



DAY 5

Thursday, December 6  
(Candle of Hope)

MATTHEW 2:10

*“When they saw the star,  
they were overjoyed.”*

## Caught Off-Guard

by Joan Kosmachuk

In the darkness  
of this season  
while busy tending  
the sheep  
we are once again  
caught off-guard  
by ancient  
angelic messages.  
Fear momentarily suspended,  
we try on peace and  
good will for size.  
Long after the seraphs  
songs are stilled  
and the rest have  
returned to their flocks  
A few of us still hang our hope on a  
single  
Star –  
“For unto us is born this day,  
A Savior,  
Who is  
Christ the Lord”

**RESPOND:**

**DO:** Find a spot away from the city lights and enjoy a few moments admiring God’s handiwork in the stars.

**PRAY:** That we would persevere together in hope in Christ, who is the Morning Star.