

A script from



“Stable Relationships: The Innkeeper and His Wife”

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- What** Mary and Joseph arrive in Bethlehem. They have exhausted all possibilities for lodging and are knocking at the door of the last inn.
Themes: Christmas, Mary and Joseph, Birth of Jesus, Chosen, God's Will, God's Plan, Nativity, Stable
- Who** Mary
Joseph
Innkeeper
Innkeeper's Wife
Extras
- When** Bible Times
- Wear (Props)** Biblical Attire
The room is small yet filled with people. Contains a table and chairs, people eating, mats and people sitting and lying on the floor.
- Why** Luke 2:1-20
- How** Go as big or as simple with this set as you want. The extras should keep their "noise" and actions low so as not to distract from the dialogue, but there should be a feeling of busyness and activity in the room. Mary and Joseph are tired and stressed, so the actors should give that feeling when they enter.
- Time** Approximately 3-5 Minutes

*The scene opens in the home of the **Innkeeper**. He and his **Wife** are busily getting linens and food together and taking care of the needs of the people who are there to lodge. There is a knock at the door. The **Innkeeper** looks at his **Wife** who shoots him a look which says-NO ROOM! He lets out a sigh as he opens the door.*

Joseph: Shalom- *(he barely gets this out when the **Innkeeper** interrupts him)*

Innkeeper: I'm sorry, but we have no more room.

Joseph: Sir, please. We've been to every inn, home and cave.

Innkeeper: I'm sorry, really, but we have no more space.

Joseph: My wife, Mary, is due to deliver our first born son. Please, will you help us?

Innkeeper: *(Lets out a huge sigh and runs his hand through his hair, he looks back at his **Wife** who is too busy with guest to notice what he is about to do)* Look, we are more than full and my wife will kill me if I take in any more guest. I just...*(he looks at **Mary** who is looking down at her huge belly and lovingly give it a rub)* I can't. *(Pauses and looks around at all the people and is clearly trying to figure something out)* I tell you what...it isn't much...but you can stay in our stable...if you want.

Joseph: We'll take it! Thank you. May God bless you tenfold.

Innkeeper: It's around back. Help yourself to anything you can find for bedding or food.

Joseph: Thank you. May God bless you and your household for having mercy on us this day.

***Innkeeper** closes the door, stands facing the closed door with his head down. His **Wife** approaches him and rubs his back.*

Wife: I know it's hard to turn people away, Joatham. We already have more people in here than we are suppose to as it is.

Innkeeper: They are a young couple. The wife is about to deliver their first child, a son, and I just couldn't turn them away.

Wife: What?! Joatham!

Innkeeper: They are staying in the stable. You won't even know they're here. Cassia, I think we're suppose to help them.

***Wife** walks away, **Innkeeper** starts to walk behind her. Stops and looks back at the door then goes to help his **Wife**.*