

A script from



## **“The Birth of Christ: Responsive Reading”**

by  
Eddie James

- What** From Luke 2, the story of Christ is read with verses of praise in between. This reading gives your congregation a chance to actively participate in your Christmas worship service. Themes: Christmas, Jesus, Praise, Worship
- Who** 1-2 readers/actors
- When** For Christmas
- Wear (Props)** None
- Why** Luke 2
- How** A responsive reading allows you to have as little or as much display as you want. For instance, you might have a manger scene set up with Mary and Joseph. You could use power point or play music in the background. It is also possible to divide up the dialogue to use more people.
- Time** Approximately 3-5 minutes

**Actor 1:** (1) In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. (3) And everyone went to his own town to register. (4) So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David.

**All/Actor 2:** The LORD is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation. He is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will exalt him. (*Exodus 15: 1-3*)

**Actor 1:** (5) He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. (6) While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, (7) and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

**All/Actor 2:** He is our praise; he is our God, who performed for us those great and awesome wonders we saw with our own eyes. (*Deuteronomy 10:20-22*)

**Actor 1:** (8) And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. (9) An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. (10) But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. (11) Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. (12) This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

*To read the rest of this script and perform it, download the full version at [SkitGuys.com!](http://SkitGuys.com)*

**ENDING:**

**All/Actor 2:** Because of God's tender mercy, the morning light from heaven is about to break upon us. (*Luke 1:78*)

**Actor 1:** To give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death (*Luke 1:79a*)

**All/Actor 2:** and to guide us to the path of peace. (*Luke 1:79b*)

*The End.*