

## “The Christmas Nativity”

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**What** This script is perfect for young children to perform a short Christmas play. Simply telling the story of Christ’s birth as outlined in the Gospels, this requires little to no practice. This script would also work for a Sunday school class or a short children’s sermon.

**Themes:** Christmas, Jesus’ birth, Hope, Ensemble, Children’s script

<b>Who</b>	Narrator 1	Innkeeper 2
	Narrator 2	Innkeeper 3
	Narrator 3	Shepherds
	Mary	Wise Man 1
	Angel	Wise Man 2
	Joseph	Wise Man 3
	Innkeeper 1	

**When** Bible times during the birth of Jesus

**Wear (Props)** Be creative! This can be done with no props OR with lots of props. Here are some prop ideas:  
Staves for the Shepherds  
Halo for the Angel  
Presents for the Wise Men  
Manger  
Baby doll to play Jesus.

**Why** Luke 2

**How** This script is intentionally simple; feel free to make adjustments and make it work for your family.

\*See ideas for how to perform this script on the last page.

**Time** Approximately 2-3 minutes (more with music)

*Narrator 1, 2, 3 stand on the right side of the stage.*

**Narrator 1:** A long time ago, in the town of Nazareth there lived a young girl named, Mary.

*Mary enters centerstage.*

**Narrator 2:** One evening an Angel appeared to Mary and said,

*Angel enters and stands next to Mary. When the Angel enters, Mary kneels down, afraid.*

**Angel:** Do not be afraid.

**Narrator 3:** The Angel had been sent by God to tell Mary,

**Angel:** You are going to have a baby.

**Narrator 1:** This baby would be the Messiah, the Son of God, sent to save the world.

**Angel:** You are to name him, Jesus.

**Narrator 2:** Mary answered the angel,

**Mary:** I am the Lord's servant.

*Angel exits.*

*Mary stands centerstage. Joseph enters and stands beside her.*

**Narrator 3:** During that time, Caesar declared that a census should be taken.

**Narrator 1:** So, Joseph told his wife Mary,

**Joseph:** We have to go to Bethlehem, because I'm part of David's family.

**Narrator 2:** It was almost time for Mary to have her baby, but there was no room for them in the inn.

*Innkeeper 1, 2, 3 enter and stand towards the back of the stage.*

*Mary and Joseph go to the Innkeeper 1 and pretend to knock on the door. Innkeeper 1 pretends to answer the door.*

**Innkeeper 1:** We're full.

*Mary and Joseph go to the Innkeeper 2 and pretend to knock on the door. Innkeeper 2 pretends to answer the door.*

**Innkeeper 2:** Nope.

*Mary and Joseph go to the Innkeeper 3 and pretend to knock on the door. Innkeeper 3 pretends to answer the door.*

**Innkeeper 3:** Sorry.

*Innkeeper 1, 2, 3 exit.*

*Stage Crew brings on a manger centerstage.*

*Mary and Joseph go to centerstage and stand next to the manger.*

**Narrator 3:** Mary and Joseph had the baby in a stable and laid him in a manger.

*SING "AWAY IN A MANGER"*

*Shepherds enter in front of the stage.*

**Narrator 1:** That same night there were shepherds in a nearby field watching over their sheep.

*Angel enters and stands on the stage, looking directly at the Shepherds.*

**Narrator 2:** The angel of the Lord appeared to them.

**Angel:** Do not be afraid. Tonight, a baby is born. He is the Messiah.

*SING "ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH"*

**Narrator 3:** As soon as the angel left, the shepherds hurried to the stable to find the baby.

**Shepherds:** Let's go find him!

*Shepherds go on stage and kneel next to the manger.*

**Narrator 1:** God had put a bright star in the sky to proclaim the birth of his son.

**Narrator 2:** Wise Men in the East saw the star and followed it.

**Narrator 3:** They found the baby and presented him with gifts.

*SING "WE THREE KINGS"*

*The Wise Men enter during the song and stand centerstage near the manger.*

*When the song is finished the Wise Men each say their line. As they say their line, they kneel and put their gift near the manger.*

Wiseman 1: Gold.

Wiseman 2: Frankincense.

Wiseman 3: Myrrh.

*All characters freeze.*

Narrator 1: The night that Jesus came into the world,

Narrator 2: Was the night that hope was born,

Narrator 3: And Christmas began.

*SING "JOY TO THE WORLD"*

*All characters come to centerstage and take a bow.*

*The End*

### **Performance Suggestions:**

The 'stage' should simply be a designated performing space.

The carols are an optional way to make this skit a musical. Feel free to add piano or guitar. The songs can be sung by all characters or sung by a choir offstage. (Or ask the audience to sing with you!) However, the carols are not pivotal to the script, and the skit can easily be performed without them.

Narrators can hold their scripts. All characters can hold their scripts if necessary.

There can be multiple shepherds. This is a great role for toddlers who want to be included.

If needed, there can be one narrator instead of three.

If you don't have a manger, just have Mary and Joseph stand centerstage.

If you don't have presents for the Wise Men, just have them kneel as they say their lines.