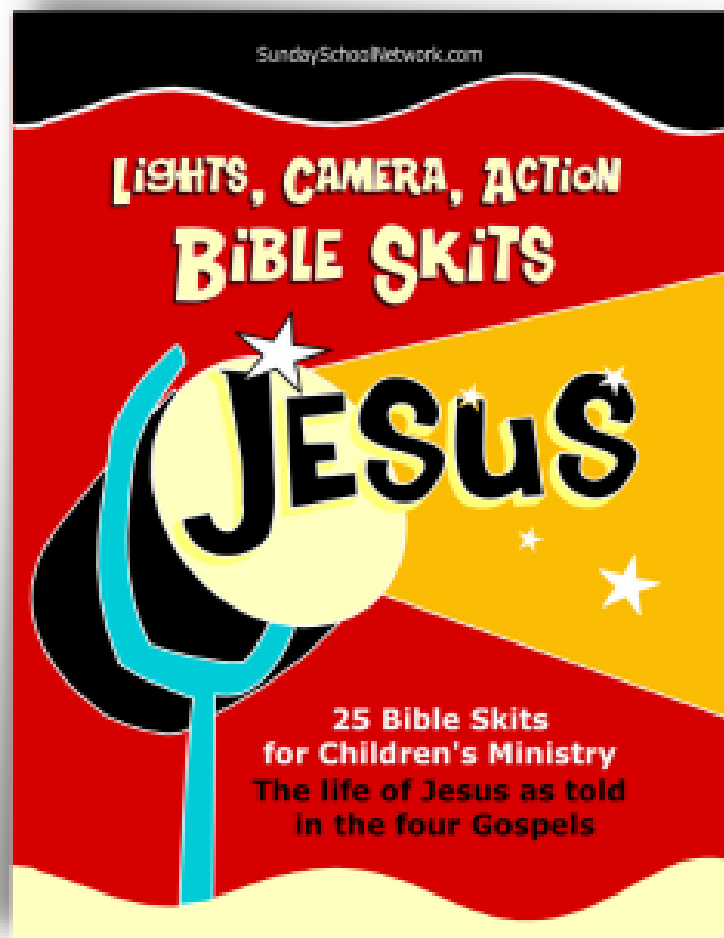


the Nativity Skit Sample



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The Life of Jesus As Told In The Four Gospels



SCENE 1: PROMISES, PROMISES

Gabriel's Announcements (Lk 1:26-38; Mt 1:18-24)

Choose Your Actors: Narrator, Gabriel (Angel), Mary, Joseph.

Director: Lights. Camera. Action!

Narrator: In the sixth month, God sent the angel Gabriel to a town in Galilee called Nazareth. The Angel was told to speak to Mary, a young virgin engaged to Joseph, one of King David's descendants.

Angel: Hello Mary, you are very special to God.

Mary: (trembling voice) Who . . . who are you? Wha- wha... what do you want?

Angel: Mary, don't be afraid. God is going to do something great through you! You will give birth to the Son of the Most High God. You must call him Jesus. His kingdom will never end.

Mary: But, but, I don't understand. This is confusing. How can this be? I've never been with a man. This isn't possible!

Angel: The Holy Spirit will make this happen. God's power will come over you. This child will be the Son of God.

Mary: (bowing down) I am the Lord's servant. May it happen like you said.

Narrator: Then the angel left her.

Mary: (praying) I praise you Lord. I rejoice in God my Savior. You have remembered me. The Mighty One has done great things for me. You are holy. Amen.

Joseph: Mary! Mary! Where are you?

Mary: Joseph, I don't know how to tell you this, but an angel told me that I'm pregnant with God's Son.

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Joseph: Whaaat? What do you mean? How's that possible? This is unbelievable. I don't believe you!

Mary: I couldn't believe it either. But I'm telling you the truth. You know that I love you. You must believe me!

Joseph: How can I believe you? This is impossible! I can't marry you! I'm breaking up with you! Even so, because I still love you and I don't want to hurt you, I will find a way to do it quietly, so no one mistreats you.

Mary: (singing) Oh Joseph, if you will believe me, I have a message for you.
Joseph: I can't see how. I need to figure this out! I talk to you later.
Mary: So Joseph, I'm sorry you don't believe me.
Joseph: I'm going to go home. I'm going to go to God. I'm going to go to the
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Angel: (standing over Joseph) Joseph, don't be afraid to take Mary as your wife. She told you the truth. Nothing is impossible with God. The baby is from the Holy Spirit. You shall name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.

Narrator: All this happened to carry out what the Lord said through the prophet, Isaiah: "The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel, which means, God with us."

Joseph: (jumps up, runs to Mary) I've got to tell Mary. . . Mary, Mary! An angel spoke to me too! We're going to call the baby, Jesus. He really is from God. He is the Promised One who will save us from our sins!

Watch the Video

If you videotaped your skit, watch it now. Videotaping your skits and watching them afterwards makes it more fun, reinforces the Bible lesson, and provides a "living Bible" memory-maker for your church!

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SCENE 2: COME, LET US ADORE HIM

Jesus' Birth (Lk 2:1-20; Mt 2:1-2)

The amount of Bible text devoted to this significant event requires a longer skit compared to most of the other skits in the book. This makes it perfect for a Christmas pageant, because it can be as simple or as elaborate as you want to make it! You might include the previous skit as well. You might also decide to add a choir of kids and/or adults. At the end of the skit are song suggestions.

Choose Your Actors: Town Official, Joseph, Mary, Inn Keeper, Inn Keeper's Wife, Angel, Host of Angels, Shepherds, Magi.

Props: Scroll, manger, large white sheet, blanket, baby doll. If you're using the skit for a full-blown pageant, add more props to your scenes.

Director: Lights. Camera. Action!

Part 1

Town Official: (Reading from scroll) Here ye, here ye, Caesar Augustus has issued a decree. A census has been ordered by the king. All people living under Roman rule must return to their place of birth to be counted.

Joseph: Mary, help me pack our bags. We're going to Bethlehem, my hometown, to be counted in the census.

Mary: We must hurry. The baby will be born soon!

Joseph: I wanted to stay here in Nazareth. But we must obey Caesar's order.

(Mary and Joseph "travel" across stage)

Mary: Joseph, it's time.

Joseph: Time for what?

Mary: The baby! It's time for the baby! We need to get a room!

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Joseph: (nervous) Really? Ok, hold on. Don't move. I'll be right back.
(Joseph knocks on inn door)

Inn Keeper: May I help you?

Joseph: (very nervous) My baby, she's having a wife. I mean my wife, she's having a baby! We need a room, and a bed, and, and, and . . . Help!

Inn Keeper: I'm so sorry. But the entire Roman world is in town. We're booked solid till the end of next week! But, if you don't mind a few animals, you can use the stable in the back. My wife will help you get settled.

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Mary: (lovingly holding baby) My first-born son!

(Mary wraps the baby in the blanket and places him in the manger)

Part 2

(Scene changes to Shepherds sitting, laughing, talking to one another and to their sheep, and then an Angel appears in a bright light)

Shepherds: (Terrified and shouting various fearful statements such as "Look out! What's that? We're going to die! Run for your life!")

Angel: Don't be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy for all people. Today in the town of David, a Savior has been born to you. He is Christ the Lord. Here's how you'll know I'm telling you the truth. You will find the baby wrapped in a blanket and lying in a manger.

Host of Angels: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward all people.

(Angels leave)

Shepherd: What just happened? Am I dreaming?

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Shepherd: No, we saw it too! Let's go to Bethlehem and see this child.

Shepherd: I have a feeling this is going to be great! I can't wait to see him!

Shepherd: Me neither. Get your sheep! Let's go!

(Shepherds "travel" and then approach the manger, bow down for a moment—choir could sing—then Shepherds rise up, bow to Mary and Joseph and then leave.)

Shepherd: Let's go tell everyone what we've seen!

Shepherd: Yes, praise God! Thank you, Lord, for allowing us to see the child lying in a manger, just as you said!

Mary: (holds child) Oh Joseph, I'm so happy. I love our baby so much!

Part 3

(Scene changes, actor holds up sign that says, "Several years have passed," while walking across the "stage.")

(Bright light shines down on home of Mary and Joseph. The Magi approach Joseph)

Magi: We saw the star and followed it here. Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews?

Joseph: (points to manger) He is here. We have come to see him.

(All characters bow down to the child in the manger.)

Final scene: O Little Town of Bethlehem, What Child is This, Who Laid to Rest, Away in a Manger

Angels' scene: Hark! The Herald Angels Sing; The First Noel, the Angel Did Say, Angels We Have Heard on High

Shepherd scene: Rise Up Shepherd and Follow; Silent Night; Go Tell It On The Mountain

Magi scene: We Three Kings; O Come, All Ye Faithful; Joy to the World

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Discussion Time

1) Why do you suppose the writer of the book of Luke wanted us to know about the census? (God told Luke to write about the census so we would know why Jesus was born in Bethlehem, rather than Nazareth, which is where his earthly father lived. This is important because hundreds of years before Jesus was born, the prophet Micah (5:2) predicted that the Messiah, God's Anointed, the Promised Savior, would come from Bethlehem.)

2) Who was Jesus' earthly father? How do you think Joseph felt about being the father of Jesus? (Joseph was a carpenter who was betrothed to Mary. He was a righteous man and was surprised to find out that Mary was pregnant. He was about to divorce her when he was told by an angel that the child was from God. He decided to take Mary as his wife and name the child Jesus.)

4) What does it mean to worship the Lord? How do we do it? (Worship involves praying and singing to God, but it is more than that. The Bible says in Romans 12:1-2, "God has shown you his mercy. . . . offer up your bodies to him while you are still alive. Your bodies are a holy sacrifice that is pleasing to God. When you offer your bodies to God, you are worshiping him. Don't live any longer the way this world lives. Let your way of thinking be completely changed. Then you will be able to test what God wants for you. And you will agree that what he wants is right. His plan is good and pleasing and perfect" NIV. This means that the way we behave and how we think can be a form of worship. The Bible says, "Whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things" Philippians 4:8 NIV.)

Pray

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