

JUST A LITTLE CHRISTMAS

(Children's Version)

- Type: A Christmas Skit
- For: Elementary age children
- Characters: About 12 actors and actresses:
Narrators (1-3)
Mary
Joseph
Angel
Emperor Caesar Augustus/ King Herod
3 Kings
Soldiers, Shepherds (can be played by same actors in different costumes)
- Costumes: Easy, loose fitting items such as large pieces of cloth tied at the waist for tunics. Big pieces of fabric for shawls and head coverings. Sandals for feet (or bare feet). Crowns and fancy things for the kings. Shields and/or armor for the soldiers. (Cardboard, spray painted gold, makes good shields.) Narrators may want to wear matching clothes or Christmas outfits.
- Props: Manger. Baby Doll with blankets to represent Baby Jesus.
Chair for Angel to drag around and stand on.
- Optional:* Throne or really big chair for King Herod
Stuffed animal type sheep for the shepherds to “watch” or carry around
- Sound: Microphones on one side of stage for 2-3 Narrators. Other characters may need to have a microphone. Check ANGEL, MARY and KING HEROD.
- Setting: Stage is set for a traditional Christmas play. You may like to decorate with poinsettias, Christmas trees, wreaths, etc.

DIRECTOR'S NOTES:

- *When planning your Christmas event, invite the pastor, or Children's Leader to welcome the congregation, to pray, and to introduce the play.*
- *If you like you may wish to include some Christmas songs either before or after the play. Some suggested song titles follow.*
- *Christmas cookies and punch go great after a pageant! Enjoy!*

- Songs: Away in a Manger
Silent Night
O, Little Town of Bethlehem
The First Noel
It Came Upon a Midnight Clear
We Wish You a Merry Christmas

*Please use any of your
favorite Christmas songs!
One or two verses are fun!*

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[SETTING – A MANGER set up at CENTERSTAGE FRONT with the DOLL representing Baby Jesus hidden nearby. Microphones set up for Narrators.]

[LIGHTS UP ONSTAGE]

[NARRATORS ENTER and take positions near microphones.]

Narrator 1: A long time ago in a city of Nazareth there was a woman 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 dragging a chair and moves to CENTERSTAGE]

Narrator 2: He told Mary she was going to have a baby.

[ANGEL sets chair near MARY and stands up on chair before saying line.]

Angel: 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, the angel came to talk to Joseph too.

[JOSEPH lies down.]

[ANGEL drags chair to STAGE LEFT, positions chair near JOSEPH, and gets up on chair before saying line.]

Angel: 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 walk back to STAGE LEFT.]

[ANGEL EXITS dragging the chair.]

[EMPEROR ENTERS and stands at STAGE RIGHT.]

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 the town of Bethlehem to be counted, because Joseph was of the house and line of David. And Bethlehem was known as the City of David.

[MARY and JOSEPH walk to CENTERSTAGE FRONT near MANGER.]

Narrator 2: 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, Mary and Joseph stayed in a stable, which was a place for animals to stay warm and dry.

Narrators 2 and 3: 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.

Narrator 1: While they were there, baby Jesus was born and Mary took him and wrapped Him up warm and laid Him in the manger.

[MARY takes baby doll and places it in manger.]

Narrator 2: That night there were some shepherds out in the fields watching over their flocks of sheep.

[SHEPHERDS ENTER at STAGE LEFT. 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 2: And the angel came and talked to the shepherds. And they were terribly afraid.

[ANGEL gets up on chair, before saying line.]

Angel: Don't be afraid! I bring you good news! The Savior, which is Christ the Lord, has been born today in Bethlehem! You will find the baby wrapped in soft cloths and 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 gets down off the chair and EXITS dragging the chair.]

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

[SHEPHERDS cross to CENTERSTAGE and kneel down by MANGER.]

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

Narrator 1: Not far away, in a place called Jerusalem, there lived an evil King named Herod.

[KING HEROD and SOLDIERS ENTER from STAGE RIGHT with throne. KING HEROD sits on throne and SOLDIERS stand on either side of throne.]

[SHEPHERDS EXIT at STAGE LEFT.]

Narrator 1: One day after baby Jesus had been born, wise men came to Jerusalem looking for the newly born King of the Jews.

[3 WISE MEN ENTER carrying gifts and cross to STAGE RIGHT.]

Narrator 2: They asked King Herod where He was.

3 Kings: Where is he who is born “King of the Jews”?

Narrator 3: So the king asked his advisors.

King Herod: Where is this King of the Jews to be born?

Narrator 3: In Bethlehem.

King Herod: *(to kings)* In Bethlehem. Go and find Him and let me know where He is so I can come and worship Him too.

Narrator 2: So the wise men went and found baby Jesus by following His star and when they found Him, they worshiped Him.

[WISE MEN CROSS to CENTERSTAGE and kneel down. They place their gifts near the MANGER.]

Narrator 3: But King Herod didn’t really want to worship baby Jesus. He wanted to harm Him. The wise men were warned by God about this, so they went home another way.

[WISE MEN EXIT without going back towards KING HEROD.]

Narrator 3: When the King found out he was tricked, he was really mad!

King Herod: Arrghh!! I am really mad!!!

Narrator 1: He was determined to destroy this newborn king! So King Herod sent his soldiers to Bethlehem to find the baby Jesus.

King Herod: *(speaking to soldiers)* Go and find Him and destroy HIM!

[KING HEROD points to CENTERSTAGE! SOLDIERS don’t move yet.]

[ANGEL ENTERS dragging chair to CENTERSTAGE, where ANGEL stops and stands on chair.]

Narrator 1: But God warned Joseph in a dream to GET OUT OF THERE!

Angel: *(shouting with hands cupped around mouth)*...GET OUT OF THERE!

Narrator 1: And so they did.

[MARY and JOSEPH EXIT at STAGE LEFT QUICKLY.]

[ANGEL stays on chair and watches activity onstage.]

[SOLDIERS cross to CENTERSTAGE and look disappointed because they missed Mary and Joseph! ANGEL looks very happy!]

Narrator 2: And so Joseph and Mary and the little baby Jesus went to Egypt. And they stayed there until the evil King Herod died.

[KING HEROD “plays dead”. SOLDIERS carry or drag King Herod offstage.]

Narrator 2: After King Herod died, God told Joseph it was safe to come back because the people who wanted the child dead had now died.

Angel: (*shouting to Mary and Joseph, who are still offstage*) HEY! You can COME BACK NOW!!! IT’S SAFE!!

[MARY and JOSEPH ENTER and move to STAGE LEFT.]

Narrator 3: Mary and Joseph and baby Jesus came back from Egypt. And they went to live in the town of Nazareth again.

Narrator 3: And that’s where baby Jesus grew up... until He was grown.

[ALL ACTORS ENTER and stand across the stage facing the audience.]

Narrator 1: And so now you’ve heard it all: About how God sent His Only Son to be born as a baby, so that later He could save everyone from their sins. And all it took was...

All Narrators: ...Just a Little Christmas!

All Cast: Glory to God in the Highest! Peace on Earth! Good will to men!

[CURTAIN CALL]

THE END