

# *The Nativity*

A Christmas Script with Primary Songs

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Narrator: 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.

Angel: Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women.

Mary: And When I saw him, I was troubled at his saying, and cast in my mind what manner of salutation this should be.

Angel: Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God. And 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.

Mary: How shall this be, seeing I know not a man?

Angel: The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: Therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God. For with God nothing shall be impossible

Mary: Behold the Handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word

Joseph: I was espoused to Mary and found out she was with child of the Holy Ghost. And I being a just man, and not willing to make her a publick example, was minded to put her away privily. But while I thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto me in a dream, saying:

Angel: 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.

Joseph: And When I was raised from sleep, I did as the angel of the Lord had bidden me, and took unto me my wife.

Narrator: And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all of his empire should be taxed. And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.

Joseph: And I Joseph, also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (Because I was of the House and lineage of David:) to be taxed with my wife Mary, who was great with child.

SONG: When Joseph went to Bethlehem

Mary: And so it was, that, while we were there, the days were accomplished that I should be delivered. And I brought forth my firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for us in the inns.

SONG: Away in the Manger

Shepherds: We, the shepherds, were in the same country abiding in the field, keeping watch over our flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon us, and the glory of the Lord shone round about us: and we were sore afraid. And the Angel said unto us,

Angel: "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 Savior, 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".

Narrator: And suddenly there was with the angels a multitude of the Heavenly host praising God, and saying,

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

SONG: Hark the Herald Angels Sing

Shepherd 1: And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from us into heaven, we 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."

Shepherd 2: And we went with haste, and found Mary, Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

SONG: Silent Night

Shepherd 2: And when we had seen it, we make known abroad the saying which was told us concerning this child. And all they that heard it wondered at those things which we told them.

Narrator: Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the King, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, saying:

Wise Men (All 3): "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."

Herod: I, Herod, 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."

Wiseman #1: When we had heard the king, we departed; and, lo, the star, which we saw in the east, went before us, till it came and stood over where the young child was.

Star: When they saw me, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy.

SONG: Stars Were Gleaming

Wiseman #2: And when we went into the house, we saw the young child and Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: And when we had opened our treasures, we presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh.

Wiseman #3: And being warned of God in a dream that we should not return to Herod, we departed into our own country another way.

Narrator: And from that glorious time on, we celebrate the love and joy of Christmas --- the birthday of Jesus Christ our Lord.

SONG: The Nativity Song