

Section ONE
Mary, Joseph and Angel

[SETTING – STAGE IS EMPTY except for microphones set up for Narrators.]

[LIGHTS UP ONSTAGE]

[NARRATORS ENTER and take positions near microphones.]

Narrator 1: Over 2000 years ago in a city called Nazareth there was a young woman who was named Mary.

[MARY ENTERS and moves to CENTERSTAGE.]

Narrator 1: Mary was promised to marry a man named Joseph, who lived there too.

[JOSEPH ENTERS and moves to STAGE LEFT.]

Narrator 2: One day, an angel from God came and talked to Mary.

[ANGEL ENTERS carrying a chair and moves to CENTERSTAGE]

Narrator 2: He told Mary that she was going to have a baby. And that the baby was to be the Son of God.

[ANGEL sets chair near MARY and stands up on chair. After ANGEL gets up on chair he/she straightens robes and clears throat and then says line loudly.]

Angel: Hey Mary! You're going to have a baby! And He will be the Son of God.

[MARY looks up at ANGEL and says line happily, like there's no problem]

Mary: Oh, OK!

Narrator 3: *(as if giving directions to angel)* And then the angel left!

[ANGEL gets down off of chair and drags it towards CENTERSTAGE BACK and waits there.]

Narrator 3: Now, Joseph wasn't sure what to do when he heard that Mary was going to have a baby.

[JOSEPH paces back and forth and looks worried.]

Narrator 3: So one night while he was asleep...

[JOSEPH keeps pacing....]

Narrator 3: Ahem... I said... "ONE NIGHT WHILE HE WAS ASLEEP...!!

[JOSEPH picks up his cue and lies down on ground as if asleep.]

Narrator 3: *(now in a normal tone of voice)* One night while he was asleep, the angel came to talk to Joseph too.

[ANGEL carries chair to STAGE LEFT, positions chair near JOSEPH and gets up on chair. Clears throat, straightens robe and says line loudly.]

Angel: Hey Joseph! Mary is going to have a baby from God. It's OK for you to marry her and take care of her and the baby. You will name the baby Jesus.

Joseph: Oh, OK!

Narrator 3: And, so that's just what he did.

[JOSEPH walks over to MARY, offers her his arm, and they EXIT together.]

[ANGEL EXITS as well... carrying the chair.]

[NARRATORS EXIT or sit down near microphones].

END of SECTION ONE

[HOUSELIGHTS UP as Choir takes the stage]

BREAK FOR SONGS

[SONGS: _____]

[HOUSELIGHTS DOWN after Choir Exits.]

SECTION TWO
Herod, Soldiers, Mary, Joseph, All Actors

[LIGHTS UP ONSTAGE]

[EMPEROR ENTERS at STAGE RIGHT.]

[MARY and JOSEPH ENTER and stand STAGE LEFT.]

Narrator 1: A while later, the Emperor in Rome, Caesar Augustus, said that everyone had to go to their own hometown to be counted.

Emperor: Everyone go to your own hometown, so that I can count you!

[EMPEROR EXITS.]

Narrator 1: So Mary and Joseph went to Joseph's hometown of Bethlehem.

[MARY and JOSEPH start walking slowly all the way across the stage and then back to CENTERSTAGE. As they do this ALL OTHER ACTORS ENTER and jostle around near CENTERSTAGE as MARY and JOSEPH are "traveling". Finally MARY and JOSEPH arrive at Bethlehem or CENTERSTAGE.]

(NOTE: One of the actresses needs to be carrying a baby doll. One of the actors needs to be carrying a manger.)

Narrator 1: There were lots of other people there too. There were so many people, in fact, that there was no room for them in the inn. So, they stayed in a stable, which was a place where the animals stayed warm and dry.

[ALL ACTORS step back behind MARY and JOSEPH and face audience. VARIOUS ACTORS make barnyard animal noises on cue next.]

Narrator 2: There was a cow there. (Mooo)
There was a sheep there. (Baaaa)
There was a chicken there. (Bock Bock Bock.)
And Mary and Joseph stayed there too.

[ONE ACTRESS hands baby doll prop to MARY. ONE ACTOR places the manger CENTERSTAGE. MARY takes baby doll and places it in manger.]

Narrator 3: While they were there, baby Jesus was born and Mary took him and wrapped Him up warm and laid Him in the manger.

All Actors: Awwwww..... *(then, as they walk off)* Moo, baa, bock, bock, bock.

[MARY and JOSEPH, EXIT. ALL ACTORS EXIT, taking manger and baby doll.]

[NARRATORS EXIT or sit down near microphones].

END of SECTION TWO

[HOUSELIGHTS UP as Choir takes the stage]

BREAK FOR SONGS

[SONGS: _____]

[HOUSELIGHTS DOWN after Choir Exits.]

SECTION THREE
Shepherds, Angel

[LIGHTS UP ONSTAGE]

[NARRATORS STAND at microphones.]

Narrator 1: That night there were some shepherds out in the fields watching over their flocks of sheep.

[SHEPHERDS ENTER and move to CENTERSTAGE. They may be carrying stuffed-animal type sheep.]

Shepherd: (Baaaa)

[ANGEL ENTERS dragging the chair again. When SHEPHERDS see ANGEL they fall down on their faces and quake in fear.]

Narrator 1: And the angel came and talked to the shepherds. And they were terribly afraid.

[ANGEL gets up on chair, straightens robes and says line loudly.]

Angel: Don't be afraid! I am bringing you good news! Jesus is born in Bethlehem! He is the Savior for all peoples. You will find Him lying in a manger!

Narrator 2: And all of a sudden there were lots of angels saying...

All Narrators: Glory to God in the highest. Peace on Earth! Good will to men!

[ANGEL waves arms back and forth]

Narrator 2: And then the angels left....

[ANGEL doesn't leave. ANGEL just keeps on waving arms back and forth.]

Narrator 2: Ahem... I said, AND THEN THE ANGELS LEFT!!!

[ANGEL gets down off the chair and EXITS dragging the chair.]

Narrator 3: And when the angels had left, the shepherds went to find baby Jesus in the manger, just as they had been told.

[SHEPHERDS gather up their sheep and EXIT.]

Narrator 3: And when they found Him, they worshiped Him.

[NARRATORS EXIT or sit down near microphones].

END of SECTION THREE

[HOUSELIGHTS UP as Choir takes the stage]

BREAK FOR SONGS

[SONGS: _____]

[HOUSELIGHTS DOWN after Choir Exits.]