

“The Miracle of Christmas: God’s Provision”

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- What** As Joseph searches for work after settling in Egypt, he reflects on the ways God provided for him and Mary as they fled Nazareth.
Themes: Monologue, Provision, Trust, Joseph, Christmas, Protection, Thankfulness
- Who** Joseph
- When** This monologue is set after Mary and Joseph have safely fled Bethlehem for Egypt to escape Herod’s anger.
- Wear (Props)** Joseph can be dressed in traditional biblical costume or in casual work clothes. If you use casual work clothes, Joseph can be wearing a hat.
Props: A hammer and small toolbox.
- Why** Matthew 2; Luke 2
- How** It’s been a week since Mary, Joseph, and the child Jesus have arrived in Egypt. Joseph is going door-to-door, desperately seeking work. He nervously addresses a potential customer but is turned away. Be sure to pause when needed to wait for the “customer’s” responses throughout this monologue. Joseph’s prayer should also be conversational, but reverent.
- Time** Approximately 3 minutes

Lights up. Joseph stands center stage, facing stage left. He's holding a hammer and tool box.

He casually knocks on the "door." Pause. Joseph tips his hat and smiles when the door opens.

Joseph: Oh, hi there sir, hi! Thank you for opening your door to me this early. I hope I didn't wake you. If I could just take a moment of your time, sir... My name is Joseph, and *(holds up toolbox)* well, as you can see, I work with my hands. Carpentry work, mostly.

Pause as the potential customer dismisses Joseph right off the bat.

Oh! *(Beat)* Oh really! *(Beat)* On Pyramid View Boulevard! *(Beat)* I... I understand, sir. Yes, I'm sure he's a great carpenter....

Pause.

And your family's been using their services for three generations now? Wow! That's... *(beat)* No, that's great. Customer loyalty, that's great!

Pause.

No sir, I would never try to steal someone else's business! You see, my wife and I are new in town and I'm just trying to find....

Pause. Joseph sighs.

Yes, thank you. Have a nice...

Joseph steps back as the customer slams the door in his face.

...day.

He turns away, looking downcast. Sits down on the edge of the stage and begins to pray.

God, I could really use some fatherly advice. *(Sighs)* You've given Mary and me such a wonderful gift in Jesus, and I'm trying to provide for my family... but it's been a week since we arrived here in Egypt and I can't find work anywhere!

I know You have a plan. You've been so faithful to provide for us every step of the way. When they announced the census and I realized we would have to make the trip to Bethlehem before it was Mary's time, I was so afraid! I tried to be brave for her, but I felt so... unprepared! Unprepared and unqualified to be a good husband, a good Father... let alone Father to the promised Messiah!

PURCHASE

But You were with us. You kept us safe on the road, and when I couldn't find a place for us to stay that night, you made a way.

He chuckles.

SCRIPT

The Son of God, born in a stable. I have to admit it—I didn't see that one coming. But Mary and the baby did fine. You answered my prayers to keep them safe. You even sent your messenger to warn me about Herod, and now here we are! I'm still relying on You to provide...one day at a time.

Thank you, God, for providing everything we need. Mold me into the husband and father You want me to be. I trust You and I love You. Amen.

Lights Out.

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