



# VOICES OF ADVENT





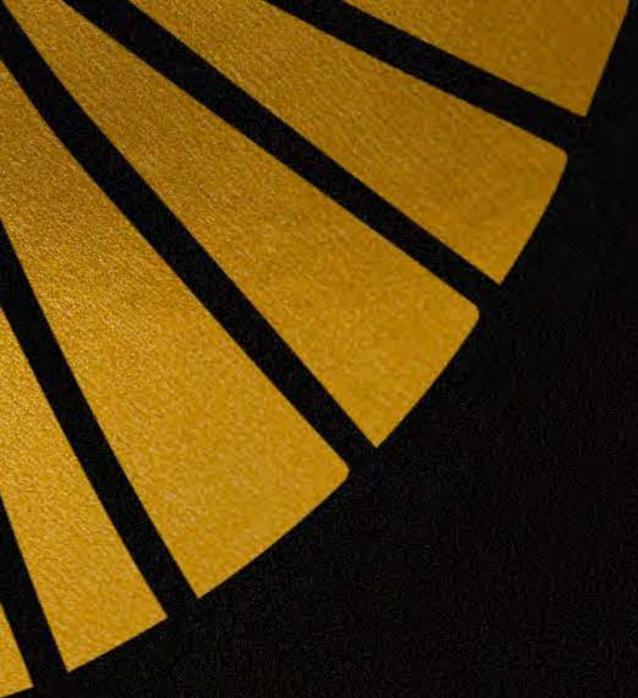
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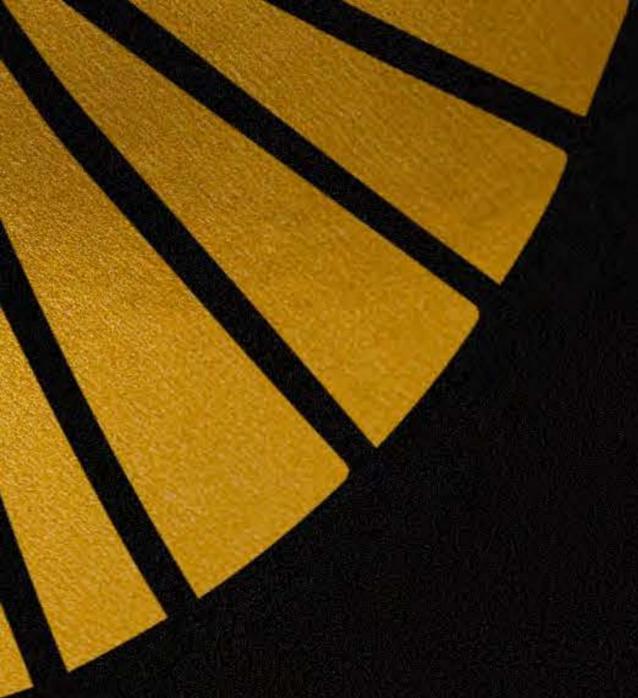
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**JOHN 10:14-15** NIV

“I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me—<sup>15</sup> just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep.”



JESUS IS THE  
GOOD SHEPHERD.



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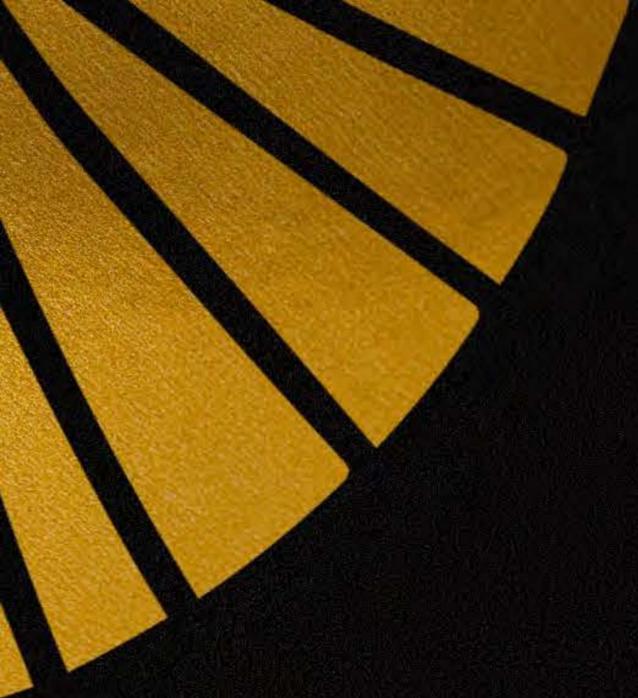
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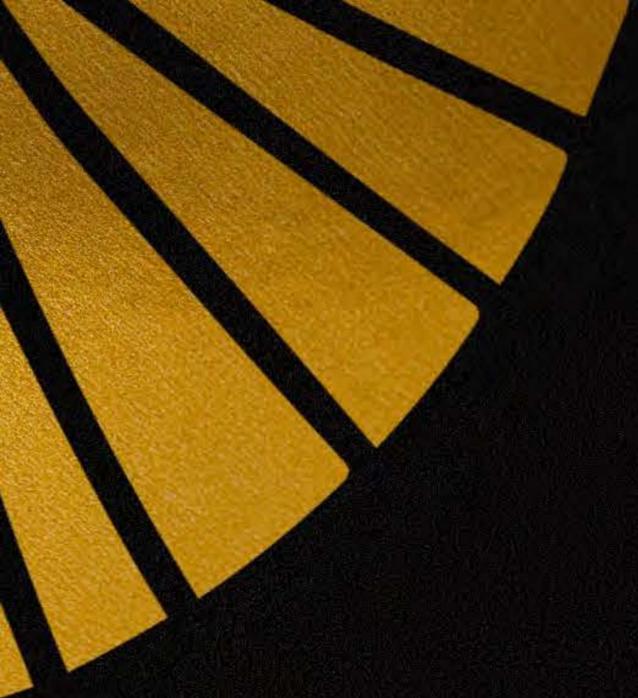
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LUKE 2:15-16 <sup>NIV</sup>

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “**Let’s go** to Bethlehem and **see this thing that has happened**, which the Lord has told us about.” <sup>16</sup> So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger.



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**GO & TELL**

A world map is displayed on a light-colored wall, framed by a thin wooden border. A yellow star is placed on the continent of Africa, specifically in the region of West Africa. The map shows major continents and oceans in various shades of blue and green.

**OUR**

special offering is being collected in the mail box here in the theater!

ole Family

Secrets in the Dark

Watch 3 are praying for...

HOW TO

Watch 2 are praying for...

A small, square framed picture of a globe with various colored dots on its surface, mounted on the wall to the right of the map.

A small, rectangular framed picture of a globe, mounted on the wall below the square one.









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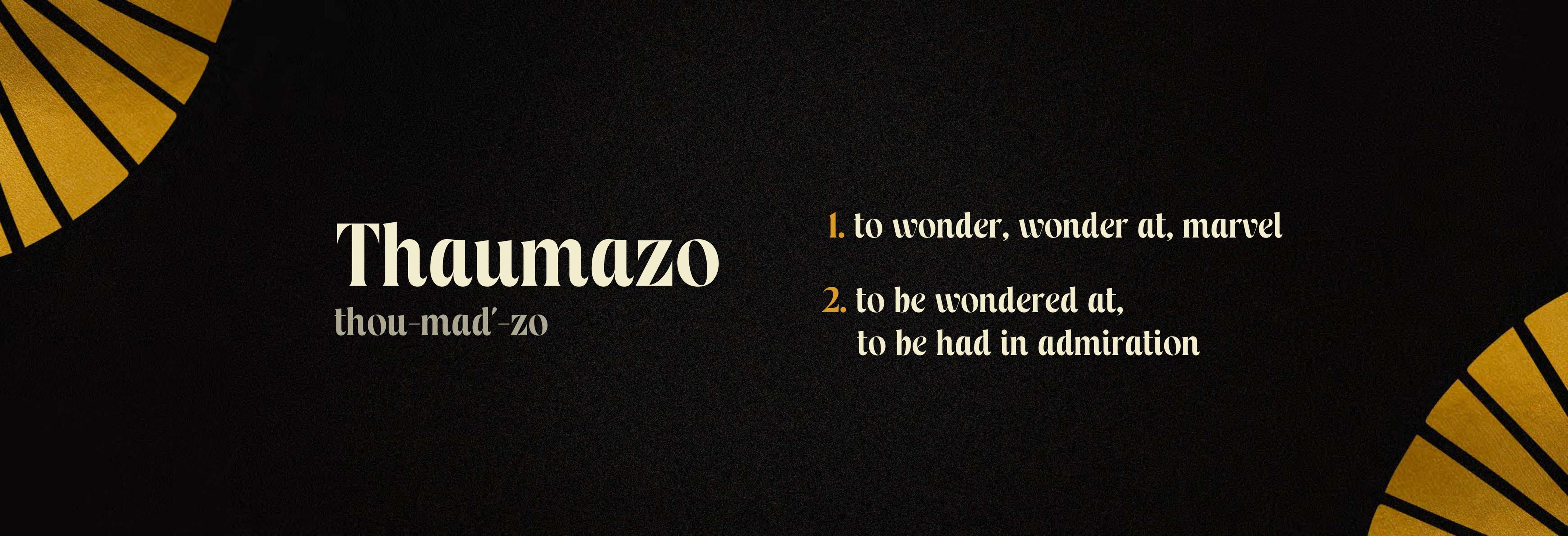
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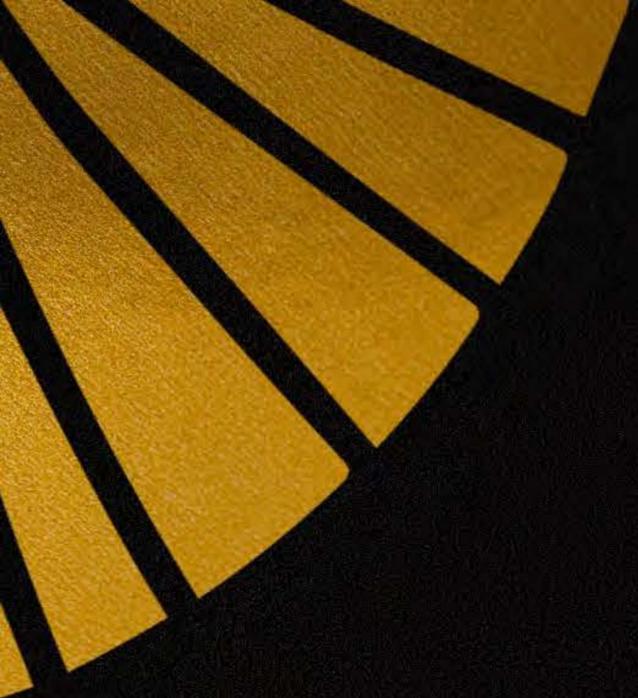




# Thaumazo

thou-mad'-zo

1. to wonder, wonder at, marvel
2. to be wondered at,  
to be had in admiration



# SHEPHERD'S RESPONSE

*Come and See*  
*Go and Tell*  
**Live in Worship**



## LUKE 2:19-20 <sup>NIV</sup>

But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. <sup>20</sup> The shepherds returned, **glorifying and praising God** for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.



# WORSHIP

The appropriate response to **who God is & what God has done.**



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COME & SEE

## MATTHEW 28:5-6 <sup>NIV</sup>

The angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. <sup>6</sup> He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. **Come and see** the place where he lay.”



# THE INVITATION

AT JESUS' BIRTH ♦ AT JESUS' RESURRECTION



OUR INVITATION FOR TODAY.





HOPE



PEACE



JOY



LOVE

## 1 CORINTHIANS 1:4-7 <sup>NIV</sup>

I always thank my God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus. <sup>5</sup> For in him you have been enriched in every way— with all kinds of speech and with all knowledge— <sup>6</sup> God thus confirming our testimony about Christ among you. <sup>7</sup> Therefore you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed.