

“Away in a Manger: Mary”

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What When a young shepherd visits Mary at the manger, she tells him the story of an angel visiting her to announce the coming Savior. She shares some of her fears for His future and her reverence for Jesus as she thinks about who He is and what His arrival means to the world.

Themes: Christmas, Savior, Light of the World,

Who Mary
Young Shepherd Boy

When After the birth of Jesus

Wear (Props) You can go as simple or as elaborate as you'd like. For a simple set, have Mary standing and holding a baby (real or a doll) wrapped up. For more set, have a manger with some hay strewn around.
Bible costumes for Mary and Shepherd Boy
Blanket that would fit the time period
Stool
Manger

Why Luke 2:16-24

How The shepherd boy has no lines, he simply enters with reverent hesitation and looks on from a distance. If you choose to use a child, give yourself plenty of time to work with him beforehand, letting him see what the stage will look like. Instruct him not to look at the audience, but to focus on Mary.

Hymn: O Come All Ye Faithful
Advent Theme: Love

Time Approximately 2 minutes

Mary holds a small, old and frayed blanket. She sits on a stool, next to the manger, and speaks to a Young Shepherd, who stands in the doorway, watching.

Mary: It's okay. You can come in. He won't bite. He's just a small baby. A little shy? Well, that's okay. I am too.

With a light laugh.

Your friends left in such a rush, to "go tell the world" ...I think is how they put it. And what a thing they have to tell!

Excitement in her eyes.

You know, I had an angel visit me, too. It's true! That angel said that my boy would be great... "the Son of God," he said. The King of angels. The King of all.

Her eyes swell with a certain desperation as she thinks through something.

Do you think they'll understand? The people? Do you think that they'll...come? To worship him? Will they...accept him?

Carefully studying him

It's just...look around us. Not exactly a palace, is it? Noisy animals. Hay, of all things, for a bed. And that stench. For everything that he is...this isn't enough.

Beat

I find myself just watching him. Adoring him. I thought I knew what love was until he came along.

She looks down at the blanket in her hands.

My mother gave this blanket to me when I was just a little girl. "A gift of love," she called it. I've worn it out. When we were preparing for the trip to Bethlehem, I told Joseph I wanted to bring it. "No," he said, "we must pack light."

Wry smile

I brought it anyway. A baby needs a blanket.

She gently lays the blanket on the baby in the manger, mulling something over.

As she looks off in the distance, she slowly stands. She seems to know something that only a mother can know.

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PURCHASE

Yes, they will come. The faithful will come. How could they not? He was born the king of angels. He will be great and mighty. He is all this...and more.

With amazement

But when you go tell, my young friend, be sure and tell them that he is an incredible gift of love.

Lights fade.

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