

Song: Hark the glad sound

Mary and the angel

Narrator: During the time of king Herod; in the land of Judea; In the town of Nazareth there was a young
(Ray) women, named Mary, pledged to be married to Joseph, a descendant of David.

(Mary's praying, kneeling, bowed head, folded hands.)

Mary: May the Lord bless and keep my people Israel.
(Marissa) (An angel enters, he keeps silent)
May He make His face shine upon us and be gracious to us.
May the Lord look upon us with favor and give us peace.

(The angel interrupts, she is startled)

Angel: Greetings! You who are special! The lord is with you!
(Eric)

(Mary looks up in fear)

Angel: Don't be afraid Mary, you are special in God's sight. You will be with child and give birth to a
(Eric) son. His name will be Jesus and He'll be called the son of God. He will rule over Israel,
on His father David's throne, forever.

Mary: How can this be, I'm a virgin?
(Marissa)

Angel: God's Holy Spirit will come over you and a child will be created. This holy child will be the son
(Eric) of God.

Mary: (amazed) Really!
(Marissa)

Angel: Yes, even Elizabeth, your cousin, who is old and was called barren, has been carrying a child for
(Eric) 6 months.
Nothing is impossible with God.

Song: O Come o come Immanuel

Mary and Elizabeth

Narrator: At this time Mary went to the hill country of Judea to the home of Zachariah and Elizabeth
(Haley)

(Elizabeth, alone, is occupied with something. Out of sight, Mary calls.)

Mary: Elizabeth! Elizabeth it's me your cousin Mary!
(Marissa)

(Elizabeth jumps. Then lets out a gasp.)

(Mary enters. Elizabeth turns around and sees her.)

Elizabeth: Oh! Mary! I am so special and unworthy to have the mother of my Lord come and see me!
(Kimberly)

Mary: You know! Then it's true? That you and Zachariah are going to have a baby?!
(Marissa)

Elizabeth: Yes! And when I heard your voice my baby lept for joy inside of me!
(Kimberly)

Oh Mary! Blessed is she that believes that what the Lord has said of her, will happen!

Mary: My soul praises the Lord and my spirit is joyful in God, my Savior, because He has looked kindly
(Marissa) on His humble servant!

Song: From heaven above to earth I come

Joseph finds out

(Joseph is busy doing something. He is pleased to see Mary.)

Mary:(Marissa) Hello Joseph.

Joseph:(Garrett) Mary! How was your visit with Elizabeth?

Mary:(Marissa) It went well. Elizabeth gave birth to a son.

Joseph:(Garrett) Really?! I thought she was barren.

Mary:(Marissa) He was a gift from God.

Joseph:(Garrett) Indeed he was. What's his name?

Mary:(Marissa) John.

Joseph:(Garrett) Who of Zachariah's family is named John?

Mary:(Marissa) It was a name an *angel* told Zachariah to give him.

Joseph:(Garrett) (amused)Really? An angel?

Mary:(Marissa) Joseph, an *angel* spoke to me also.

Joseph:(Garrett) (amazed)Really?! An angel?!

Mary:(Marissa) I too am going to have a baby. He is from the Holy Spirit, for I am still a virgin.

Joseph: (Upset and doubtful)Really?! Mary we are pledged!
(Garrett)

(She finishes what she has to say and quickly leaves.)

Mary: His name will be Jesus and He will be the king of Israel forever!
(Marissa)

(Upset and alone, he ponders.)

Joseph: Really!
(Garrett) She and I are pledged to be married, but how could I Marry her now?
Mary! You will be picked on by the people! By *the law* you must be stoned!
(pauses to think)I will divorce her quietly; then she wouldn't be harmed.

(Joseph goes and lays down. He falls asleep.)

(The angel appears and Joseph remains asleep.)

Angel: Joseph, Son of David, don't be afraid to take your wife, Mary, home with you; for the Child is
(Eric) from the Holy Spirit. She will have a Son and you will name Him, Jesus, because He will save His people from their sins.

(Joseph wakes up and he brings back Mary.)

Joseph: Mary, an angel spoke to me and said the child you carry shall be called, Jesus, because, He will
(Garrett) save us from our sins. I believe you Mary. God has a plan and He'll be with us.

Mary: Really. (they both leave)
(Marissa)

Narrator: So Joseph did as the Lord's angel had commanded and he took Mary home to be with him.
(Ray)

Song: O Come all ye faithful

Census is taken

(People gathered around. Joseph is among them. In come soldiers)

Soldier 1 Attention everyone! Caesar Augustus has issued a decree that a census is to be taken of the
(Greg) entire Roman world!

Soldier 2 Everyone needs to go to the town of his own family!
(Brock)

(Joseph goes to Mary)

Joseph: Mary, we need to leave and go to Bethlehem.
(Garrett)

Mary: Why do we need to go?
(Marissa)

Joseph: A census is being taken and we need to go to the town of our families.
(Garrett)

Mary: Well Jesus, you've come from heaven to Nazareth and now we're going to Bethlehem. Where
(Marissa) will your journey end?

Song: O little Town of Bethlehem

At Bethlehem

Narrator: So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town
(Haley) of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David.

Narrator: He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a
(Ray) child.

Joseph: (Approaches the Innkeeper) Sir, do you have any more room? My wife is going to have a baby
(Garrett) soon.

Innkeeper: Sorry, but we are all filled up. I have no more room.
(Hannah & Mitch)
(They move along from group to group.)

Joseph: Do you have any room?
(Garrett)

Group 1: No, we have no room.
(Gabriela & Keisha)

Joseph: Do you have any room?
(Garrett)
Group 2: Sorry sir, we have no room.
(Kendra & Brock)
(Back in front of the first inn.)

Innkeeper: Young man, I have no rooms for you, but you could stay at the stable.
(Hannah)
Innkeeper: Here let me show you the way.
(Mitch)
(Takes them through the door in front of church.)
(Mary brings out the baby)

Song: Away in a manger

Preschool: Baby Jesus fast asleep
While the angels watch and keep

He had no special baby bed
No soft place to lay His head

Jesus is a special baby
Who came to save both you and me.

Song: What child is this

In a nearby field

(Shepherds come out)

Shepherd 1: We shepherds were living out in the fields nearby, Bethlehem, keeping watch over our flocks at night.
(Brock)
When suddenly! An angel of the Lord appeared! The glory of the Lord shone around us and we were **scared!**

Angel 1: Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.
(Dani)
Angel 2: Today, in the town of David, a Savior has been born to you; He is Christ the Lord!
(Keisha)
Angel 3: This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.
(Gabriela)
Narrator: Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angels, praising God and saying.
(Haley)

Angel 4: Glory to God in the highest! And on earth peace to men; of whom his blessings rest!
(Chaunda)

Song: Hark the herald angels sing

Narrator: So the angels had left them and went into heaven.
(Ray)
Shepherd 2: Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.
(Brian)

Narrator: So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph and the baby, who was lying in the manger.
(Haley) When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child.

Narrator: And all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. But Mary treasured
(Ray) up all these things and pondered them in her heart.

Narrator: The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen,
(Haley) which were just as they had been told.

Song: Silent night - 1st verse children, 2 – 4 congregation

Pastor's concluding message

Song: Joy to the world - 1st verse children, 2 – 4 congregation