



A Fantastic Musical Nativity Play for Young Actors

Take a trip back in time to witness the birth of Jesus through the eyes of a very ordinary street-seller named Josh. He is one of the many travellers who have Bethlehem as their destination. He witnesses some amazing events without ever realizing their true consequences. There are all the characters you would expect to find in a Nativity plus a few extras. Eight brand new songs give your show that extra special dimension. Naturally, you can also use your own repertoire of Christmas songs to extend this show.

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1(PREVIEW SCRIPT FOR EVALUATION ONLY)

The Cast:

2 Soloists (for song no.1)
4 Narrators
Josh (leading role, Artful Dodger type)
Newsboy/girl
Joseph (needs to be a good singer)
Mary
Gabriel (needs to be a good singer)
4 Innkeepers
4 Shepherds (Shepherd 2 is a bit of an imbecile)
3 Wise Men (very posh voices)
Angels (any number)
Chorus (to sing 5 of the songs)
Servants of the Wise Men (optional)
Donkey for Mary (think of it as a challenge!)
Optional sheep (for the more sheepish of the cast!)

SONG 1: DESTINATION BETHLEHEM

(to be sung as children process onto stage)

Solo:

**Have you ever seen a star
Twinkling in the sky so bright?
Ever wondered what it means?
Look into the sky tonight.**

Chorus:

**Destination Bethlehem.
Jump on board our bus.
Be a part of history.
Destination Bethle,
Destination Bethle,
Destination Bethlehem.
We're going to be counted,
Going to be counted, going to be counted,
One, two, three!
We're going to be counted, going to be counted,
Going to be counted,
One, two, three!**

Solo: **We've a story to be told
All about the Son of Man.
How he came to Earth one day
To be part of God's great plan.**

CHORUS REPEATED.

Josh:

Allow me to introduce myself. The name's Josh, son of Josh. Ask me what I do for a living? A bit of this and a bit of that. Got fingers in lots of pies. Anyhow, I've got some great news for you lot...On special offer today I've got some rather nice gem stones, all very nicely polished. Here, have a close look. I'm willing to sell each one of them for only ten...

Newsboy/girl: Extra, extra, hear all about it! Caesar Augustus decrees that everybody in the land is to travel to their hometown to register their names and to pay taxes to the Romans who rule our country.

Josh: Excuse me. I was in the middle of a sales pitch.

Newsboy/girl: Sorry mate. I just couldn't wait.

Josh: And haven't we already paid our taxes to those "Romans"?

Newsboy/girl: That was five years ago!

Josh: My! How time flies!

Newsboy/girl: So what's your destination then?

Josh: Destination? Bethlehem. It's where me dad came from. And me dad's dad. And me dad's dad's dad. And me dad's dad's dad's dad.

Newsboy/girl: Okay...I get the picture! Bethlehem...nice location.

Josh: You must be joking. Bethlehem is so boring. Nothing ever happens there.

Newsboy/girl: Well, must fly. Perhaps I'll see you later in Bethlehem.

Josh: You heading there too? Fancy that! Ta ra! (*Josh and newsboy/girl exit stage.*)

Narrator 1: That night a girl called Mary was visited by a very special messenger.

Gabriel enters the room as Mary is in the middle of her cleaning chores. Mary is astonished and rubs her eyes in disbelief.

SONG 2: MARY MARY

Gabriel: Mary, Mary
You shall have a baby
And his name shall be Jesus.
He will be God's Son.

Chorus: Mary, Mary
You shall have a baby
And his name shall be Jesus.
He will be God's Son.

Mary kneels down to pray at the end of the song. Gabriel then leaves and Joseph enters.

Mary: Joseph?

Joseph: Yes, Mary?

Mary:

I'm going to have a baby.

Joseph: What? (*dumbfounded*) Don't be so ridiculous!

Mary: An angel told me. He said it would be alright.

Joseph: Oh he did, did he? Which way did this "angel" go?

Mary: That way. (*pointing off stage*)

Joseph: I'll go and have a "quiet" word with him. *Joseph exits, followed by Mary.*

Narrator 2: God sorted this little problem out by visiting Joseph in a dream. He explained that Mary's baby was to be a very special baby, the Son of God in fact.

Josh: Right, got me sandwiches, got me bag of spare clothes, a bit of cash and...me precious gems!
Destination Bethlehem here we come! (*looks at his watch*)
I'm leaving nice and early, to avoid the rush hour traffic. I'm heading for the Bethlehem Hilton! Oh, look!
Here come all the others! See ya!

SONG 3: GOING TO BE COUNTED

(fellow travellers strike up this tune as they enter the hall, heading for the stage)

**Chorus: We're going to be counted,
Going to be counted,
Going to be counted, one, two, three!
We're going to be counted,
Going to be counted,
Going to be counted, one, two, three!**

**Verse 1: Mary and Joseph went on their way.
How many miles? No one could say.
Into the night they travelled
And as the story unravelled
People were singing this song: (Chorus.)**

**Verse 2: And as the day turned into night
They had to travel by the moonlight.
Mary was getting weaker.
Things were now getting bleaker.
But people kept singing this song: (Chorus.)**

Narrator 3: The journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem is about 80 miles. It's a difficult journey at the best of times. Mary and Joseph arrived late, rather exhausted, and then things began to go from bad to worse.

Joseph: Mary, stay here. I'll find us a place to stay the night. Don't worry.
(Joseph ties up his donkey and knocks on a few doors.)

Joseph: Got any room? *(to innkeeper 1)*

Innkeeper 1: Sorry. You should have booked.

Joseph: Got any room? *(to innkeeper 2)*

Innkeeper 2: You must be joking! Tomorrow's the day of the census!

Joseph: Got any room? *(to innkeeper 3)*

Innkeeper 3: Don't make me laugh!

Joseph: Got any room? *(to innkeeper 4)*

Innkeeper 4: Oh yeah! *(sarcastically)* Would you like an en suite or possibly one of our many de luxe rooms? Pull the other one, mate!

SONG 4: NO ROOM HERE, NO ROOM THERE

**No room here, no room there No room, no room anywhere
What to do, what to say. Oh what, what a day.**

**We've been travelling all day long
And we need to rest a while
Have you any place for us?**

We won't make, we won't make, we won't make a fuss (No room here, no room there....)

**Mary is expecting now, she will have a baby soon
Help us on, help us on, help us on our way. (No room here, no room there.....)
What a what a day**

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