PROGRAM SUMMARY FOR TEACHERS & HOSTS

The WRITE Workshop with Jenny L. Cote

Based on The Prophet, the Shepherd & the Star • Epic Order of the Seven

"Sure, Charlie Brown, I can tell you what Christmas is all about." Jenny opens with Linus reading Luke 2, then asks a question that surprises most students: where does the Christmas story actually begin? Not in Luke. Not in Isaiah. It begins in **Genesis 3**, with God's first promise of a coming Messiah. From there, she shows young writers how the story of Jesus, and the craft of telling true stories well, both start with words.

What It Is

A lively, interactive 42-minute video writing workshop. Jenny teaches with Scripture, Christmas carols, a nativity set, a surprise "visit" from the prophet Isaiah, and student volunteers who get crowned as kings (briefly). Along the way she shows how she researched and built *The Prophet, the Shepherd & the Star*, which follows Isaiah's prophecies of Messiah and Daniel in Babylon, with Max, Liz, Kate, Al, Nigel, Clarie and Gillamon of the Epic Order of the Seven.

Who It's For

- **Homeschool families, Christian Schools, Church Groups and Co-Ops**
- Young writers in elementary and middle grades; younger siblings enjoy it too
- Teachers and hosts looking for a Christ-centered Advent writing lesson

Key Teaching Points: W-R-I-T-E

- **W – Words are power.** Prophets had to be right 100% of the time. One word or one comma can change meaning ("God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen"; the *kataluma* in Luke 2:7).
- **R – Research reveals secrets.** Kepler, Josephus and a 1500s typesetter's typo; the Star of Bethlehem in Leo; a clue in Luke 1 that Zechariah couldn't hear.
- **I – Imagination makes it fun.** History + plausible fiction + fantasy. Al in the lions' den with Daniel; Nigel flying by pigeon.
- **T – Truth keeps it real.** "We Three Kings" vs. Scripture: Magi, not kings, and not necessarily three.
- **E – Epic organization makes it an epic read.** Jenny's idea page, outline "road map," and yellow-highlighter countdown.

Program at a Glance

Runtime	42 minutes
Format	Pre-recorded video; stream anytime
Book	*The Prophet, the Shepherd & the Star*
Access	Nov 13 – Dec 21 • streaming only
Companion	Podcast schedule (p. 2); study guide after registration

How It Fits the Season

- **Nov 13 – Dec 21:** Stream WRITE anytime (hosts get access after scheduling).
- **Workshop ends Dec 21; podcast continues through Christmas Day (Dec 25).** Nov 6 is the first podcast Friday—not the workshop open date. See schedule below.
- **Fridays through Dec 25: Chapters from *The Prophet, the Shepherd & the Star* (podcast EP ≠ book chapter #).**
- **Nov 13 – Dec 21:** Hosts get **20% off all versions** of books and audiobooks (code shared privately).
- **Dec 21: Live Zoom Q&A with Jenny. Advance questions welcome.**

Why it matters: *Jenny's mission is to point kids to Jesus and the Bible, and to show them God's Word is true, specific and full of wonder. She reminds them that God even placed His Son's "birth announcement" in the constellation of the lion, for the Lion of the tribe of Judah. Students leave wanting to dig into Scripture like detectives, and write with care and with joy.*

Friday Podcast Schedule

The Prophet, the Shepherd & the Star • Pair with WRITE • Workshop Nov 13–Dec 21 • Podcast through Dec 25

Book: The Prophet, the Shepherd, and the Star. RLN: The Prophet, the Shepherd, & the Star – Episode [number]. Podcast EP numbers are not book chapter numbers. Companion sheets begin Nov 13 (book ch. 46).

Date	Podcast EP	Title	Book ch.	Notes
Fri Nov 6	EP41	Facing Joseph	45	Before companion sheets
Fri Nov 13	EP42	Joseph's Dream	46	Companion sheets begin
Fri Nov 20	EP43	The Wedding Feast	47	
Fri Nov 27	EP44	Clarie	48	
Fri Dec 4	EP45	No Greater Love and the Heavenly Coronation	49 & 50	Two chapters
Fri Dec 11	EP46	Augustus and Amos	51	
Fri Dec 18	EP47	No Room	52	Last Fri in workshop window
Fri Dec 25	EP48	Let There Be Light	53	After workshop ends Dec 21

EP41 teaser: The moment Mary has been dreading has arrived – How will Joseph respond to her pregnancy?
EP42 teaser: What do angels have to do with dreams? Plenty when you're dealing with the birth of the Messiah!
(Later episode descriptions not yet supplied.)

Using the podcast with WRITE

- **Nov 13 – Dec 21:** Stream the WRITE workshop anytime, then listen each Friday for the next chapter.
- **Host perk (same window):** 20% off all versions of the books and audiobooks (code shared privately with hosts).
- **Dec 21:** Workshop access ends; live Zoom Q&A with Jenny (time TBD). Collect advance questions.
- **Dec 25:** Podcast EP48 still airs—*Let There Be Light* (book ch. 53)—after the workshop window closes.
- **Weekly companion sheets and the W-R-I-T-E study guide are provided after registration.**