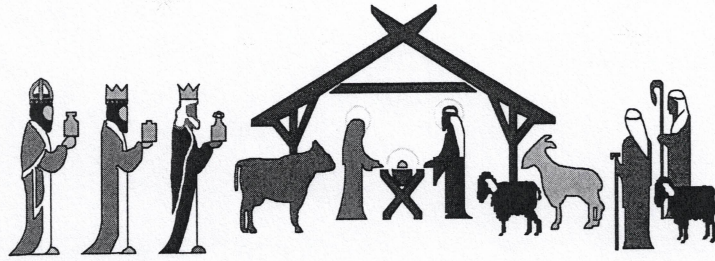


Our Savior Is Born



SONG: COME LORD JESUS COME

A VERY SPECIAL GIFT

The story you will now hear tells us of the great love God has for all his people. Thousands of years ago, God promised to send us a savior king who would bring peace and love to our world. God kept his promise 2000 years ago when he sent his son Jesus. We celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ each year on Christmas day. We must always remember to thank God for sending our savior king, Jesus.

PAUSE

Most people expected the king to be a great and powerful warrior that would rescue God's people from the evil in the world. However, God chose a different kind of king to save all creation.

The kind of king that God chose to send would save the world with the power of love and kindness. This king came into the world as a little baby born into a very ordinary family. The family was not wealthy or powerful, but very trusting and faithful to God.

PAUSE

Now, let us quietly listen as we watch the sixth and seventh grade students share with us the story of the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ.

MARY & JOSEPH

THE ANGEL GABRIEL SPEAKS TO MARY

God sent an angel named Gabriel to a young woman named Mary. Gabriel told Mary that God would send her a baby boy named Jesus. The angel told her that Jesus would grow up to be a great Savior for all people.

- *Mary enters to center stage*
- *Gabriel enters; Mary acts surprised*
- *Gabriel exits stage*

MARY TELLS JOSEPH THE GOOD NEWS

Mary immediately told her husband Joseph about the visit from the angel and of the important message from God. They were both very happy and knew that they could trust the promises of God.

- *Mary waves to Joseph to come quickly*
- *Joseph enters*
- *Mary explains to Joseph what she was told by the angel*

JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM

About this time, the emperor in the city of Rome gave orders for all the people of his country to be counted. Everybody had to go to their hometown for this count, so Mary and Joseph journeyed to the city of Bethlehem.

- *Mary and Joseph exit stage*

SONG: *Away In A Manger*

MARY & JOSEPH

JOSEPH SPEAKS WITH INNKEEPERS

Mary and Joseph arrived in Bethlehem late at night and searched the entire city for a place to stay. The inns were very crowded and they wondered whether they would find a place to stay. Inn after inn told them that they had no vacancies. Mary and Joseph continued looking for a place to stay in Bethlehem. Finally, Joseph found an inn that did not look very crowded so he knocked on the door. The Innkeeper told him that they had no room in their home, but they could stay in the stable with the animals.

- *Innkeeper(s) enters (Innkeepers are to be spaced on the stage)*
- *Mary and Joseph walk up center aisle to Innkeeper #1 who shakes head back and forth, "No Room"*
- *Mary & Joseph go to Innkeeper #2, he shakes head back and forth, "no Room", points to stable, and then gives hay to Joseph*
- *Mary and Joseph exit stage*

MARY AND JOSEPH GO TO STABLE

Mary and Joseph knew that if they stayed in the stable with the animals, they would at least be warm and dry. This was very important. For you see, this was the night that Mary would give birth to our Savior Jesus. They prepared a bed of straw for their newborn son.

- *Innkeepers exit*
- *Mary & Joseph exit stage get baby doll and place him in the basket before returning to stage.*

Silent Night

SHEPHERDS & ANGELS

SHEPHERDS IN FIELD

Nearby were shepherds in fields watching their flock of sheep. It was a beautiful starlit night and the shepherds suddenly noticed a very bright light coming at them. As the light came closer and closer they realized that it was actually angels and they became very frightened!

- *Shepherds enter; looking up at the bright stars in the sky*
- *Shepherds become frightened*
- *Angels enter; pointing to Bethlehem*

God had sent angels to visit the shepherds and to announce the birth of the newborn King. Seeing that the shepherds were frightened, the angel told them, *“Do not be afraid, I have come to give you the good news. Tonight, a Savior was born in Bethlehem. He will bring peace, love, and salvation to the world.”* The angel then told the shepherds that the newborn baby was lying in a stable in Bethlehem. When the angels left, the shepherds said, *“let us go to Bethlehem and see what the Lord has told us about.”*

- *Angels exit*
- *Shepherds exit*

SHEPHERDS MEET THE DRUMMER BOY

Angels up
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- *Drummer boy(s) enters*
- *Shepherds re-enter and wave to drummer boy to follow them as they exit stage*

As the shepherds arrived in the town of Bethlehem, they noticed a homeless drummer boy. The drummer boy had sensed something special happening in Bethlehem that evening, so he followed the shepherds to the city of Bethlehem.

SONG: COME TO THE STABLE

SHEPHERDS AND DRUMMER BOY ARRIVE IN BETHLEHEM

Drummer
Boy

- *Mary and Joseph enter stage with baby Jesus*
- *Shepherds and drummer boy re-enter*

They all arrived at the stable and immediately realized that God had sent a very precious baby. They knew that this newborn King would do wondrous things for the world. The shepherds were thankful and gave sheep to the happy family.

The drummer boys played a song for Jesus, knowing that God loves music and song.

- *Mary, Joseph, Shepherds and drummer boy exits*

THE MAGI SEE THE STAR

- *Magi enter pointing to stars in sky*

One night shortly after the birth of Jesus, three Magi were studying the stars. The Magi were wise people that studied the stars to find out what might happen in the future.

- *Angels enter with star*

The Magi had seen a new star. After careful study, they discovered that this star was a sign to the world that a King had been born. They wanted to visit the newborn King, so...they set out on a journey following the star to Bethlehem. • *Angels exit followed by Magi*

Song: *We Three Kings*

① O Come Let Us Adore Him

MAGI ARRIVE AT STABLE

- *Mary & Joseph, All shepherds and drummer boy re-enter*
- *Angels lead Magi to Holy Family*

At first, they were surprised to find themselves at an animal stable, but they immediately knew that Jesus was truly a great King sent from God. As a sign of great respect, they fell to their knees to honor Jesus the newborn King.

- *Magi kneel (on one knee)*

② O Come Let Us Adore Him

THE MAGI PRESENT GIFTS

The magi had brought valuable gifts of *gold, frankincense, and myrrh*. Each gift had a special meaning.

The first king gave gold as a sign to show that they knew Jesus was a great King!

- *1st Magi presents kneels and presents gold*

The second king gave frankincense. Frankincense is burned and gives off a sweet-smelling smoke. It is used during prayers. *The wise magi knew to honor and praise Jesus - for he was not only king, but he was God!*

- *2nd Magi kneels and presents frankincense*

The final gift was myrrh. Myrrh is a spice used to prepare the bodies of the dead. The magi knew that someday Jesus would die for all people.

- *3rd Magi kneels and presents myrrh*
- *All 3 Magi step behind Mary & Joseph who are facing audience*

Joy to the World