

# Nativity Program

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<i>Actors</i>	<i>Wise Men, King Herod, Mary, Joseph, Baby Jesus</i>		
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*Actors: Mary and Angel*  
**The Annunciation**

And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, To a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary.

And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women.

And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be.

And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS.

He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.

**Luke 1:26-33**

*Actors: Joseph and Angel*

**Joseph**

When ...Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost.

Then Joseph her husband, being a just *man*, and not willing to make her a publick example, was minded to put her away privily.

But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost.

And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.

Then Joseph being raised from sleep did as the angel of the Lord had bidden him, and took unto him his wife:

**Matthew 1:18-21, 24**

*Actors: Mary, Joseph and Donkey*

## **Journey to Bethlehem**

AND it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed.

And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.

And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:)

To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

**Luke 2:1, 3-5**

Song: When Joseph Went to Bethlehem v.1 (Children's Songbook, 38)

*Actors: Mary, Joseph, Baby Jesus and Animals*

## **The Birth in the Manger**

And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.

And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

**Luke 2:6-7**

Song: Away in a Manger v.1 (Hymns, 206)

*Actors: Shepherds and Angels*

**Watching Flocks**

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field,  
keeping watch over their flock by night.

And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord  
shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good  
tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ  
the Lord.

And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in  
swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host  
praising God, and saying,

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

**Luke 2:8-14**

Song: Angels We Have Heard on High v. 2-3 (Hymns, 203)

*Actors: Shepherds*

## **The Shepherds' Response**

And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child.

And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds.

And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

**Luke 2:15-18, 20**

*Actors: Mary & Baby Jesus*

## **Mary's Reflection**

But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart.

**Luke 2:19**

Song: Mary's Lullaby (Children's Songbook, 44)



*Actors: Wise Men, King Herod, Mary, Joseph, Baby Jesus*

## The Quest of The Wise Men

NOW when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him.

When Herod the king had heard these things, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born. And they said unto him, In Bethlehem of Judaea....

Then Herod, when he had privily called the wise men, enquired of them diligently what time the star appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, Go and search diligently for the young child; and when ye have found him, bring me word again, that I may come and worship him also.

When they had heard the king, they departed; and, lo, the star, which they saw 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 exceeding great joy.

And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh.

Song: With Wondering Awe v.2 (Hymns, 210)

And being warned of God in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country another way.

**Matthew 2:1-5, 7-12**

*Actors: Mary, Joseph, Baby Jesus and Donkey*

## **The Departure Into Egypt**

And when they were departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeareth to Joseph in a dream, saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt, and be thou there until I bring thee word: for Herod will seek the young child to destroy him.

When he arose, he took the young child and his mother by night, and departed into Egypt:

**Matthew 2:13-14**

## For God So Loved the World

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

John 3:16-17

Song: Silent Night (Hymns, 204)