

## **“An Itty-Bitty Baby Boy”**

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**What** This children's play for Christmas involves audience participation and tells the story of God sending an itty-bitty baby boy to Earth to save the world from sin.

Themes: Christmas, Grace, Kids Ministry, Kids Choir, Manger

<b>Who</b>	<b>Speaking parts:</b>	<b>Non-speaking parts:</b>
	Reader 1 Reader 2 Reader 3 Angel 1 Angel 2 Angel 3 Audience	Mary Joseph Shepherds Cows Donkey Goats Sheep

**When** The night of Jesus' birth

**Wear (Props)** Readers are in stage black. Angels are dressed as angels. Mary, Joseph and Shepherds are dressed in appropriate robes and headdresses. Cows, donkeys, goats and sheep should have masks on.  
Place a manger center stage.  
Sign that says YOU AND ME

**Why** Romans 13:7

**How** Timing in the movements and reading with rhythm are very important to the success of this drama, so it should be practiced until smooth. Readers 1,2, and 3 want to make sure there is very little time between their lines so that the narrative flows. Entrances and exits by all other characters need to be quietly done. A sign that says YOU AND ME is held up every time the audience responds. This should be practiced with the audience before the play starts.

**Time** Approximately 12-15 minutes

*Lights on as Readers enter and take their place in a group together off to the side of the stage. Then, all lights down and Mary and Angel 1 enter and move to stage left, while Joseph enters and moves to stage right. Mary and Joseph both lie on the floor like they are sleeping, and Angel 1 stands above Mary with arms outstretched. Spotlights on Readers if possible, but if not leave things dark until lights up.*

**Reader 1:** When the world was growing darker,

**Reader 2:** and the people longed for light,

**Reader 3:** our great God heard every sad and lonely prayer.

**Reader 1:** So he sent an angel down

*Lights up on Mary and Angel 1.*

**Reader 2:** to a tiny little town

**Reader 3:** who told a virgin girl living there,

**Angel 1:** You're a girl, just a girl. Just a pure and blameless girl, but God's chosen you to set His people free.

**All:** You and me

*Lights down on Mary who exits. Angel 1 moves over and stands above Joseph.*

**Reader 1:** Then the Angel went again

*Lights up on Angel 1 and Joseph.*

**Reader 2:** and he found a sleeping man

**Reader 3:** and he snuck into his dreams that very night.

**Reader 1:** And he said, "Your special one

**Reader 2:** will soon carry God's own Son.

**Reader 3:** You must marry her to make this work out right.

**Angel 1:** You're a man. Just a man, but a good and faithful man, and God needs your help to set His people free.

**All:** You and me

*Lights out on Joseph and Angel 1 who leave.*

Reader 1: So the man, His name was Joseph,

Reader 2: married Mary, great with child,

Reader 3: and one day they rose as soon as it was light.

*Mary and Joseph enter and walk up aisle as the next part is being read. They stop in center front.*

Reader 1: With some faith and love and prayer

Reader 2: they found Bethlehem. That's where

Reader 3: they were headed, so they stopped to spend the night.

Reader 1: A town. Just a town.

Reader 2: Just a teeny, tiny town

Reader 3: But God chose this place to set His people free

All: You and me.

*Mary and Joseph begin walking towards Reader 2.*

Reader 1: They were tired, and stiff and sore

Reader 2: as they knocked at every door

*Mary and Joseph knock at Reader 2 who shakes head no so they move to Reader 3.*

Reader 3: but they couldn't find a place to lay their heads

*Mary and Joseph knock at Reader 3 who shakes head no. Mary and Joseph move on to Reader 1.*

Reader 1: Then a thoughtful man replied (*Mary and Joseph knock at Reader 1*) I have room, but not inside.

*Reader 1 escorts them to center stage where there is a manger. Mary and Joseph kneel behind manger.*

Reader 2: So a stable was the place they made their beds.

Reader 1: A stable. Just a stable

Reader 2: full of animals and hay

Reader 3: was the place God chose to set his people free

All: You and me

Reader 1: The animals, one by one

Reader 2: saw sweet Mary bear a son.

Reader 3: Then she placed him in the manger wrapped up tight.

*Mary places baby in manger.*

Reader 1: Cows and donkeys, goats and sheep.

*Cows Goats, Donkey, and Sheep enter and line up behind the manger or kneel in front.*

Reader 2: watched the baby coo and sleep

Reader 3: as they kept him safe throughout that holy night.

Reader 1: A boy. Just a boy.

Reader 2: An itty- bitty baby boy

Reader 3: sent by God to Earth to set His people free

All: You and me

*Angels 1,2, and 3 enter on one side of sanctuary and make their way to the Shepherds who have entered and lain down to sleep somewhere away from the manger scene.*

Reader 1: Then a choir, high and bright,

Reader 2: broke the silence of the night,

Reader 3: singing praises over fields and woods and streams.

Reader 1: 'Til the shepherds with their sheep,

Reader 2: who had fallen fast asleep,

Reader 3: woke in wonder as the angels broke their dreams.

*Angels 1,2, and 3 sing Gooooo-ooooo-ooooo-ria, In Excelsis De-e-o and Shepherds rise.*

Angel 1: Time to rise you sleepy heads!

Angel 2: No more time for dreams and beds.

Angel 3: For we bring you tidings full of love and joy.

Angel 1: There's a baby born this night

Angel 2: in a stable, warm and bright.

Angel 3: Go and find this Savior, God's own baby boy

Reader 1: A boy. Just a boy.

Reader 2: An itty-bitty baby boy

Reader 3: sent by God to Earth to set his people free.

All: You and me

*Angels 1,2, and 3 leave and Shepherds walk up to manger and kneel.*

Reader 1: So the shepherds raced away,

Reader 2: found the baby in the hay.

Reader 3: And they knew without a doubt the song was true.

Reader 1: They knelt and gazed in awe

Reader 2: at the baby in the straw,

Reader 3: and they worshipped till the morning sun broke through.

Reader 1: A boy. Just a boy.

Reader 2: An itty-bitty, baby boy

Reader 3: sent by God to Earth to set His people free.

All: You and me

Reader 1: The prophets, years before,

Reader 2: told of this and so much more,

Reader 3: said that God's own Son would set us free from sin.

Reader 1: That night so long ago

Reader 2: was the start of grace, you know.

Reader 3: Love is here... you just need to let Him in.

Readers: *(unison)* A boy. Just a boy. An itty-bitty, baby boy. Sent by God to Earth to set His people free.

All: You and me.

*Lights out.*

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