

SIMPLE NATIVITY SCRIPT
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CAST

Mary
*Angel Gabriel
*Angel #2
*Angel #3
Joseph
Roman King (Caesar)
2 shepherds
Star
3 Wisemen
Narrator (teacher)

Song ideas: **Away in a Manger** https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fqk6H18b7_o
On that very first Christmas (Colin Buchanan) Words/Actions found here
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sQNQtxomJZk>

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Welcome everyone! We are glad you are here.

Today we will be sharing with you, the amazing events that happened on the very first Christmas.

Nearly 2,000 years ago there lived a young woman named Mary. Early one morning God sent the angel Gabriel to give Mary an important message. *Gabriel greeted Mary and said,

**“Hello Mary, You are truly blessed
and the Lord is with you!”**

Mary was afraid and unsure, wondering what does all his mean? But the *angel said,

“Don’t be afraid Mary. God is pleased with you. You’re going to have a baby. He is God’s own Son and his name will be Jesus.”

Mary asked,

“How can this happen? I’m not married.

The *angel said,

“The Holy Spirit will come and rest on you. The child will be called the Son of God. Nothing is impossible with God.”

Then the angel left - Mary thought a lot about what had happened. She loved God and had been chosen by God to be the mother of someone very special.

At this time, Mary was engaged to Joseph. Joseph was a good man but was unsure when he heard this news. Then God sent an angel in a dream to Joseph. The *angel (#2) said,

“Joseph, Go ahead and marry her. Mary’s baby is from the Holy Spirit. You will name him Jesus because he will save his people from their sins.”

Then Joseph married Mary.

A little while later, the Roman King made a decree,

“Everyone must go back to their hometowns to be counted!”

This meant that Joseph and Mary had to travel to Bethlehem to be counted.

After days of traveling, they reached Bethlehem. But it was so crowded! There wasn’t a single room available for them. They had to stay in a place where the animals were kept.

Soon Mary gave birth to her baby boy. She wrapped him in strips of cloth and laid him in a manger. Joseph named him Jesus, just as the angel had said.

***Optional Group Song: Away in a Manger**
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fqk6H18b7_o

That same night in the fields nearby there where some shepherds guarding their sheep. Suddenly, a shining angel appeared to them. They were terrified! The *angel (#3) said,

“Don’t be afraid! I have good news that will make everyone happy. Today, God’s son, the Savior has been born. He is Christ the Lord. You will find him wrapped in strips of cloth and lying in a manger.”

And guess what happened next? Many more angels came down from heaven and filled the sky. They were praising God singing:

“Glory to the newborn king” (*all angels sing)

“Glory to God in the highest. Peace on earth to everyone who pleases God”

After the angels left, the shepherds said to each other,

“Let’s go and check this out”.

They raced into Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph and there was baby Jesus. He was wrapped in strips of cloth and lying in a manger, just as the angel said.

Now, on this very night, God put a special star in the sky. And some wise men who lived far away – saw the star. They knew it was a sign from God that a new king had been born.

They said,

**“He’s here! He’s here!
Let’s go! Let’s go!**

So, they packed up and began a long journey. They traveled for weeks, months and possibly a year. The star guided them until it stopped over a house where the child was, and they were filled with joy!

“We found the King!” “We found the King!”

They went inside the house. Bowed down and worshipped him. They gave him gifts fit for a king:

**gold,
frankincense and
myrrh.**

This is what happened on the very first Christmas.

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Optional - song: On that very First Christmas (Colin Buchanan)

actions and lyrics video is here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sQNQtxomJZk>

Poster and coloring sheets are here -

<https://www.wrightideaswithsusan.com/products/on-that-very-first-christmas-poster-colouring-sheets>

Away in the manger,
No crib for a bed
The little Lord Jesus
Laid down His sweet head

The stars in the bright sky
Looked down where He lay
The little Lord Jesus
Asleep on the hay

The cattle are lowing
The Baby awakes
But little Lord Jesus
No crying He makes

I love you, Lord Jesus
Look down from the sky
And stay by my side,
until morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus,
I ask you to stay
Close by me forever
And love me I pray

Bless all the dear children
In thy tender care
And take us to heaven
To live with you there.

Away in a Manger - lyric video

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Practice sheet - Speaking part: Gabriel

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