

December 2020 - Cubmaster Minute - Your Best "Silent Night" --

I hope everyone enjoyed the scatalogories and stories tonight. Here's one final fun fact to reflect on in a Cubmaster minute. The story begins in 1818 in a church in the little Austrian town of Oberndorf. Shortly before Christmas Eve, a mouse ate a hole in the leather bellows of the church organ, making it so that no sound could be played. The organ mender was not scheduled in town for months, and music was needed for the Christmas Eve service. The church organist sprang to action and in just 3 1/2 hours, Franz Gruber, composed music for a poem written by Josef Mohr, a priest. It began "Stille Nacht, Heilige Nacht" ("Silent Night, Holy Night"). On that Christmas Eve, the two men sang their composition accompanied by a guitar and children's chorus. They were a great success and a new song and tradition was born.

The great traditions of this season often began as small, simple acts. Franz Gruber, did his best on that Christmas Eve night and created a simple musical number that has helped millions give honor to God on Christmas Eve ever since.

When you hear Silent Night or sing it this year (ask scouts to join in and sing: silent night, holy night, all is calm all is bright), remember, you don't have to be the best at everything you just have to do everything with your best.

May you each have a wonderful holiday season, be safe by making good choices and doing your best. We look forward to seeing you again in the Happy, New Year! 😊

Yours in Scouting,

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