

A script from



“Stirring Up The Animals”

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What It's late at night in the barn and the animals are all excited! A baby was born and they were there to greet the newborn King. This script is perfect for your Christmas Eve service or for a Children's Sermon.

Themes: Christmas, Manger, Jesus' Birth, Children, Puppets

Who Innkeeper
Donkey
Sheep
Pig
Cow

When Bible Times

Wear Bible costume for Innkeeper
(Props) You can go as big or as small with animal costumes and a set as you'd like- get creative! Some ideas are using bales of hay, a short wooden fence to look like a pen, plus a manger or a trough. You could also use barnyard sounds in the background, whatever you can do to create an environment.

Another idea would be to use puppets. Each of these animals is easy to find at a toy store or wherever puppets are sold.

Why Luke 2:6-7, Isaiah 11:1-2

How Each actor should find a voice for their animal and take on as many characteristics as they can of that animal. If you have the kids come down to the front for the children's sermon, then be prepared for anything!

Time Approximately 4-6 minutes

Manger scene with Cow, Donkey, Pig and Sheep making noises occasionally as the Innkeeper speaks.

Innkeeper: *(Enters)* What's all the noise out here? How can anybody sleep with all of this racket *(sees children in audience)*...well who are you? What are you doing here at my stable? Are you lost?

Well, if you need a place to spend the night, you're out of luck. I gave the last little spot I had to a guy from Nazareth named Joseph and his wife, Mary. I was going to send them on their way too, but they looked tired and she was very much, uh, with child, if you know what I mean.

After all I did for them, she went and had the baby during the night. Yep, born right there in the middle of my stable! Stirred up all the animals!

So, guess who has been up all night? Right...me! Hot water please! More towels please! Another blanket please! What do they think this is...the Hilton?

Well, I better check on the other guests. They keep complaining about it being so bright from the starlight coming through their windows...like I can do anything about that!

Remember, once you rest a little...be on your way. I have no room for anyone else to stay here tonight! *(He leaves.)*

Donkey: Hey kids...don't mind him. He's not as tough as he sounds. He's just a big old "softy" down deep. He's right about one thing though...this has been a special night!

Sheep: You can say that again!

Donkey: Okay! This has been a special night!

Sheep: Very funny! *(To kids)* You see, this stable is our home, and we were all getting settled down to go to sleep for the night.

Pig: Not me. I was having my midnight snack.

Sheep: Well, we were supposed to be going to sleep. We heard some stirring around at the door and saw this man and woman enter the stable. He was gently helping her, because she was getting ready to have a baby.

Donkey: She looked like she was ready to pop!

Sheep: She did look very uncomfortable. The man tried to fix her a bed on the straw.

Cow: He came right in beside me and took up the whole stall!

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ENDING:

Donkey: Somehow, I think the night is just getting started! Oh well, I'll try to go to sleep.

ENDING 1: *(To audience)* Thanks for coming to visit us! Bye!

ENDING 2: *(To kids if they came forward for the drama)* Okay kids, you better go back and sit with your families before the Innkeeper comes back. Thanks for coming to visit us! Bye!

Animals make sounds as they quiet down for the night. Lights fade.