

Silent Night CHRISTMAS CHALLENGE

“I’d like to invite your church to get involved this Advent with the Silent Night Christmas Challenge!

SAT-7 wants to make some noise with a special international recording of the well-known carol, Silent Night. They are inviting churches, schools and community groups to record and film their own version of the carol, which will then be edited into a multi-language production.

At a time of year when Christians in the Middle East can feel isolated, we hope that this special recording of Silent Night will help everyone feel more connected together across the world. I’d love you to get involved!

Thanks for raising your voice!” *Gemma*



Gemma Hunt
TV presenter & children’s author

OPTION 1

Get the whole congregation or group into the church and record and film one version of the carol, using the backing track (see below) along with worship group and musicians.

OPTION 2

Record different home groups and/or children’s and youth groups individually (all using the backing track to keep in time) and then edit the different videos together – rather like a very big Silent Night Zoom sing-along!

Choose a few people from church to read the voiceover script during the third verse instrumental (see words in sheet music).

This also contains an optional message for people to give Christmas donations. If you also want to take donations for SAT-7 at a carol service event, please let us know.

- **RECORD** the carol and show it at a church Advent or Christmas carol service
- or **PERFORM** and record the carol live!
- **SHARE** with members of your church and on social media #silentnightchallenge (@SAT-7 UK)
- and **SHARE** the file with us via WeTransfer. We’ll add it to our website with all the other churches, schools, and youth and community groups taking part!



DOWNLOAD @

[www.sat7uk.org/
advent-resources](http://www.sat7uk.org/advent-resources)

- Silent Night Sheet Music
- Backing track – with voice
- Backing track – instrumental

QUESTIONS

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Silent Night

PRAYER BOX ACTIVITY

Once you've found a box (an old shoebox will do fine), gather some craft materials. Glue, scissors, scrap paper, glitter, and colour pens would be perfect. Use the information below to draw pictures, create models, find items, or write prayers to put inside the box. The words in **bold** will give you quick ideas. You can cover the outside walls of your box with the flags of the four countries using the colouring sheet provided.



Iran

Iran is one of the hardest places to be a Christian: most are not allowed to meet in church buildings or share their faith. But Christianity is spreading quickly as people meet secretly in small groups in houses!

IRAN IS FAMOUS FOR...

- **Art, history and poetry.** Can you write a poem or find a poem you like to include in the box?
- **Persian spices** like saffron, which is made from Crocuses. Can you draw a picture of a crocus?

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

- **House churches** in Iran to grow and multiply
- **Peace and freedom** in Iran
- SAT-7's programme *Sanctuary of the Heart*, which helps Christians to pray together and be strong



Egypt

Around 10% of the population are Christians, but they face restrictions on practising their faith and are sometimes treated badly by others in their communities.

EGYPT IS FAMOUS FOR...

- **The Nile River.** Have you seen it on a map? Can you trace an image of it onto a drawing or even use tin foil to recreate its reflection?
- **The Pyramids of Giza.** Can you find anything pyramid shaped to put in your box?

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

- Egyptian Christians to **share their faith** and worship together safely.
- SAT-7's live **television programme** broadcast from Kasr El Dohara church each week, which encourages Christians all over Egypt – and beyond.



Algeria

There are growing numbers of young families following Jesus in Algeria, but laws there make it difficult to meet in churches and own Bibles.

ALGERIA IS FAMOUS FOR...

- **The Sahara desert.** Can you draw a picture of a camel, or find a toy camel, to add to the box?
- **Dates, olives and clementines.** Can you find any of these – or use play dough to make some?

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

- **Churches** in Algeria to stay open and not be closed by the government.
- More **Arabic Bibles** and other Christian resources to help them grow in their faith.
- **Families**, children and young people watching SAT-7 to learn about and follow Jesus.



Türkiye

Less than 1% of the population are Christians; many Turkish people have never heard the Gospel at all.

TÜRKIYE IS FAMOUS FOR...

- **Sweet treats** such as baklava (pastry with honey and nuts) and Turkish Delight. Could you find a few nuts to put in the box?
- **Turkish patterned carpets and rugs.** You could make a mini rug for the bottom of your box.

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

- More people in Türkiye to **search for God** and find out about Him
- SAT-7 programme *Homemade* as it seeks to **encourage women** to follow God's dream for their lives.

For more facts and prayer points on the four countries, visit ww.sat7uk.org/advent-resources