

A script from



## **“Stable Relationships: Shepherds”**

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- What** Shepherds are watching over their flocks of sheep minding their own business when an angel appears to share the Good News of Christ's birth!  
**Themes:** Birth of Jesus, Chosen, God's Will, God's plan, Shepherds
- Who** Shepherd 1  
Shepherd 2  
Shepherd 3 (non-speaking)  
Jael  
Gabriel  
Heavenly Host (recorded voices or small group of people)
- When** Biblical times
- Wear  
(Props)** Biblical attire  
This takes place in a field with sheep, however, this can all be inferred. Sound effects can also be used to indicate evening in a field (i.e. crickets, stream rushing, etc.).
- Why** Luke 2:1-20
- How** It's possible to use more shepherds that won't have speaking parts. Also, as the Shepherds and Jael leave (see the end of the script), an idea is to have them run down the aisle out of the back of the church. You can use a spotlight from the back to indicate the heavenly host. Also, Gabriel's lines can be delivered offstage or from your sound booth in the back. The Shepherds would simply look out into the audience where Gabriel would be.
- Go as big or as small with the appearance of the angels as you want.
- Time** Approximately 3-5 Minutes

*Shepherds walk onto the scene while delivering the first line.*

**Shepherd 1:** Let's bed down here for the night. This stream will provide ample water for the flock and for us.

**Shepherd 2:** I'll take the north perimeter. *(Pointing to Shepherd 3)* You take the east and... *(pauses noticing Jael is looking at the night sky)* Jael!

*Shepherd 1 starts walking toward Jael while Shepherd 2 delivers his previous line.*

**Shepherd 2:** Jael, are you taking up star gazing?

**Shepherd 1:** *(Punching him in the arm)* Yeah, are the sheep boring you?

*Shepherd 1 and 2 and 3 all laugh.*

**Jael:** Something's happening. Don't you feel it? Look at the sheep, they are lowing as though something is coming. Maybe a storm.

**Shepherd 2:** *(Looking around, surveying the surroundings. Hands outstretched indicating "look")* Nothing is coming. You're paranoid! Look, no clouds. Even the stars mock you.

**Shepherd 1:** Jael the astrologer.

**Shepherd 2:** More like Jael the day dreamer.

**Jael:** *(Sighs)* Maybe your right.

**Shepherd 2:** *(Piously)* Maybe? Maybe I'm right?

*A bright light starts shining from the back of the auditorium as Gabriel appears. The Shepherds are shielding their eyes.*

**Shepherd 2:** What? *(Turns and looks toward the light)*

**Shepherd 1:** What is that? *(Also looking toward the light. Shields eyes as intensity increased)*

*Jael immediately bows. As they realize it is an angel of the Lord, they fall to the ground and are visibly terrified.*

**Gabriel:** Don't be afraid. I bring you glad tidings of great joy which will be for all people. For unto you, this day, in the city of David, a Savior has been born.

*As they start to look up, a more intense light shines to indicate a heavenly host.*

**Heavenly Host:** Glory to God in the Highest and on earth, peace and good will toward men.

*Light fades quickly and the **Shepherds** slowly stand and look around befuddled. **Jael** is gathering his items quickly.*

**Shepherd 1:** *(To **Shepherd 2**)* A Savior? What did he mean Savior?

**Shepherd 2:** *(To **Shepherd 1**)* Saved from what? *(To **Jael**)* Where are you going?

**Jael:** Bethlehem!

*Other **Shepherds** look at **Jael** for a moment, then each other, then grab their stuff and follow him.*

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