

# A Christmas Play

**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.

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**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.

**Sing a song about Baby Jesus.**