

Script for Live Nativity Presentation

“The True Story of Christmas”

Scene 1:

It all began 700 years before the birth of Christ when prophets penned these words:

“But you, Bethlehem, are only a small village in Judah; yet from you will come the leader who will rule over Israel.”

“Watch for this: a virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son and will name him Immanuel, which means ‘God With Us.’”

This is how these prophecies were fulfilled.

Scene 2:

The true story of Christmas began over 2,000 years ago in a town in Galilee called Nazareth when an angel, Gabriel, came to a young woman named Mary. He said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. You will be with child and will give birth to a son, and you will call him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give to Him the throne of his father, David.”

Mary said, “How can this be, since I am a virgin?”

The angel said, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; He will be called the Son of God.”

Then Mary said, “Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.”

Scene 3:

“In those days the Roman Emperor, Caesar Augustus, sent out a decree that a census should be taken throughout the Empire. Everyone was required to return to his own ancestral home to be accounted for. Because Joseph was a member of the royal line, he had to go to Bethlehem in Judea for the census. He went with Mary, his fiancée, who was pregnant.”

All this took place to fulfill what the angel, Gabriel, had told Mary months before this.

“While they were in Bethlehem the time came for the baby to be born. Mary gave birth to her first child, a son. She wrapped him in a blanket and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them at the village inn.”

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Scene 4:

Outside of Bethlehem, in the Judean countryside, there were shepherds guarding their flocks of sheep.

“Suddenly an angel appeared among them and the whole landscape shown bright with the glory of the Lord. The shepherds were badly frightened, but the angel reassured them: ‘Don’t be afraid! I bring you the most joyful news ever announced, and it is for everyone! The Savior—yes, the Messiah, the Lord—has been born tonight in Bethlehem!’”

Then the angel told the shepherds what to look for: “You will find a baby wrapped in a blanket, lying in a manger.”

Scene 5:

Suddenly the angel was joined by a choir of angels singing, “Glory to God in the highest heaven and peace on earth for all those pleasing Him.”

When the angels had returned to heaven, the shepherds said to each other: “Come on! Let’s go to Bethlehem! Let’s see this wonderful thing that has happened!”

Scene 6:

They ran to the village and found their way to Mary and Joseph and there was the baby, wrapped in a blanket, lying in the manger just as the angels had told them.

The shepherds told everyone that Jesus Christ, our Savior, is born!

Scene 7:

Sometime later a bright star appeared in the eastern skies. There were wise men, magi, observing the star and realized it signaled the birth of the newborn King of the Jews. They followed the star to Bethlehem in Judah’s territory so they could worship the King.

The star finally stopped and hovered over the place where Jesus was. Their joy knew no bounds! As they entered, they saw the child in the arms of Mary, his mother. Overcome, they knelt down and worshiped him. Then they presented their gifts: gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

Yes, Christmas is a time to give gifts. It was the time God gave His most precious gift, the gift of His Son, Jesus.

Yes, Christmas is about a baby born in a stable who changed the world forever.

Thank you for coming and have a very Merry Christmas!

