

A script from



## **“Stable Relationships: Joseph and Mary”**

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**What** Mary and Joseph discuss the reality of being chosen to be the parents of the Messiah. **Themes:** Mary and Joseph, Birth of Jesus, Chosen, God's Will, God's Plan, Nativity

**Who** Mary  
Joseph  
Two Shepherds  
Baby Jesus (doll preferably)

**When** Biblical Times

**Wear  
(Props)** Biblical Attire  
Stable setting/backdrop  
Manger

**Why** Luke 2:1-20

**How** Mary and Joseph discuss being chosen to be the parents to baby Jesus. They question whether they were part of God's plan from the beginning or whether it was coincidence. The Shepherd arrival marks the beginning of sharing the Messiah with the world.

Their tone should be soft and pensive as they try to understand the reality of their calling and speak candidly about their hesitations.

**Time** Approximately 3-5 Minutes

*Joseph and Mary peer down at baby Jesus who is in Mary's arms.*

**Mary:** I've had nine months to prepare for this moment but it still seems so unreal.

**Joseph:** I know. I still struggle to make sense of it all... *(pauses, looks at Mary)* sometimes.

**Mary:** *(Looking at Joseph)* I know it's been rough, Joseph. Having a pregnant wife. Everyone knowing the baby isn't...that's why God chose you.

*While Joseph delivers his next lines, Mary places Jesus in the manger.*

**Joseph:** *(Gets up, takes a few steps, his back is to manger and Mary)* I just had the right ancestors. If I were from a different lineage than David then I wouldn't have been considered and someone else would get to be your husband and earthly father to the Messiah.

**Mary:** *(Approaching Joseph)* It's not every man that would be faithful to God's purpose like you have. I can name ten men who would have had me publicly stoned without so much as a thought. But you...you are a faithful, God fearing, righteous man.

**Joseph:** *(Sigh)* Maybe. If it weren't for the angel though, I'm not so sure I would have done the right thing. *(Walking over to the manger.)*

**Mary:** *(Walking to the front of the stage)* Yeah, tell me about it. He spoke with such...

**Both:** *(Both kind of staring out in the distance and simultaneously say)* Power. *(Look at each other)*

*Joseph looks back at Jesus and walks to the manger.*

**Mary:** *(Lovingly watches Joseph with Jesus. After about five seconds of silence, she's looking down)* He called me highly favored. I didn't feel highly favored. *(Looking around)* I feel even less favored now. *(Pause while she joins Joseph at the manger)* Joseph, do you think God knew all along that you and I would get married? Were we part of His plan from the beginning or did we just happen to be from the right family and to still be...well...pure.

**Joseph:** *(Looking at Jesus. Say with assurance)* I think He knew.

**Mary:** Yeah. I think you're right. Welcome to the world baby Jesus.

*Skit can end here or you can continue.*

**Joseph:** Did you hear that? There is someone outside. (*Joseph goes to the door/entrance and calls out*). Can I help you?

**Shep 1:** Is this where we can find the New King? The Messiah?

**Joseph:** (*Turns to Mary*) Mary, we have visitors.

**Mary:** Welcome. But, how did you know?

**Shep 1:** (*Looking at each other as though they are afraid to say*) An angel appeared to us while we were in the field with our flock.

**M&J:** (*Looking at each other. Simultaneously*) Gabriel. (*Smile at each other and looks at Jesus*).

**Shep 2:** (*As he tells this part his voice increases with intensity and excitement*) It wasn't just the one. When he finished telling us about the Messiah, wrapped in swaddling clothes and placed in the manger. (*Looking out into the distance gesturing to the sky with one hand raised in the air*) Suddenly, there was a multitude of heavenly host praising God and saying, (*both hands in the air*) "Glory to God in the Highest and on earth, peace good will toward men." It was...

**All:** Powerful.