

## **Christmas Play: The Story of Baby Jesus**

## **Script:**

**Peasant Reader:** A long time ago, in the town of Nazareth, lived a young woman named Mary. Mary did her chores, was kind to others, and loved God very much. She was engaged to be married to Joseph, who was a carpenter.

(The angel appears to Mary. Mary cleaning)

**Angel 1:** Mary you are favored by God, and he is with you everywhere you go.

Mary: What do you want?

Angel 1: Please Do not be afraid.

**Mary:** Why are you visiting me?

**Angel 1:** God has sent me as he has found favor with you. You will have a baby boy, and are to give him the name Jesus.

Mary: I'm confused. I'm not married how can I have a baby?

**Angel 1:** The Holy Spirit will perform a miracle, and your baby will be called the Son of God.

**Mary:** How can I believe, what you are saying?

**Angel 1:** I have more exciting news. Even your cousin Elizabeth is going to have a son in her old age.

**Mary:** But she can't have any children.

**Angel 1:** She is already pregnant. Nothing is impossible with God.

**Mary:** I don't know what to say.

**Angel 1:** It's ok Mary.

**Mary:** I am the Lord's servant, and I hope everything that you are saying will come true.

(The angel then disappeared, and Mary is left alone.)

**Peasant Boy 1:** Joseph, Mary is going to have a baby.

**Joseph:** What how can this be? (angrily)

**Peasant Boy 1:** I had seen an Angel talking with Mary last night.

(Angel 2 appears to Joseph)

**Angel 2:** Joseph don't be afraid to take Mary as your wife.

**Joseph:** Why should I take her as my wife, She is going to have a baby to another man.

**Angel 2:** No Joseph, Mary is going to have God's son, and you are to give him the name Jesus.

**Joseph:** OK. I'll take her as my wife and love her till the end. (happily)

(Angel 2 then disappeared, and Joseph is left alone. Mary walks in.)

Mary: Joseph, What is wrong?

**Joseph:** I'm very happy you are going to have a baby.

**Mary:** Why yes I am. Isn't it wonderful?

Joseph: We must go to Bethlehem, to register you as my wife.

## (At Bethlehem)

Mary: Joseph, I'm very tired, We need to find somewhere to stay. (sounds tired)

**Joseph:** Ok my love.

(At a Hotel, Joseph knocks on the door and a man opens the door)

**Hotel Owner:** What do you want?

**Joseph:** May we have a room? Please!

**Hotel Owner:** We are full, Go away peasants! (angrily)

(Peasant 2 walking past)

**Peasant 2:** I'm sorry for over hearing, But do you need somewhere to stay?

**Joseph:** Yes, we do my wife is very tired.

**Peasant 2:** I have a barn next to my place, it has animals in it, It is warm, and there is plenty of straw to lie on.

Mary and Joseph: Thank you for a place to lie down.

(Mary lies down on the straw.)

Mary: Joseph, I'm having my baby!

**Joseph:** It's a boy my love, His name will be Jesus!

Mary: My baby, the creator of the whole world, the King of Kings, the one who will save the

world.

(Baby wrapped in cloths. Mary and Joseph soon fell asleep.)

SONG - Children Group 1 to sing "What Child is This?" (click here for lyrics) (One singer can be dressed as Mary holding a baby doll, one as Joseph)

(Shepherds, who lived near Bethlehem, were out at night in their fields watching over their sheep.)

**Shepherd 1:** Look everyone, look at that!

**Shepherd 2:** What is it?

**Shepherd 3:** I don't know!

**Shepherd 4:** It's an Angel!

**Shepherd 5:** Not just one Angel, many Angels!

**Angel 3:** Don't be afraid! (with her arms opened wide)

**Angel 4:** We are here to bring you good news for all the people.

**Angel 5:** Tonight in Bethlehem a baby has been born.

**Angel 6:** He is the one that will save the world.

**Angel 3:** You will know this baby because He will be wrapped in cloths, and laying in a manger.

**Angel 4, 5, 6:** Glory to God, and peace to all people here on earth.

(After they spoke, they float away. The shepherds were amazed and excited)

**Shepherd 1:** Does everyone know this news?

**Shepherd 2:** I think it's just us.

**Shepherd 3:** We must tell everyone about this baby.

**Shepherd 4:** We must go to see this baby that the angels are talking about.

(The shepherds fell to their knees and were happy that they had found baby Jesus)

**Shepherd 5:** This is the baby that the Angels were talking about.

**Joseph:** Please be quiet my friends, My wife needs to sleep.

**Shepherd 3:** Now we must tell everyone.

(As soon as they left they began shouting in the streets)

**Shepherd 4:** The King of kings has been born. (shouting)

**Shepherd 2:** Yes. The King of Kings the one who will save us.

**Joseph:** Now sleep my love as we have a big day ahead of us.

**Mary:** Yes, my love. But I cannot sleep knowing how important our baby is.

Song - Children Group 2 to sing "The First Noel" (click here for lyrics) (singers can be dressed as angels, shepherds, and wise men)

(Wise men walking through)

**Wise man 1:** What is that bright light in the sky?

Wise man 2: It's a star isn't it?

Wise man 3: Yes, it's a star.

Wise man 2: It's the star we have been looking for!

Wise man 1: Yes, The star that means the King of the Jews...

Wise men 1, 2, 3: ...the One who would save the world has been born.

Peasant Boy 3: Oh King a special baby has been born.

**King Herod:** Where is this baby? (angry)

**Peasant Boy 3:** I'm sorry my King, but I don't know.

(The King called a meeting with all the important people in the area and asked them where this special baby had been born)

**King Herod:** People of my land do you know where this baby has been born? (angrily)

**Priest 1, 2:** We are sorry my Lord, but we do not know of this child you speak of.

Monk 1, 2: Yes, we know where this special baby has been born.

**Monk 1:** In Bethlehem.

Monk 2: Yes, In Bethlehem.

**Monk 1, 2:** We had heard that one day a special person would come from there and take care of all the people.

**King Herod:** Thank you my people.

(The Monks leave. The King calls a secret meeting.)

**King Herod:** Wise men, Wise men come to me.

Wise men 1, 2, 3: What is it my Lord?

**King Herod:** Do you know of this Baby?

Wise man 1: Yes, my Lord we have seen the star!

**King Herod:** Go and find this child. As soon as you find him, tell me, so I can go and worship him

(After they had spoken to the King, the wise men left to find the baby)

Wise man 2: How are we to find this baby? We don't know exactly where this baby is.

Wise man 3: This is what we will do, at night we'll follow the star to the east.

Wise man 1: Yes, that's a great idea and soon we will find him.

(Angels appeared to the Wise men)

**Angel 1:** Please find this baby, but don't tell the King.

**Angel 2:** As he wants to kill him.

**Angel 3, 4, 5, 6:** Take the baby very expensive gifts, gifts that you would give to a King.

Wise men 1, 2, 3: Yes we shall do what you ask of us.

## (The Angels disappeared)

Wise man 2: Look, we are here.

(The Wise men were very excited and happy. They found Jesus laying in Mary's arms, and they bowed down and worshipped him.)

Wise man 1: We have come to worship our New King.

**Wise man 3:** We have brought gifts for our King.

Wise man 1: I have brought GOLD for My King.

Wise man 2: I have brought FRANKINCENSE for My King.

**Wise man 3:** And I have brought MYRRH for My King.

**Mary:** Thank you bringing these gifts for Jesus.

**Joseph:** How can we ever thank you.

(The wise men went to find a place to sleep for the night. Angels appeared to the Wise men as they were sleeping)

**Angels:** Remember never tell the King. King Herod doesn't want to find Jesus to worship him; he wants to kill him because he is jealous that this baby will someday be better than him.

**King Herod:** My gladiator come and listen to me.

**Gladiator:** Yes, My Lord how can I serve you?

**King Herod:** Go and find this baby and KILL him, as my Wise men have failed me.

**Gladiator:** Yes, My Lord I will find this child you speak of and KILL him.

**Angel 3:** Joseph, Joseph wake up!

**Joseph:** Yes, what is wrong?

**Angel 4:** Take Jesus and Mary and run away to Egypt.

**Angel 5:** King Herod is going to search for Jesus to kill him.

**Joseph:** Mary wake up, We must leave now in the night.

**Mary:** Why must we leave?

**Joseph:** We must leave to travel to Egypt, As the King has sent someone to kill Jesus.

**Peasant Reader:** They were safe in Egypt, and after King Herod died an angel appeared to Joseph and told him to go to a place called Nazareth. And that's where Jesus grew up.