

A script from



“A Strange Night to be a Shepherd”

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- What** This skit is the firsthand account of Christ’s birth told by two of the Bethlehem shepherds. Theme: Holidays, Worship, Holiness
- Who** Shepherd 1
Shepherd 2
- When** Biblical times
- Wear (Props)** The shepherds should wear Biblical period clothing such as flowing robes and sandals.
- Why** Luke 2:8-20
- How** The shepherds tell of their part in the Nativity story with energy and excitement. They are describing a life-changing event for them. The humor that they express toward each other is always gentle, never harsh. Their good-natured kidding helps the audience relate to them.
- Time** Approximately 5-7 minutes

*The **Shepherds** enter together and make their way to center stage. Lights come up on them as they reach center stage.*

- Shepherd 1:** I remember it just like it happened yesterday! Nothing like it had ever happened before that night, and nothing like it has ever happened since!
- Shepherd 2:** That's exactly right. I think about it sometimes, and it is so incredible that I can hardly believe it happened, and I was there!
- Shepherd 1:** It started out like a thousand other nights. Everything looked secure. We had begun to settle down into our shift rotation.
- Shepherd 2:** Out of nowhere came this blinding, bright light. It took a few seconds to realize that someone was talking to us from the light. We were scared out of our minds.
- Shepherd 1:** Yes, I remember that you took off running like my little sister.
- Shepherd 2:** And I remember that I was two steps behind you! We both ran a short distance before we realized who the speaker was.
- Shepherd 1:** It was a heavenly being, an angel, who was delivering a message from God.
- Shepherd 2:** The message started with, "Do not be afraid!" That was definitely a message we needed to hear! We were scared to death!
- Shepherd 1:** Well, I wouldn't say, "scared to death". I would say, "really startled".
- Shepherd 2:** You were screaming like my little brother!
- Shepherd 1:** Yes, but your little brother's scream is very calming!
- Shepherd 2:** Nonetheless, the words slowly began to sink in, and we stood frozen in place. "Do not be afraid! I have good news for you, which will make everyone happy. This very day in King David's hometown a Savior was born for you. He is Christ the Lord. You will know who He is, because you will find Him wrapped in cloths and lying in a feeding trough."
- Shepherd 1:** What a message! The Savior, the Christ, the long-awaited Messiah had been born... in Bethlehem? And wrapped in cloths and lying in a... feeding trough? The newborn Messiah was where animals ate! That couldn't be right!
- Shepherd 2:** As we were trying to understand the angel's message, all at once the entire sky lit up! Two minutes before, I had never seen an

angel. Now, there were angels filling the sky like stars on a clear night!

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ENDING:

Shepherd 1: We talked with them for a while. They told us their experiences, and we told them our experiences. God was doing a miraculous thing. And He was using carpenters and shepherds in the process. He works in strange ways sometimes.

Shepherd 2: We left Mary, Joseph, and Jesus after a while to get back to the sheep. As we walked, we praised God! We even tried to sing like the angels!

Shepherd 1: *(Full of himself)* Some of us were more successful than others!

Shepherd 2: What are you trying to say?

Shepherd 1: You sing like a hurt turtle.

Shepherd 2: I do not! *(They start to walk off arguing).*

Shepherd 1: Have you heard yourself? It's bad.

Shepherd 2: Mom says I have a beautiful voice.

Shepherd 1: Your mom is deaf in one ear.

*The **Shepherds** exit arguing about who can sing better. The end.*