

a script from

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"Gifts for the King"

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What Three camels journey to Bethlehem to meet the Messiah. They argue about whose wise man brought the best gift along the way. By the end, they realize that the greatest gift has already arrived– the promised Messiah.

Themes: Sacrifice, Joy, Christmas, Greatest Gift of All

Who

Sheep One	Camel One	Wiseman One	Donkey
Sheep Two	Camel Two	Wiseman Two	Mary
	Camel Three	Wiseman Three	

When Bethlehem at the time of Jesus' birth

Costumes Biblical for humans, Tan shirts for camel, Sheep ears for sheep, Gray shirt for Donkey. (Full animal costumes if desired.)

Props Gift of gold, gift of frankincense, and gift of myrrh.

Why Isaiah 9:6, Matthew 2

How Some suggested blocking for camels is to have them hunch over and swing their arms while they meander onto the stage and the wisemen follow, pantomiming

Time 5 minutes

Sheep One and Sheep Two enter and stand center stage as they narrate to the audience.

Sheep One: This is a story of a gift.

Sheep Two: A very great gift.

Sheep One: Perhaps the greatest of gifts.

Sheep Two: We know because we saw it with our own eyes.

Sheep One: How could I forget? Light was filling the sky.

Sheep Two: And the heavenly hosts singing like...

Sheep One: You don't have to sing for us.

Sheep Two: Thanks a lot. I'm not that *(mimicking a sheep's "baaa")*
baaaaaaad.

Sheep One: The words went something like this: Glory to God in the
highest...

Sheep Two: Peace on earth. Goodwill towards men on whom his favor
rests.

Sheep One: But we weren't the only ones who came to see the Messiah.

Sheep Two: We weren't?

Sheep One: No! There were some wise men who came from far away.

Sheep Two: Wise men? Isn't that a little prideful to call yourself a wise man?
I mean, what does that make the rest of us then?

Sheep One: No comment. As I was saying.... Eh, eh ehm... After Jesus' birth, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem. They asked, "Where is the child who has been born to be king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose. Now we have come to worship him."

Sheep Two: How exciting! I wish I could have been there on that journey. *(in a deep voice)* Oh, wise man, can you solve this riddle for me? Of course, my fellow wise friend. Wise things are what I do best.

Sheep One: *(sighs)* Well, lucky for you, they are coming this way now.

*Enter **Camel One**, **Camel Two**, and **Camel Three**, followed by **Wise Man One**, **Wise Man Two**, and **Wise Man Three**.*

*The **Camels** walk hunched over in a straight line, arms swinging in front, and the **Wise Men** stand tall behind them, pantomiming the reins in their hands.*

Sheep Two: Oh, goody! Can we listen in? Can we?! Can we?!

Sheep One: I suppose so... just please don't embarrass me...

***Camel One**, **Camel Two**, and **Camel Three** turn facing the audience, so we can see their faces.*

Camel One: No, no, no, no, I tell you! My wise man's gift is by far the greatest. There was never a more kingly present than gold.

Camel Two: Gold is so unoriginal. Please, that's what everyone gives these days.

Camel One: You guys are just jealous because your wise men brought perfumes.

Camel Three: Myrrh is not a perfume.

Camel Two: And if it was, you could sure use some!

Camel One: Hey!

Camel Three: I should know. Wheeeew-eeee!

Camel One: It's not like you smell any better.

Camel Two: We'll just have to let the king decide for himself then.

Camel Three: Fine.

Camel One: Fine.

*Camels drop down again, hunched over, so the **Wise Men** can be seen behind them.*

Wise Man One: Man, these camels sure are noisy! Are we there yet?

Wise Man Two: Maybe we should have stopped for directions to be sure.

Wise Man Three: There's nothing to question. We know the stars better than anyone else.

Wise Man One: I sure hope you're right.

Wise Man Two: I'm so ready to see the miracle that caused the star to shine so radiantly.

Wise Man Three: In all my life, I've never seen anything like it.

Wise Man Two: Nor have I...

Wise Man One: Could this be what the prophets spoke of?

Wise Man Two: The promised Messiah.

Wise Man Three: The King of kings.

Wise Man One: If so, it'll all be worth it.

Wise Man Two: Here we are. This has to be it.

Mary and Donkey appear from SR and walk forward.

Mary: Wow, you must have come a long way. Who are you looking for?

Wise Man One: We traveled from the East.

Wise Man Two: We followed the star.

Wise Man Three: We are in search of the Messiah.

Wise Man One: And we come bearing presents for the special child!

Mary: Well, you've

Wise Man One: I brought Him gold.

Wise Man Two: brought Him frankincense.

Wise Man Three: I've dreamed of this moment my entire life (*about to break into tears*) I brought Him myrrh.

Mary: These gifts are so extravagant. They are fit for a king!

Wise Man One: We hoped they would be.

Mary: Would you like to meet him?

Wise Man One: Wow, I can't believe this moment has finally come!

Wise Man Two: All these miles, and it's so worth it!

Wise Man Three: I've dreamed of this moment my entire life (*about to break into tears*).

Mary: He is a gift not just for us, but for the whole world. Come and see for yourselves.

*Mary gestures for the **Wise Men** to follow, and they exit SR to go see the Messiah. Meanwhile, the **donkey** approaches the **camels** as they eagerly look, trying to get a good look at the king.*

Camel One: Could it be...?

Donkey: Why, yes, it is.

Camel Two: But He's just a child. Wait, who are you?

Donkey: I'm the donkey Mary and Joseph took to Bethlehem. And the child is the one the prophet Isaiah spoke of when he said: For to us a child is born, to us a son is given...

Camel Three: So He's the one we've brought these presents for?

Donkey: Yes, and they are wonderful gifts, but the greatest gift is already here.

Camel Two: Did someone beat us to Bethlehem? Man, I knew we should have taken that shortcut.

Donkey: No, you see it's *Him*. He brings hope, peace, joy, and love for the world. God gave us a Savior, his Son, the King of kings. He is the one you have traveled to see. The child is the Son of God.

Camel Three: That makes our gifts feel a little less significant.

Donkey: They are beautiful gifts, but not because they are expensive.

Camel Two: Who doesn't want an expensive gift?!

Donkey: They are special because they point to who He will be... a king who will make a great sacrifice. The frankincense and myrrh are a symbol of that.

Camel One: So you think He will like our gifts?

Donkey: I think He loves the cheerful hearts that bring them.

***Sheep One** and **Sheep Two** move forward from their spots to address the audience one last time. As the **Sheep** move, **Mary** and the **Wise Men** reenter on stage.*

Sheep One: So, the wise men saw the Messiah, too.

Sheep Two: And though their gifts were pretty cool.

Sheep One: No gift could compare to the greatest gift of all.

Mary: For to us a child is born, and to us a son is given...

Wise Man One: And the government will be on His shoulders...

Wise Man Two: And He will be called Wonderful Counselor...

Wise Man Three: Mighty God...

Camel One: Everlasting Father...

Camel Two: Prince of Peace...

Camel Three: And of the greatness of his government and peace...

All: There will be no end!

Sheep Two: This is such good news! Wise men and shepherds! You know what this moment could really use?

Sheep One: Please, no more singing. Let's stick to storytelling and leave that part to the angels.

Sheep Two: Awww, okay...

Sheep One: Well, everyone, this may seem like it's the end, but we know...

Sheep Two: This is just the beginning!!

Lights out.

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