

## Luke 2 recording - behind the scenes

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The Luke 2 recitation is one of 11 cuts on a CD called Christmas - The Way We Remember. Many have ordered copies of the CD to make this recitation part of their family holiday tradition.

The little girl's name is Valerie Apthorp and this is what she looked like near the time Luke 2 was recorded. She was 4 years old.

### Links related to Valerie and Luke 2

- Christmas The Way We Remember - only CD with Luke 2
- Vision - Val's piano CD (proceeds go toward her college expenses)
- BBN - First radio network to play this Luke 2 recording
- Faith Radio - Radio network that interviews Val every year
- Sound Amazing on Facebook - Studio where Val records

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### Fun Facts

Valerie is now in college.

At age 17, Val recorded a piano CD called "Vision". Click the image below to hear samples.

Folks often ask if she read the verses. Actually, her dad taught them to her and she recited all twenty verses. She's really great at Christmas Bible quizzes now!

The voice recording was made in Charlotte, NC. Since Val stood in a walk-in storage closet, you can sometimes faintly hear traffic going by outside.

Right after she finished the recording of Luke 2, she asked if she could go eat because she was "starving"! For the record, she was never deprived of food.

The recording is aired on hundreds of radio stations. The first to air it was Bible Broadcasting Network in Charlotte, NC.

Her personality in real life is just like on the recording. Mom and dad used to take her to church early on Sunday just so she could toddle around meeting new people. When she was a newborn baby, she would jabber to the outlet on the wall next to the sink in the bathroom because it looked like it had eyes and a nose.

She learned to read very early and never had a grade lower than a B+ in school.

Throughout her teen years, she acted in a radio program for teens called Faith Crossing. She plays the role of Tori McIntire who is often heard to say, "My life is OVER!"

She was home schooled.

Her favorite competitive activity in high school was debate tournaments. She was the president of her National Honor Society chapter. She also taught piano to ten students while in high school, played piano specials in church and sang in the choir.

When she grows up, it is her expressed desire to serve the Lord in whatever way He chooses.

The inside cover of the CD has a photo of Val playing the background accompaniment of Silent Night, which she arranged and performed in 2005.

Luke 2 is also available in MP3 format from iTunes and Amazon.com but more of the proceeds go to Val if you download MP3's from the CD Baby page.

See what others have to say about this reading of Luke 2!

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She is such a blessing to listen to. Ludowici, GA

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I cried as I listened to your little sweet voice tell of my Jesus... I believe I'll make your tape a new Christmas tradition at my house. Charlotte, NC

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...you blessed many, many people, our family included. It is such a treasure. I want to share it and have others who haven't heard . . . to likewise be blessed. God bless you real good. Waynesboro, GA

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I want you to know how much I have enjoyed hearing Luke 2, your reading of it. It is so joyful and you you read with so much meaning and expression. It is truly wonderful. San Antonio, TX

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It was beautiful and so sweet. Albemarle, NC

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It is wonderful. Boerne, TX

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It is so beautiful and a real blessing to me. Sunbury, NC

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It is the cutest thing I heard this season. Waverly Hall, GA

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We have never heard a sweeter, more delightful reading of God's word and we want to share this with others in our family. Thank you for the opportunity to do this. Chapel Hill, NC

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It was such a blessing to my heart. Loganville, GA

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I want you to know how very much my husband and I enjoyed this tape last Christmas. I sure want to share this with my family this Christmas. Silver City, NM