

## **“The Big Announcement”**

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**What** This fun Christmas pageant-type scene presents the story of Jesus' birth from the animals' point of view. All actors are kids except for the “Pageant Director.”

**Themes:** Christmas, Pageant, Kids, Children, Teens, Comedy

**Who** Sherman– a sheep who is confident and a little snarky  
Donna- a donkey who is sweet and likes attention  
Casey- dressed as a candle but supposed to be a camel  
Angel- impatient, sarcastic  
Pageant **Director**- adult  
Mary

**When** Sometime after Jesus is born

**Wear  
(Props)** Sheep costume  
Donkey costume  
Candle costume (i.e. Lumiere from Beauty and the Beast)  
Angel costume  
Bible costume for Mary  
Headset and clipboard for Pageant Director  
Wooden box or stepstool for Angel  
Wooden box or small stool for Mary  
Large medal,  
SFX Note – Harp music

**Why** Luke 2:26-38

**How** Be sure to give your kids plenty of time to practice in the space they'll be performing in, so they'll be comfortable with entrances and exits.

**Time** Approximately 5 minutes

*Kids enter and take their places. Sherman, Donna and Casey address the audience.*

**Sherman:** A long, long time ago on a very special night.

**Donna:** There was a girl named Mary who was visited by an angel named Gabriel.

**Casey:** *(french accent)* You probably zink you know what story we're about to tell. But zis story comes way before zat story.

**Donna:** Yeah...about 9 months before.

**Sherman:** This is the true story of how Mary found out she was going to have Jesus.

**Donna:** And we know it's true—

**All:** Because we were there!

**Sherman:** I'm Sherman and I've known Mary ever since I was a little baby lamb. They even wrote a song about us! It's all the rage when you first learn to play the piano.

**Donna:** I'm Donna. Mary's family bought me to help take their goods to market. They needed a strong pack animal.

**Sherman:** You mean a stubborn one!

*Sherman and Casey high five.*

**Casey:** *(aside to audience)* Sometimes when Donna is being especially stubborn, we call her the OTHER name for a donkey... *(pause)*...a mule!

**Sherman:** Yeah, we do! *(another high five)*

**Casey:** I'm Casey and I'm zee candle!

*Other kids look at him. Director enters and crosses to Casey.*

**Director:** Casey, can you come here for a second? *(pulls her aside)* You're supposed to be Casey the Camel. Why are you dressed like this?

**Casey:** *(no accent)* I told my mom I was supposed to be a camel. But she thought I said candle!

**Director:** *(getting it)* So she dressed you like Lumiere from Beauty and the Beast. *(sigh)*

**Casey:** I tried to tell her, but she just kept saying how adorable I was.

**Director:** *(sigh)* OK, well, I guess they had candles back then.  
*Casey gets back to her place.*

**Donna:** So sit back and enjoy our story.

**Casey:** We want you to... "be our guest"! *(sings this last part and starts dancing)*

**Sherman,** *head in hands like "oh brother".*

**Sherman:** It started out like any other day. Mary was busy making wedding plans.

**Donna:** When suddenly an angel appeared!

*SFX Harp*

**Angel:** Greetings! Favored one. The Lord is with you!

**Mary:** *(scared, screams)* Who are you? You look like an angel, but my people haven't heard from God in hundreds of years! What's happening?

**Angel:** Don't be afraid. I am an angel and God has a message for you. You have been chosen!

*Mary looks around.*

**Mary:** Me?

**Angel:** Yes, Mary, you have been chosen to give birth to God's son!

**Mary:** Whoa! Are you sure you're at the right house?

**Angel:** Oh yes. I'm sure I have it right this time.

**Mary:** This time?

**Angel:** Well...I...um...I mixed up 2 numbers on your address and let's just say...I...really freaked out the old lady up the street!

*Pause*

**Mary:** You told Mrs. Goldstein that she's having God's son?! She's like a hundred!

**Angel:** Yeah...she said the same thing. But I'm sure I have it right this time.

**Donna:** You would think God would have sent an angel with a better GPS!

**Sherman:** Mary's people hadn't heard from God in a long time, but that was about to change!

**Casey:** *(with Lumiere accent)* What if she is zee one? Zee one who will break zee spell? We'll be human again!!

*Pause*

**Sherman:** Calm down, Casey. We don't become human in this story.

**Donna:** Anyway, then the angel said...

**Angel:** And you will call his name...

**Mary:** *(excited)* God's going to tell me what to name him?!

**Angel:** Yes...as I was saying...you shall call his name Jesus!

**Mary:** *(disappointed)* Jesus? Really? Is there any wiggle room on that?

**Angel:** No.

**Mary:** Because I've always loved the name Toby.

*Pause*

**Angel:** No...you can't name him Toby.

**Mary:** Don't you think he'll get teased with a name like Jesus?

**Angel:** He won't get teased.

**Mary:** Can we nickname him...maybe we call him Jeez for short?

*Pause*

**Angel:** That's a hard no.

**Sherman:** Mary wasn't trying to be high maintenance. It was just overwhelming.

**Casey:** She was in zee middle of wedding plans and now all of a sudden, she has to make zee baby plans.

**Donna:** Now her Pinterest board isn't even relevant!

**Sherman:** That's when things got really confusing.

**Mary:** OK, so I will name him Jesus.

**Angel:** Yes! And Jesus will be Immanuel!

**Casey:** Wait, wait, wait. Stop. Time out. *(to Angel)* I thought you just said he would be named Jesus.

**Angel:** Yes, Jesus.

**Sherman:** Then why did you say Immanuel?

**Casey:** How do you even spell zat?

**Mary:** Good question. I don't know how to spell that!

**Donna:** I know! *(steps forward)* Immanuel. I-M-M-

**Sherman:** *(pulling her back)* We get it, Donna. You won the Nazareth spelling bee.

**Donna:** *(while pulling a huge medal out from under her costume that's been around her neck the whole time)* Yes!! Did! 3 years in a row!

**Casey:** Wow. Zat's zee biggest medal I've ever seen!

**Mary:** Oh, I get it. Immanuel is Jesus' middle name.

**Angel:** *(trying to get back order but very frustrated)* No! Look, his name is Jesus, but he's also Immanuel because that means "God with us!" That's all I know! This wasn't supposed to be so complicated!

**Mary:** *(uncertain)* Okaaaay...

**Angel:** *(totally deflated)* So, anyway...surprise! You're pregnant.

*Pause*

**Mary:** Already?

**Casey:** Is zat how it works with zee humans??

*Other animals look at each other and shrug.*

**Mary:** But I'm not even married yet!

**Angel:** Don't worry. God will take care of that!

**Sherman:** God told Joseph in a dream that Mary would give birth to God's son.

**Donna:** And Joseph and Mary believed what God told them.

*Actors step forward to make a curtain call line.*

**Mary:** We got married, and shortly after that Jesus was born!

**Angel:** Just like God said.

**Casey:** Zee End! *(music outro and bows)*