

Nativity Play

Scene 1: The Annunciation

Narrator: A long time ago, in a faraway town called Nazareth, there lived a girl named Mary. She was beautiful and full of love, and she wanted to love God a lot. One day, while Mary was sewing a dress, an angel appeared to her. It was the Angel Gabriel.

Gabriel: Hello, Holy Mary.

Narrator: Mary was a little frightened when she saw the angel. The angel said:

Gabriel: Don't be afraid, Mary. I have great news for you. God has sent me to tell you that you are going to have a child.

Mary: I am happy to do what God wants.

(Gabriel leaves then Joseph joins Mary.)

Narrator: And the Angel Gabriel left Mary. Some time later, Mary got married to Joseph, a carpenter who lived in the same village. Mary was excited about the news of the baby and she told her husband, Joseph.

(Mary and Joseph walk hand and hand and sit down together in their home.)

Scene 2: The Journey to Bethlehem

(Mary, Joseph, and the donkey begin to walk around the stage.)

Narrator: Now Joseph was from a town which was miles away from Nazareth, so that meant that he and Mary had to set off on the long journey to Bethlehem. It was winter time and it was very cold. Even the little donkey that carried Mary was feeling cold.

(Mary, Joseph, and the donkey walk in a circle.)

Scene 3: The Innkeeper's Convention

(Mary, Joseph, and the donkey keep walking towards the inns.)

Narrator: When Mary, Joseph, and the little donkey arrived in Bethlehem, there were so many people there. All of the inns were full. They knocked on the door of the first inn but there were no rooms. Then they walked to the second inn, and Joseph knocked on the door.

(Joseph knocks on the door of the second inn.)

Innkeeper: Sorry, no rooms here but I do have a stable you could go to in the backyard.

Mary and Joseph: Thank you!

(Mary and Joseph go to the stable and sit down for the night.)

Scene 4: The Shepherds and Angels

(All of the shepherds along with their sheep go the hills.)

Narrator: Now, around Bethlehem there were lots of little hills, where sheep used to graze. The shepherds who looked after them had to sleep out in the open at night, taking turns to stay awake to protect their sheep.

(Shepherds are standing up with their sheep in the hills then the angels appeared.)

(Angels go up to the Shepherds and the sheep.)

Angels: Today, Jesus was born! In Bethlehem!

Shepherd: Let's go to Bethlehem...

Sheep: BAA!!!

The children sing, "Hark the Herald Angels Sing"

(The Shepherds and the sheep go to the stable and sit with Mary and Joseph.)

Scene 5: The Three Wise Kings

Narrator: Meanwhile, some way off, three wise kings were making their way through the night. They had been traveling for months, for thousands of miles. They came from different parts of the world and met by chance as they traveled along, following a bright star which had appeared in the sky.

All of the children recite poem "The Wise Men Traveled from Afar"

(The Three Wise Men walk out onto the stage.)

(A star appears near Mary and Joseph in the stable.)

King Balthazar: Come on, I see the star.

(The Three Wise Men walk towards Mary and Joseph in the stable.)

Scene 6: The Stable at Bethlehem

Narrator: Just as the angels had said, baby Jesus had been born in a stable in Bethlehem. Mary, his mother, wrapped him up in the blanket and laid him in the manger. Both she and Joseph gazed at him with so much love. They could hardly believe their eyes. Jesus, the savior of the world, had been born, and he was with them.

(Mary and Joseph are sitting near baby Jesus surrounded by the shepherds and the sheep and the other farm animals.)

All of the children sing “Away in a Manger”

(The Three Wise Men walk up to Mary, Joseph, and Baby Jesus.)

Narrator: Just then the Three Wise Men arrive and they kneel before baby Jesus and present their gifts to the new born king.

King Melchior: For the King of Kings: Gold for you.

King Caspar: For the Son of God: Frankincense for you with all my heart.

King Balthazar: For the Savior of the world: Myrrh for you.

The children sing “Joy to the World”

Songs:

Hark the Herald Angels Sing

Hark the herald angels sing.
Glory to the new born king.
Peace on earth and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!

The Wise Men Traveled from Afar Fingerplay

The Wise Men traveled from afar,
Following the Christmas Star.
When it stopped,
They jumped with JOY!
And worshipped the baby Jesus boy.

Away in a Manger

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed.
The little Lord Jesus lay down His sweet head.
The stars in the sky looked down where He lay.
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

Joy to the World

Joy to the world, the Lord is come.
Let earth receive her King.
Let every heart prepare Him room.

And Heaven and nature sing,
And Heaven and nature sing,
And Heaven, and Heaven, and nature sing.