

# INTERACTIVE CHRISTMAS DRAMA

## INSTRUCTIONS

This is a fun, easy, quick nativity that doesn't require any rehearsals or weeks of preparation. Involving the whole congregation means that everyone gets to join in.

No practices are required – simply pick your “cast” from the congregation as they are needed in the story! You may like to prepare special props for them to hold, or simple costume items (hats, cloaks etc).

## ROLES

### Individual characters in the story

You will need volunteers to play the following Bible character:

- Mary – headdress, tshirt, or an outfit for Mary
- Joseph - headdress, tshirt, or an outfit for Joseph
- Two adults for a donkey - donkey ears, sheet, tail
- Shepherds - headdress, staff, gumboots, farmer outfit sheep props
- Angels – angel wings
- Wise men – crowns, jackets, gift boxes, scooters

### Congregation involvement in the story

When the following words are said, get the whole congregation to react with the corresponding word or phrase (eg. when the word “angel” is said, everyone says “Hallelujah!”) This gets everyone involved, and is lots of fun!

- Angel – Halleluia
- Baby – Awww!
- Donkey – Hee-haw
- Innkeeper – No room! (with shake of head)
- Shepherds – Baaaa!
- Wise men – Follow that star! (point)

# SCRIPT

Once upon a time there was a girl named Mary (Mary comes up) who was engaged to be married to a man called Joseph (Joseph comes up).

Now in order for you guys to be Mary and Joseph you need to look the part: *Dress two children up in outfits, or give them props to show who they are*

But one day an angel (**Halleluia**) of the Lord come to Mary and told her that she was going to have a baby (**Awww**). So she went and told Joseph who wasn't to sure.

But an angel (**Halleluah**) told Joseph in a dream that it was alright because it was God caused Mary to have a baby (**Awww**) and he was to name him Jesus.

So they got married and waited excitedly for the day when the baby (**Awww**) would be born just like the angel (**Halleluia**) had said.

However the just when Mary was about to have her baby (**Awww**) Joseph found out that he had to travel to the town he was born in because the rulers of the country wanted to count everybody. However what was worse, he had to take Mary with him. So he decided to let Mary ride on a donkey (**Hee-Haw**).

*Pick two adults (preferably older bigger boys). You'll need a brown sheet or donkey props. Get them to practice walking up and down like a donkey for a few seconds. Should be hilarious.*

So Mary got on the donkey (**Hee-haw**) and she and Joseph headed off to the town, which Joseph had been born in which was Bethlehem

<p><b>Carol – O Little town of Bethlehem</b> Donkey does an up and down the aisle with Mary and Joseph</p>
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They finally arrived in Bethlehem (piano plays first line) and found that it was really crowded because of the census and that all the inns were full. They tried all day to find somewhere to stay but with no luck. Mary was tired. Joseph was tired and the donkey (**Hee-haw**) was tired.

At the very last place they looked, (*Mary and Joseph arrive at a door on stage*) a flustered innkeeper (**No room!**) answered the door. He saw how tired Mary and Joseph and the donkey (**Hee-haw**) were so he said that they could sleep in the stable if they wanted. So Mary and Joseph took themselves and the donkey (**Hee-Haw**) off to the stable and the innkeeper (**No room!**) went back to his guests.

That night Mary had her baby (**Awww**).

<p><b>Carol – Away in a Manger</b> <i>Mary and Joseph and the donkey (if it hasn't collapsed) come out and place a doll in a manger and sit down on stage.</i></p>
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Now out in the fields there were some shepherds (**Baaaa!**) looking after some sheep  
– *All the children dressed as shepherds come up on stage.*

Suddenly there were scared out of their wits by an angel (**Halleluia**) appearing out of nowhere! There was lots of bright light shining all around. *(Have an adult ready to come up with a large torch and shine it enthusiastically at the shepherds)*

The angel (**Halleluia**) told the shepherds (**Baaaa!**) not to be afraid. He had come to bring them great news. Today in Bethlehem a saviour has been born. He is Christ the Lord and if you hurry now you'll find him wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.

When he said that there suddenly appeared heaps and heaps of angels (*Children dressed as angels come up on stage - play the halleluia chorus here and read over it*) and they were dancing and singing "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to all people." And then they disappeared. *Music stops abruptly and spotlights goes out.*

Well the shepherds (**Baaaa!**) were really excited and they immediately leaped up and ran to find the baby (**Awww**).

They found the inn, and asked the innkeeper (**No room!**) where the baby (**Awww**) was and he told them about Mary and Joseph in the stable. So they went in and found it just as the angel (**Halleluia**) had said. The shepherds (**Baaaa**) then left and told everyone what they had seen.

Now while all this was going on, far away some really, really smart guys called Wise Men (**Follow that star!**) had seen something rather amazing. They had spotted a star shining in the East and thought 'Hey this star means a king has been born. We'd better go and find him.' So the Wise Men (**Follow that star!**) packed up their camels and made their way to Bethlehem.

<b>Carol – We Three Kings – All the children dressed as wise men come up on stage.</b>
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When the Wise Men (**Follow that star!**) found the innkeeper he directed them out back and they found the baby (**Awww**).

They gave him three gifts. Gold because Jesus is a king, Frankincense because that means Jesus is a priest, and Myrrh because baby Jesus was going to grow up and die on the cross for each one of us!

And that's our story of Christmas with Mary & Joseph and baby Jesus (**Awww**) and the donkey (**Hee haw**) innkeeper (**No room!**) and the shepherds (**Baaa**) and the angels (**Halleluia**) and the Wise Men (**Follow that star!**)