

A script from



“What a Star!”

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What Friends gather to gaze at the brilliant star, not realizing they're completely missing the purpose of the star in the first place.

Themes: Reason for the Season, Manger, Nativity, Worship

Who Benjie
Josh
Liz
Shepherd 1
Shepherd 2

When Present

Wear 3 lawn chairs
(Props) Basket filled with egg nog and fruitcake
Benjie, Josh, and Liz are dressed in modern casual clothes
Shepherds are dressed in biblical robes
Simple nativity scene

Why Luke 2

How The manger can be a simple nativity scene. You could also use live characters of Mary, Joseph and baby. All characters and action in the sketch should have their backs to the nativity scene and never notice it. Be creative with lighting if possible.

Time Approximately 4 minutes

Benjie and Josh enter with lawn chairs and set up to look at bright star in the sky.

Benjie: Hey Josh, I think this will be a great spot.

Josh: *(Positioning chair)* Yes, it should work fine.

Benjie: Don't get too close to the entrance to that inn. You know how busy it has been in Bethlehem tonight. Folks might block your view!

Josh: Good idea, Benjie. *(Moves chair a little closer to nativity, but still has back to it)* That should do it. I'll be able to see the main event now with no problem!

They are seated and always focus on star.

Benjie: I can't believe we have an opportunity like this.

Josh: Yep, it's a once in a lifetime chance.

Benjie: You certainly don't want to miss something as special as this.

Josh: What a star!!!

Benjie: And not just any star. It's the brightest one that's ever been in the sky!

Josh: You really think so?

Benjie: That's what everyone is saying. I know I've never seen anything like it before.

Liz enters with chair and basket.

Liz: Hey guys, did I miss anything?

Josh: No, you are good. The star is still as bright as ever! Let me help you *(sets up her chair, back to nativity)*.

Liz: Thanks. *(Sits down and begins to open basket)* This is some celebration!

Benjie: Liz, I'm so glad you made it.

Liz: I wouldn't have missed this experience for anything. *(Passes out things from her basket)* Here, I brought some fruitcake and egg nog.

Josh: My favorites!

Benjie: What a party! Liz, this is great.

Liz: *(Looking up)* Nothing less for such a beautiful star!

Josh: You know, I think it's getting brighter!

Benjie: You're right. It's almost hard to see clearly.

Liz: Never fear. Liz is here. *(Reaches into basket)* Sunglasses for everyone!

They all put on sunglasses.

Benjie: Great. Now we really won't miss anything!

Josh: Hey Benjie, do you think the star has moved any since we got here?

Benjie: No, it seems to just be staying in one place. . . right over us!

Josh: Why do you think it's so still?

Liz: I don't know, but it makes it perfect for us to see.

Shepherds 1 and 2 run in and stand between Josh, Benjie and Liz and the star.

Shepherds: *(Out of breath and excited)* Where's the baby?

Benjie: *(Upset)* What are you doing?

Liz: You're blocking our view of the star.

Shepherd 2: We're looking for the baby!

Josh: There's no baby around here.

Benjie: You need to move. We can't see the beautiful star with you in the way.

Shepherd 2: Sorry, but an angel told us to follow the star and we would find the baby that would change the world!

Josh: You saw an angel? *(Looks at Benjie and Liz and makes "crazy sign" and replies sarcastically)* Sure, sure. I bet you did see an angel.

Liz: *(Winces)* Where did you come from? You smell!

Shepherd 2: We came straight from the fields where we were watching our sheep.

Shepherd 2: The angel said for us to come quickly and worship this baby.

Benjie: Well, I don't know where any baby is, but I do know there are some sheep in the stable beside this inn. Why don't you go and watch them? Maybe another angel will come and tell you where to go next! *(Laughs)*

Liz: Yes, move on so we can get back to our celebration.

Shepherds move on and go to nativity scene where they immediately kneel to worship baby. Josh, Benjie and Liz don't notice, but go back to star gazing.

Josh: Can you believe those guys?

Benjie: Crazy! I think they've been out in the field too long!

Liz: Well, no more interruptions. Let's get back to our great evening.

Josh: Yes, we don't want to miss another moment of such a fantastic event!

Liz: More egg nog?

Josh: Thanks.

They all look up again.

Benjie: What a star!!!

Lights out on actors. Lights up on nativity.