

A script from



“Camp Sunrise: Jesus is the Light”

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What The kids at Camp Sunrise are taking an evening hike, but are finding it hard to find their way in the dark. This is a fun telling of the birth of Christ and how Jesus came to be our light in the dark!

Themes: Kids Ministry, VBS, Christmas, Jesus Birth

Who

Counselor Henry/Harriet	Shepherd 1
Marigold	Shepherd 2
Ivy	Shepherd 3
Dusty	Magi 1
Reed	Magi 2
Mary	Magi 3
Joseph	
Gabriel	

When Present and Bible times

Wear (Props) Kids and Counselor are dressed in clothes for camping.
Lantern
Manger
Doll for baby Jesus
Costumes for Bible characters- Mary, Joseph, Gabriel, Shepherds, Magi

Why Luke 2

How Campers and Counselor are on one side of the stage and the Bible characters are on the other. Actors playing Shepherds can also play the Magi with a quick costume change.

Time Approximately 5 minutes

Offstage the **Campers** are speaking.

Marigold: Ouch!

Dusty: Sorry.

Marigold: It's dark. I'm scared.

Ivy: Where's my flashlight? I can't find it anywhere!

Dusty: Ouch!

Ivy: Sorry.

Marigold: I can't see a thing! How are we ever going to find our way in this dark?

Ivy: Ouch!

Reed: Sorry.

Marigold: This is impossible! We're never going to be able to make it to the top of this mountain if we can't see how to get there.

Entering slowly as it is dark and they can't see well is **Ivy, Marigold, Dusty and Reed.**

Ivy: It's no wonder we keep bumping into each other.

Marigold: It's pitch black!

Ivy: We need some light and soon.

Dusty: Look over there!

Marigold: A light!

Reed: Finally!

Marigold: Let's go!

The **Campers** move with a little more confidence toward the light. The light is actually a lantern being held by the **Counselor** on stage.

Counselor: There you are!

Dusty: It was so dark. We couldn't see a thing!

Ivy: But then we saw your light.

Marigold: I don't know what we would have done if it weren't for your lantern.

Counselor: It's amazing how even the smallest light can make the biggest darkness seem a lot smaller.

Marigold: And a lot less scary.

Counselor: Being in the dark can be scary and lonely. It can be confusing, and it's easy to lose our way when we can't see where we're supposed to be going. Y'know, that reminds me of one very important story in the Bible.

Dusty: Which one?

Counselor: The story of Jesus' birth. Wanna hear it?

Campers: Yeah!

Counselor: Ok, have a seat and I'll tell it. The Bible says that before Jesus was born it was kind of like all the people in the world were walking around in darkness. Remember this story?

Enter **Mary**.

Ivy: Yeah, I remember. Mary was a young woman who was faithful to God. Mary pleased God. She was honest and faithful. Kind and strong.

Mary: *(Shyly)* Gee, thanks.

Marigold: Wasn't she engaged to be married?

Enter **Joseph**.

Counselor: Yep, to a great guy. His name was Joseph.

Joseph: *(Waving a little shyly too)* Hi.

Enter **Gabriel**.

Counselor: God sent an angel, named Gabriel to give Mary some pretty big news.

Gabriel: Mary, God thinks you are one pretty awesome chick, and it's his plan to send his one and only Son to the earth and he wants you to help out with that. Can you dig it?

Mary: Sure...if that's what God wants.

Gabriel: That's my girl! Ok, here's how this is gonna go down: you are going to have a baby. That baby is going to be God's Son, and you're gonna name him Jesus which means "God saves" because that's exactly what this little dude is gonna do! He's going to rescue His people out of all this darkness!

Mary: Wow. That sounds like one pretty great plan.

Gabriel: I know!

Gabriel, Joseph and Mary all high five one another and **Gabriel** exits. **Joseph** reaches off stage to pick up manger and places it center stage where he and **Mary** kneel down next to it.

Marigold: Wasn't Jesus born in a barn or a stable or something like that?

Counselor: Yep. When the time came for Jesus to be born Mary and Joseph were on a road trip and so were a lot of other people. That's why when they got to their destination, a little town called Bethlehem, all the rooms were taken and the only place available was a dirty smelly stable where animals were kept.

Reed: Jesus was born in a stinky stable?

Counselor: That's right.

Dusty: There wasn't a crib or anything, so they made one of the feeding troughs into his bed.

Marigold: If God is so big and great and powerful, why would he come down to earth like an itty bitty little baby and be born in a barn?

Counselor: That's a good question. Why don't we keep listening to the story and maybe we'll understand a little better why God decided to send Jesus into the world this way.

Enter **Shepherds** in the back of the auditorium/sanctuary. The sound of sheep baaaaing.

Counselor: While Jesus was laying all bundled up in manger in Bethlehem, nearby on a hill that dark night a bunch of poor shepherds were looking after their sheep.

The sound of sheep baaaaing again.

Counselor: They were just hanging out, watching over their flocks when suddenly...

Gabriel: Hey! Dudes! Guess what?! Just over the hill over there in Bethlehem, God's Son has just been born! God sent him as a gift to all people!

*The **Shepherds** look at one another a little alarmed and in disbelief.*

Gabriel: I'm totally serious! It's awesome! Go check it out! Hurry up! Go! Run! Faster!

*The **Shepherds** run to the stage and stop in amazement at seeing Jesus. The **Shepherds** bow down before the manger as **Mary** and **Joseph** stand by proudly and in awe.*

Counselor: God sent angels to invite these poor poor shepherds to come meet the Savior of the World, Jesus.

Marigold: Wow! Lucky them.

*The **Shepherds** stand up and start to leave. They speak to each other as they go.*

Shepherd 1: That...

Shepherd 2: ...was...

Shepherd 3: ...awesome.

*Exit **Shepherds**.*

Ivy: Why would God invite these poor shepherds to come see Jesus? They don't seem very big or important.

Counselor: Hmm. Well, think about who else came to see Jesus after his birth.

Reed: Who else came to see Jesus?

*Enter **Magi** in the back of the auditorium/sanctuary.*

Dusty: I remember! The Magi came to see Jesus too!

Marigold: Magi?

Dusty: Yeah! They were these wise men who lived far away. When Jesus was born, a bright star was shining high in the sky over the stable. The Magi saw the star and followed the light and found Jesus!

*Mary picks up Baby Jesus as **Joseph** moves the manger offstage. They stand center stage holding Jesus and cooing over him.*

Counselor: That's right! These Magi knew that this baby was pretty special. He was the Prince of Peace. The King of all Kings. The Savior of the World. So special that they brought very special and very expensive gifts to give to him.

*The **Magi** lay down their gifts for Jesus at **Mary** and **Joseph's** feet and bow as they do. Then move to exit.*

*The **Magi** speak to each other as they go.*

Magi 1: That...

Magi 2: ...was...

Magi 3: ...awesome.

*Exit **Magi**.*

Marigold: So Jesus was visited by some poor shepherds and then these spiffy wise guys?

Counselor: Yep.

Marigold: Those guys don't look at all like the shepherds.

Counselor: What do you mean?

Marigold: Well, the shepherds were really poor, right? Kinda dirty and smelly and just like regular folks.

Counselor: Yeah.

Marigold: But then these wise men, these Magi guys, they are all like rich and powerful looking and stuff like that.

Counselor: Yeah. So...?

Ivy: It's like God is saying that Jesus is for all people. The rich and the poor. The big and the small.

Marigold: *(Like an epiphany)* Yeah! That's it! God came like a little bitty baby when he could have come like a conquering king!

Dusty: He came for the poor!

Reed: He came for the rich!

Exit **Mary and Joseph**

Counselor: He came for all people. He came for you and me. And that means all the people who were walking in darkness can now see the light!

Marigold: That's good news!

Counselor: That's good news for everyone! And we should want to share that good news with everyone! Jesus came like a light in a dark place. He came to show us how to live by living the way God wants us to live our lives. Generously. Courageously. Joyfully and loving all people. And that's why we should share the story of Jesus' life with others with our words but even more so, with how we live our lives every day. We can be like a light in the darkness. Just like Jesus.

Ivy: Let's not leave anyone in the dark.

Marigold: *(Standing up, and with great exuberance)* Let's shout it from every mountaintop! Jesus is the light of the world!

They all laugh.

Counselor: *(Standing)* Hey! Let's start with this mountain. *(Holding up lantern)* Now that we all have light to see, we know which way we're going. Who's with me?

All: Ad lib. Me! I'm excited! Let's go! We can make it to the top!

Counselor: Campers ready?

The **Campers** line up.

Campers: Ready!

Counselor: *(Holding up lantern they all march in place)* Left! Left! Left Right Left!

All: Left! Left! Left Right Left! Left! Left! Left Right Left!

Counselor: *(Singing)* Go tell it on the mountain!

Campers: *(Singing)* Over the hills and everywhere!

Counselor: *(Singing)* Go tell it on the mountain...

All: *(Singing)* That Jesus Christ is born!

Marching and chanting/singing they exit.

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