

# CHRISTMAS PLAYS

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# Christmas Play 1: Jesus the healer

This play is mimed. The only spoken voice is the narrator.

Three musical recordings will be needed, from Handel's Messiah recording:

1. He shall feed his flock
2. I know that my redeemer lives
3. Every valley

## OPENING SCENE:

*Joseph stands with Mary by his side. She is kneeling and holding baby Jesus.*

*Shepherds are at the side of the stage. The angel appears at the appropriate time in the following narration:*

**Narrator:** "Joseph and Mary travelled from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, to register their names on the census, as required by the government. While they were there, the time came for Mary's the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

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

Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favour rests."

When the angel had left, the shepherds immediately went to the town to find the baby."

**Music: And He shall feed His flock.**

*During this piece, the shepherds make their way towards Mary and Joseph. They kneel down and admire baby Jesus. One brings a lamb and place it down.*

*They then take their place near Joseph and Mary as part of a nativity set, in a frozen position.*

**Narrator:** Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem, in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him."

When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled. He had heard of the Scriptures foretelling the birth of a ruler in the town of Bethlehem. He said to the wise men:

"Go and search carefully for the young Child, and when you have found Him, bring back word to me, that I may come and worship Him also."

After talking to Herod, they departed; and behold, the star which they had seen in the East went before them, till it came and stood over where the young Child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceedingly great joy. And when they had come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down and worshiped Him, and presented gifts to Him: gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

Then, being warned by God in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed for their own country another way."

***Music: I know that my redeemer lives***

*Wise men come and present gifts. At end of song, they exit stage. Then Mary, Joseph and shepherds exit.*

## **SCENE 2**

*Nativity set is now off stage. Jesus as a man is centre stage.*

**Narrator:** And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man. And large crowds came to Him, bringing with them those who were lame, crippled, blind, mute, and many others, and they laid them down at His feet; and He healed them.

***Music: Every Valley***

*While music is playing, one by one, people come to Jesus, who heals them. First, a blind man feeling his way with a stick; then someone who is deaf; then a*

*lame person with a walking stick; then a person who is crying with sadness.  
Once Jesus heals them, one by one, they walk off stage.*

## **FINALE**

While music is still playing, all the people who are healed come back on stage and praise God. Fade music.

## **THE END**

## Christmas Play 2: A Saviour is Born

**Scene is dark. Narrator begins speaking.**

**Narrator:** It came to pass in those days, that a message went out from Caesar Augustus, that the whole country had to pay a tax. Joseph, was engaged to Mary, who was pregnant with a child from the Holy Spirit. Together they made the journey to Bethlehem to pay the tax. On the night they arrived, the baby was due to be born. They could not find a place to stay, so they had to spend the night in a stable at the back of an inn.

### Scene 1

**Baby Jesus is placed in the manger.**

**Narrator:** Mary gave birth to a son, and wrapped him in cloths that she had brought with her, and laid him in a manger, an animal feeding box, filled with straw.

**Song:** silent night (first verse)

*Enter sheep and shepherds.*

**Sheep:** baaaaaa, baaaaaa.

**Shepherd 1:** It feels like there is something special going on tonight.

**Shepherd 2:** I agree. like there is something special in the air.

**Sheep:** baaaa, baaaa.

**Narrator:** In the area there were some shepherds in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night.

*Single angel appears in the field.*

**Narrator:** Then the Angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were afraid. The angel said unto them:

**Angel:** Fear not: for I bring you good news of great joy, which shall be to all people. for to you, this day in the city of David, a Savior has been born. He is Christ the Lord. and this shall be a sign; you shall find the baby wrapped in cloths, lying in a manger.

*The multitude of heavenly hosts appears!*

**Narrator:** Suddenly there was a whole host of angels praising God, and saying,

**Heavenly hosts:** “Glory to god in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.”

**Song:** Angels we have heard on high (chorus)

*Angels leave the scene. shepherds stay.*

**Narrator:** And it came to pass, when the angels had gone back to heaven, the shepherds said one to another:

**Shepherd 1:** Let us now go to Bethlehem, and see the baby.

**Shepherd 2:** Yes. what a wonderful night it has been. Let’s hurry!

*The shepherds walk around for a moment, then, baby Jesus is the center of attention. The shepherds stand by the baby.*

**Narrator:** So they hurried to the town, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. And so the prophecy was fulfilled. “For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given, and his name shall be called wonderful, counsellor, the mighty God, the everlasting Father, the prince of peace.

**Song:** Silent night.

## **Scene 2**

*Make a sign and bring on stage: 'one year later'*

*Wise men with Herod*

**Narrator:** Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem, in the days of king Herod, there were some wise men from the east, travelling to Jerusalem. They went to king Herod and said:

**Wise man 1:** Where is the baby that is born king of the Jews?

**Wise man 2:** For we have seen his star in the east, and we have come to worship him.

**Narrator:** Herod sent them to Bethlehem, and said, “Go and search for the young child, and when you find him, come back and tell me where he is, so that I may come and worship him too.”

**Wise man 3:** Let’s go and find the baby king. We will bring him these valuable gifts to show our respect and love.

*The wise men walk around the scene for a minute then, come to the house where the 1-year-old Jesus is living with Mary and Joseph in a house.*

**Wise man 1:** The star has led us to him. now, let us go inside so we can worship him.

**Narrator:** When they were in the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshiped him, and when they presented him gifts of gold, and frankincense, and myrrh.

*The wise men leave so only the baby Jesus, Mary, and Joseph are left on stage.*

**Narrator:** More than 2,000 years ago, God sent Jesus Christ to be our Savior. Jesus Christ was born to save us from our sins, born so we can be born again and return to live with God someday. Let us rejoice greatly this Christmas season, for unto all of us a savior is born!

**the end.**

## Christmas Play 3. The Saviour's Birth

**Narrator:** Christmas fills our hearts with joy as we think of gifts, lights, and holiday spirit. But remember, Christmas means something more, it's the birth of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Let us travel back to Bethlehem and share the story of His birth.

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed... So Joseph went from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, to Judaea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem... with Mary who was soon to give birth. (Luke 2:1-5)

Joseph and Mary travel to Bethlehem with their donkey, arriving at an inn.

**Joseph:** Do you have any room in the inn?

**Inn Keeper #1:** No, I'm sorry we are full. Try across the way.

*Joseph leads Mary to the next inn and knocks.*

**Joseph:** Please, do you have any room for us in your inn?

**Inn Keeper #2:** We have too many guests already, we have no room.

*Joseph leads Mary to the third inn and knocks.*

**Joseph:** Do you have any room for us in your inn? We have come a long way and my wife is with child.

**Inn Keeper #3:** All of our rooms are full. I have an empty stable out back you may use, it's not much, but it will give you some shelter.

**Mary:** Joseph, the baby will be coming soon, let's please go to the stable.

**Inn Keeper #3:** *shows Joseph and Mary the way.*

*Song "Silent night"*

**Narrator:** And while they were there, Mary gave birth to a son, her firstborn, and wrapped him in cloths, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn. (Luke 2:6-7)

*Mary lays Him in His manger.*

*Song "Away in a Manger"*

*Shepherds enter the scene.*

**Narrator:** In the same country, there were some shepherds in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And the angel of the Lord came to them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were very afraid. (Luke 2:8-9)

**Angel:** Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good news of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born today in the city of David, a Saviour, Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign: You shall find the baby wrapped in cloths, lying in a manger. (Luke 2:10-12)

**Narrator:** And suddenly there was a whole host of angels praising God, and saying... (Luke 2: 13)

**Narrator & Angel in Unison:** "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." (Luke 2:14)

**Shepherds:** Let us now go now to Bethlehem, and see the newborn King. (Luke 2:15)

*Shepherds quickly head to the manger.*

**Narrator:** And they came quickly to the town, and found Mary, Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. And when they had seen the baby, they told everyone they knew about what had happened. (Luke 2:16-20, Matt 2:1)

## **ONE YEAR LATER**

*Wise Men enter the scene bringing their gifts. Speaking to Herod:*

**Wise Man 1:** Where is the baby who has been born King of the Jews?

**Wise man 2:** For we have seen his star in the east, and have come to worship him.

**Herod:** When you find him, please let me know where he is, so that I may worship him too.

**Narrator:** The Wise Men followed the Star and arrived at the house where Mary and Joseph were now living. There they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him, and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. (Matt 2:11)

*Each Wise Men presents his gift to baby Jesus.*

**Narrator:** God showed the wise men in a dream not to return to Herod. So, they travelled back to their own country by a different route.

**THE END**

*Song: Joy to the world*

## Christmas Play 4: No Room in the Inn

**Characters:** Mary, Joseph, Baby Jesus, Inn-keeper, slave, three people to open doors, six shepherds, star, narrator

### Scene 1

Mary and Joseph are in the street. Mary is seated on a donkey.

**Mary:** I am so tired, Joseph. Could we find a place to sleep?

**Joseph:** Yes Mary. We will stop at once. We have come a long way.

**Narrator:** Joseph went to the inn. He knocked at the door.

**Joseph:** Hello. Do you have a room for us? We are so tired.

**Inn-keeper:** I am sorry. Many people have come to pay their taxes. I have no rooms left.

**Narrator:** Joseph walked sadly back to Mary.

**Joseph:** I am sorry Mary. We will have to look somewhere else. You wait here on the donkey. I will go quickly.

**Narrator:** So Joseph knocked on many doors.

**Joseph:** Have you room for two people please?

**Person 1:** I'm sorry our rooms are full.

**Joseph:** Have you room for two people please?

**Person 2:** I'm sorry our rooms are full.

**Joseph:** Have you room for two people please?

**Person 3:** I'm sorry our rooms are full.

**Narrator:** Joseph went back to Mary.

**Joseph:** Mary, I will try once more at the inn.

**Mary:** Thank you Joseph. We must find a place.

**Joseph:** Hello again. I cannot find anywhere to stay. Can you think of a place? My wife is so tired and she's going to have a baby soon.

**Inn-keeper:** I have no room...But wait! If you do not mind, you can sleep in the stable.

**Narrator:** He called a slave to help.

**Inn-keeper:** Ben, bring me a broom and bring me some clean hay.

**Narrator:** The slave brought the broom and the hay and gave them to Joseph.

**Inn-keeper:** Go with Ben. He will take you to the stable.

**Scene 2** In the stable

**Joseph:** Mary, I have swept this corner. Come and lie down on this fresh clean hay.

**Narrator:** Joseph helped Mary to lie down and get comfortable.

**Joseph:** I will put our donkey over here near the cows. And I'll clean out the manger and fill it with clean fresh hay ready for the baby.

**Mary:** Thank you Joseph. You have made everything so clean and comfortable.

**Narrator:** That night a baby boy was born to Mary and Joseph. They named Him Jesus. In the early morning light Joseph and Mary looked at the baby in Mary's arms.

**Mary:** God has been so kind to us. I will let him sleep now.

**Narrator:** Mary gently placed Baby Jesus in the manger.

**Joseph:** Mary, come over here and look at this big shining star! I'm sure God sent it to welcome our baby.

**Mary:** Look, I see some shepherds coming. They don't usually come to town.

**Narrator:** The shepherds were following the star which led them to the stable.

**1<sup>st</sup> Shepherd:** May we come in please? Many angels have been singing to us.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Shepherd:** One angel told us that here in the city of David a very special child has been born, and that He would be the Saviour of the world.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Shepherd:** And He would be Christ the Lord.

**4<sup>th</sup> Shepherd:** The angel told us that we would find the baby wrapped in cloths, lying in a manger.

**5<sup>th</sup> Shepherd:** We came as quickly as we could. We saw that big star above the stable.

**6<sup>th</sup> Shepherd:** We want to kneel before this baby and worship Him.

**Narrator:** Mary lifted up the baby to show Him to the shepherd. They knelt down in front of Jesus and worshipped Him.

## Christmas Play 5. The Birth of Jesus Christ

*Scene 1: Joseph the carpenter is hard at work on a project when his fiancée Mary comes in to see him.*

**Mary:** Joseph! Joseph! Something amazing has happened.

**Joseph:** What is it, Mary?

**Mary:** An angel of the Lord came to me. He said I was going to have a child and—I don't know how to say this—the child would be the Son of God.

**Joseph:** How can this be?

**Mary:** The Holy Spirit came upon me. Joseph, I'm pregnant.

**Joseph:** [*in shock*] You're going to have a baby?

**Mary:** Yes, and we are going to name him Jesus.

**Joseph:** I don't know what to say. Mary, what will people think? We are not even married yet.

**Mary:** I know. What should we do?

**Joseph:** Mary, this is amazing, but I will not let you be disgraced. I think it is best to call off the wedding.

**Mary:** Don't worry about what people think. I still love you. How about we sleep on it and make a decision tomorrow?

**Joseph:** Okay. I'll see you tomorrow.

*[Mary leaves the room and Joseph lays down to go to sleep.]*

**Angel 1:** Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife.

**Joseph:** *[mumbling in his sleep]*

**Angel 1:** The child that she carries is from the Holy Spirit. It is a boy, and you are to name him Jesus. He will save people from their sins.

**Joseph:** *[waking up]* Mary! Mary! I was wrong. We must get married!

**Scene 2:** *The Innkeeper sits or stands at the side of the stage busy working at a desk when Mary and Joseph arrive. Behind the Innkeeper there is a barn with animals and a manger filled with hay.*

**Narrator:** In those days a decree went out from the Roman Emperor Caesar Augustus saying that everyone in the world should be registered in their hometowns. Joseph and Mary left Nazareth and traveled to the city of David called Bethlehem.

**Mary:** Joseph, the baby is coming soon. I can feel it.

**Joseph:** It looks like an inn. Maybe they have space for us.

**Innkeeper:** Hello there. Welcome to Bethlehem.

**Joseph:** We have travelled a long way and we are need of a room. This is Mary. She is pregnant and about to have a baby.

**Innkeeper:** I am sorry, but there are no rooms left.

**Mary:** There must be something we can do!

**Innkeeper:** I'm sorry, but there just isn't any space for you.

**Joseph:** But sir, please. Help us.

**Innkeeper:** I tell you what. I have a barn out back for the animals. There is shelter there, but that is all I can do. I'm sorry.

**Mary:** We'll take it!

**Scene 3:** *A group of shepherds stand watching over a flock of sheep when an angel appears to them in the night. When the angel arrives, the shepherds hide.*

**Angel 2:** Do not be afraid! I am bringing you good news of great joy for the whole world. To you this day is born in Bethlehem a Savior. He is the Messiah, the Lord.

**Shepherd 1:** Where? Where can we find this baby boy?

**Angel 2:** You will find the child wrapped in cloth and lying in a manger.

*[Angels suddenly appear all around the shepherds.]*

**All Angels:** Glory to God in the highest and peace to his people on earth.

*[When the angels finish praising God, they disappear.]*

**Shepherd 1:** Let's go to Bethlehem.

**Shepherd 2:** Yes! We have to see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.

**Shepherd 3:** C'mon. Let's hurry!

*[The shepherds leave and go to the barn where Mary and Joseph kneel over a manger. In the manger is a baby boy wrapped in blankets.]*

**Mary:** Hello there. Where did you come from?

**Shepherd 1:** An angel came to us in the fields.

**Shepherd 2:** Not just one angel but many angels singing praise to God.

**Shepherd 3:** They said we would find a baby lying in a manger.

**Joseph:** Yes, there was no room for us in the inn.

**Shepherd 1:** The angel said the boy is a Savior. He is the Messiah and our Lord!

**Mary:** Thank you for coming. I will treasure these words in my heart. Come and see the baby before you go.

**Shepherds:** Glory be to God!

*[The shepherds depart, and Mary and Joseph look with joy upon the child.]*

### **Nativity Skit**

#### **Discussion Questions**

1. How did Joseph serve both God and Mary?
2. Why do you think the angels appeared to the lowly shepherds in the fields rather than the great leaders in Jerusalem?
3. What do you think Mary and Joseph expected the baby to be like as an adult?
4. What do you think the shepherds did with their lives afterwards?
5. How has Jesus fulfilled the things that the angels told Mary, Joseph, and the shepherds?

# Christmas Play 6: A Night in Bethlehem

## A Christmas Play for Youth

**Length:** 15 minutes

### Characters:

**Mary:** Mother of the baby JESUS

**Joseph:** Mary's husband and protector

**Innkeeper:** Innkeeper in Bethlehem

**3 Shepherds:** Three shepherds who saw the angels in Bethlehem

**3 Wise Men:** Three wise men who traveled to Bethlehem

### Description:

The actors tell the story of Baby JESUS' birth in Bethlehem from the point of view of the characters they portray.

**Setting:** Ancient Israel.

**Costumes:** Should resemble costumes from ancient Israel. (Robes, large pieces of fabric tied at waist, sandals or bare feet, and pieces of fabric for head coverings.) Mary may have a pillow for part of the play in order to appear to be expecting a baby. Shepherds may have shepherd's crook. Kings may have crowns and gifts.

**Props:** Manger

Gifts (representing gold, frankincense, and myrrh)

Baby Doll (to represent Baby Jesus)

**Optional:** hammer, saw and/or tool belt for Joseph

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# A Night in Bethlehem

## SCENE #1 - INTRODUCTION

### MARY

Israel is on the other side of the world. And that's where the baby Jesus was born all those years ago, in a little town called Bethlehem. And you know what? Bethlehem is STILL there today!

Oh, it looks different now, of course. Instead of clothes like I'm wearing, now they wear things like blue jeans and t-shirts. They have smart phones and the Internet just like we do. But tonight we're going to recreate Bethlehem just like it might have been on a special night a long time ago.

The night when Jesus, the Son of God, was born to a virgin... To me, Mary ...

What would it have been like? On that night over 2000 years ago, on the other side of the world, in another country, in a little town called Bethlehem?

Let's find out together as we journey back to.... A NIGHT IN BETHLEHEM!!

## SCENE #1 (continues) MARY

### MARY

About 2000 years ago, I was a young girl in Israel. And I was engaged to be married to a wonderful man, who lived in our hometown of Nazareth. His name was Joseph. Joseph was a carpenter.

One day before Joseph and I were married, an angel of the Lord appeared to me and said... (imitating the angel) "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you."

Well, I had NO IDEA what he was talking about, and I was pretty terrified by seeing this angel. But then he said, "Don't be afraid, Mary, you have found favor with God." I felt better after he said that. Somehow I didn't feel afraid anymore.

Then he went on to tell me that I was going to become pregnant and give birth to a son. He said that I was to give the baby the name Jesus. After that he told me that he would be great and be called the Son of the Most High.

The angel also said that "The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever; his kingdom will never end."

That all sounded so wonderful... I felt really at peace... I just had one question! How?"

And this is what the angel said: "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God."

That sounded wonderful! So I found myself saying to him, "I am the Lord's servant. May it be to me as you have said."

And, then, the angel left me. But I never forgot. I always remembered what the angel had said.

## **SCENE #2 - JOSEPH**

### **JOSEPH**

Hi my name is Joseph. I am engaged to be married to Mary.

But she was found to be pregnant BEFORE our wedding day?" That was really serious...

So, not wanting anything bad to happen to Mary, I decided to divorce her quietly. Yes, back then, even if you were just engaged, you had to actually get a DIVORCE to call off a wedding!

Well, one night after I had made up my mind to do this, I had a dream. An angel from God appeared to me in my dream. He said, "Joseph, son of David, don't be afraid to take Mary as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit."

That made me feel a lot better.

Then the angel went on and said, "She will give birth to a son and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."

When I woke up, I knew that I couldn't divorce Mary - I knew God was doing something wonderful through her.

### **SCENE #3 - The INNKEEPER**

#### **INNKEEPER**

Good evening! I am the inn-keeper.

After Mary and Joseph were visited by an angel, a decree was sent out to everyone in Israel that everyone had to return to the town of their ancestors so that they could be counted and TAXED. They didn't have any computers or phones like we do now. So, in order to keep track of everybody, folks had to actually show up somewhere to be counted.

Joseph, Mary's husband, was a descendant of David... KING David. And King David was from Bethlehem. So, Joseph had to come all the way to Bethlehem from Nazareth. Mary came with him, and Mary and Joseph came to my inn looking for a place to stay.

#### **JOSEPH**

Excuse me, sir. I am Joseph and this is Mary. We need a place to stay for the night... please.

#### **INNKEEPER**

Sorry, but there is no room in the Inn.

#### **JOSEPH**

Oh, but sir, please, we have walked over 50 kilometers to get here. And Mary is VERY tired.

#### **INNKEEPER**

Sorry, I can't help you. The place is full, with all the visitors from out of town.

#### **JOSEPH**

Please, sir...Please. You see, Mary's going to have a baby. We think it may even be tonight. We need shelter somewhere... Anywhere!

## **INNKEEPER**

I see your problem. ... There's a stable out back... I know it's not much... but it's shelter from the wind and the night air. You can have some privacy. And, I'll put in some nice, clean hay there for you. What do you say?!

## **JOSEPH**

We'll take it!! And thank you! You have been most kind. God bless you!

## **SCENE #4 - The SHEPHERDS**

### **SHEPHERD #1**

While Mary and Joseph were in the stable that night, the baby Jesus [the Son of God] was born and Mary wrapped Him in cloths (swaddling cloths) and laid Him in the manger, (a wooden box that held the hay.)

### **SHEPHERD #2**

We were out in the fields watching over our flock of sheep that night.

And all of a sudden... an angel from GOD!!)... appeared to us!

And we were... terrified!!!!!! But the angel said...

Don't be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy, Good News of great joy, that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David... [that's Bethlehem]... Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; He is Christ the Lord! And this will be a sign to you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.

### **SHEPHERD #3**

But that's not all. Suddenly a whole lot of angels appeared with the first angel...And they were all praising God and saying...

### **ALL SHEPHERDS**

"Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests."

### **SHEPHERD # 3**

Then the angels left us...

And we went to Bethlehem and we found the stable, and the manger,...and the baby... just like God had told us!

And afterwards we went into the town of Bethlehem, rejoicing and telling anyone who would listen exactly what had happened. And we praised and glorified God for all that we had been told and all we had seen.

### **ALL SHEPHERDS**

What a Night in Bethlehem!!

### **SCENE #5 - The 3 KINGS**

#### **KING #1**

About eighteen months later, we arrived in Jerusalem seeking “The One who is born King of the Jews.”

You see, we’d seen his star in the East and knew that he’d been born! So we came to Israel to find him.

We applied in Jerusalem first, knowing that the learned men of the Jews resided there. We believed that the most likely place for their king to be born would be in their capital city.

However, when we asked at the city gate, “Where is he who is born king of the Jews?” their Roman ruler, Herod, was quite upset.

#### **KING # 2**

He inquired of the Jewish leaders where their promised Messiah was to be born and they told him that it was to be in the town of Bethlehem, the ancestral home of their beloved King David! The Messiah was prophesied to be of the house and line of David. Of course He would be born there!

Then Herod lied to us and told us that he would like to come and worship the newborn king as well. He asked us to come back and tell him when we found the child.

He had no intention of worshiping the child. He was jealous and did not want Him to live long enough to be king.

We went to Bethlehem... and the star we had seen went on before us and shone down on the place where the young child lived.

### **KING #3**

We found Him there and we fell to our knees and worshipped Him.

We also brought gifts: Gold, Frankincense, and Myrrh.

The gifts, I believe, are now represented by your traditional Christmas gifts.

And after we had delivered our gifts we left to go back home to our own countries. But we did NOT go back through Jerusalem. We did not go back to Herod... We were warned in a dream NOT to go back his way again.

Instead we went away in peace, having found the true King of Kings on a Night in Bethlehem.