable, follow me,
   Come to the stable, follow me,
   There is a newborn king to see,
   Hallelujah, hallelujah!