



**We're going on a journey, not on camels, but a rocket following a star! The count-down is about to commence:**

**10 Coronavirus strikes again!**

**9 Too many jobs still to do!**

**8 The kids are excited; relations may be coming - so no extended Lock-down, please!**

**7 I hate the frantic shopping, hoping I can find what we need!**

**6 Lord, I really am struggling to cope now!**

**5 Advent is great but it can be hard to make time for you as well, Lord!**

**4 God, I know you loved the world so much that you sent Jesus, but .....**

**3 Wise Men, 3 years of ministry, 3 days over Easter – I wish I could cope like you did!**

**2 Please Lord, let Coronavirus give us a chance to rejoice with family and friends!**

**1 Lord, send your angel host to raise our spirits and worship you!**

**Zero No time to lose, for Jesus is here.....**

**..... We have lift-off! Are you ready for the journey of your life-time?**

**Things are looking good, all systems are go .....** Yea! - Jesus is with us!

**This Christmas God gives us a new start on our journey with Jesus. But also reminding us of what was to happen at Easter and Pentecost. Times of sorrow and celebration, and empowerment!**

**We shall again celebrate that God gives us himself in Jesus, the gifts of Love, Joy and Peace. Followed by the gifts of the Holy Spirit to enable us in all that we do. This is not dependent upon any rocket science, but promises to empower us to receive far more than Jesus received from those Wise Men.**

**May we know the Love of God reaching out to us wherever we are;**

**May we experience an ability to share Joy with others even if shielding or in Lock-down;**

**May we know the Peace of God in our hearts in spite of the turmoil around us in the world.**

**May the gift of Jesus enable us to truly take off on a fresh journey with him. May we travel knowing him beside us every step of the way. May our Lord revive our strength to minister to those around us. Amen.**

**May God bless us all as we travel through Advent to Christmastide.**

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