

Just a Little Christmas

(Teens' Version)

Type: A Christmas Skit

For: Young Teens to perform for Younger Audiences.

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.) Use two different crowns for Caesar and Herod. Narrators may wear matching clothes or Christmas outfits. For actor playing Herod and Caesar; have a crown for one and a garland for other.

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.

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!*

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.*
- *This play may be done with or without the breaks indicated for songs. If done, the songs may be sung by individual choirs or with the children and congregation.*
- *Suggested songs are optional and may be replaced with other songs you choose.*
- *Christmas cookies and punch go great after a pageant! Enjoy!*

Section ONE
Mary, Joseph and Angel

[SETTING – STAGE IS EMPTY except for microphones set up for Narrators.]

[LIGHTS UP ONSTAGE]

[NARRATORS ENTER and take positions near microphones.]

Narrator 1: Over 2000 years ago in a city called Nazareth there was a young woman who was 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 carrying a chair and moves to CENTERSTAGE]

Narrator 2: He told Mary that she was going to have a baby. And that the baby was to be the Son of God.

[ANGEL sets chair near MARY and stands up on chair. After ANGEL gets up on chair he/she straightens robes and clears throat and then says line loudly.]

Angel: Hey 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...

[JOSEPH keeps pacing....]

Narrator 3: Ahem... I said... "ONE NIGHT WHILE HE WAS ASLEEP...!!

[JOSEPH picks up his cue and lies down on ground as if asleep.]

Narrator 3: *(now in a normal tone of voice)* One night while he was asleep, the angel came to talk to Joseph too.

[ANGEL carries chair to STAGE LEFT, positions chair near JOSEPH and gets up on chair. Clears throat, straightens robe and says line loudly.]

Angel: Hey 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 EXIT together.]

[ANGEL EXITS as well... carrying the chair.]

[NARRATORS EXIT or sit down near microphones].

END of SECTION ONE

[HOUSELIGHTS UP as Choir takes the stage]

BREAK FOR SONGS

[SONGS: _____]

[HOUSELIGHTS DOWN after Choir Exits.]

SECTION TWO
Herod, Soldiers, Mary, Joseph, All Actors

[LIGHTS UP ONSTAGE]

[EMPEROR ENTERS at STAGE RIGHT.]

[MARY and JOSEPH ENTER and stand STAGE LEFT.]

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 Joseph's hometown of Bethlehem.

[MARY and JOSEPH start walking slowly all the way across the stage and then back to CENTERSTAGE. As they do this ALL OTHER ACTORS ENTER and jostle around near CENTERSTAGE as MARY and JOSEPH are "traveling". Finally MARY and JOSEPH arrive at Bethlehem or CENTERSTAGE.]

(NOTE: One of the actresses needs to be carrying a baby doll. One of the actors needs to be carrying a manger.)

Narrator 1: 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, they stayed in a stable, which was a place where the animals stayed warm and dry.

[ALL ACTORS step back behind MARY and JOSEPH and face audience. VARIOUS ACTORS make barnyard animal noises on cue next.]

Narrator 2: 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.

[ONE ACTRESS hands baby doll prop to MARY. ONE ACTOR places the manger CENTERSTAGE. MARY takes baby doll and places it in manger.]

Narrator 3: While they were there, baby Jesus was born and Mary took him and wrapped Him up warm and laid Him in the manger.

All Actors: Awwwww..... *(then, as they walk off)* Moo, baa, bock, bock, bock.

[MARY and JOSEPH, EXIT. ALL ACTORS EXIT, taking manger and baby doll.]

[NARRATORS EXIT or sit down near microphones].

END of SECTION TWO

[HOUSELIGHTS UP as Choir takes the stage]

BREAK FOR SONGS

[SONGS: _____]

[HOUSELIGHTS DOWN after Choir Exits.]

SECTION THREE
Shepherds, Angel

[LIGHTS UP ONSTAGE]

[NARRATORS STAND at microphones.]

Narrator 1: That night there were some shepherds out in the fields watching over their flocks of sheep.

[SHEPHERDS ENTER and move to CENTERSTAGE. 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 1: And the angel came and talked to the shepherds. And they were terribly afraid.

[ANGEL gets up on chair, straightens robes and says line loudly.]

Angel: Don't be afraid! I am bringing you good news! Jesus is born in Bethlehem! He is the Savior for all peoples. You will find Him 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 doesn't leave. ANGEL just keeps on waving arms back and forth.]

Narrator 2: Ahem... I said, 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 to find baby Jesus in the manger, just as they had been told.

[SHEPHERDS gather up their sheep and EXIT.]

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

[NARRATORS EXIT or sit down near microphones].

END of SECTION THREE

[HOUSELIGHTS UP as Choir takes the stage]

BREAK FOR SONGS

[SONGS: _____]

[HOUSELIGHTS DOWN after Choir Exits.]

SECTION FOUR
King Herod, Soldiers, 3 Kings, Mary, Joseph, Angel and All Actors

[LIGHTS UP ONSTAGE]

[NARRATORS STAND at microphones.]

[KING HEROD and SOLDIERS ENTER with throne and sit or stand at STAGE RIGHT. KING HEROD SITS on throne. SOLDIERS stand at side of throne.]

Narrator 1: Not far away from Bethlehem, in a place called Jerusalem, there lived a King named Herod. Herod was an evil man, who was not interested in sharing the power over his kingdom with anyone else.

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

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

Narrator 1: They asked King Herod where He was.

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

Narrator 2: So the king asked his advisors.

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

Narrator 2: 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.

[MARY and JOSEPH ENTER with doll in arms and sit at STAGE LEFT.]

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

[WISE MEN CROSS to STAGE LEFT and worship baby Jesus.]

Narrator 3: But King Herod didn't really want to worship baby Jesus. He wanted to kill 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!!! The wise men tricked me!

Narrator 1: So King Herod sent his soldiers to go and kill all the little male babies in Bethlehem who were two years old and younger.

King Herod: *(speaking to soldiers)* Go and kill all the little male babies in Bethlehem who are two years old and younger!

[SOLDIERS look busy but don't move until after next line.]

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

Narrator 1: But God warned Joseph in a dream to...

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

Narrator 1: And so they did.

[MARY and JOSEPH EXIT QUICKLY just before the SOLDIERS get to STAGE LEFT. ANGEL stays on chair and watches activity onstage.]

[SOLDIERS look disappointed because they missed Mary and Joseph!]

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 CENTERSTAGE near ANGEL, who is still standing on the chair.]

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

[CURTAIN CALL]

END of SECTION FOUR

[HOUSE LIGHTS UP]

OPTIONAL FINAL SONGS

[SONG: _____]

THE END