

PREVIEW ONLY



A CHARMING TRADITIONAL MUSICAL NATIVITY PLAY

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A beautiful traditional nativity play with a mixture of 9 simple attractive new songs plus 6 familiar favourites. Supplied as script with CD or as an instant download. Duration 45-50 mins approx. Lengthen it by adding more songs of your own. Or shorten it by omitting some songs. Suitable for ages 5-13. The songs are provided with vocal tracks and backing tracks. No pianist? No problem! Sing along to the backing tracks!

You get: Editable script, basic piano score, lyrics, 15 vocal tracks, 15 backing tracks, plus FREE school performance licence.

Cast:

Narrator1 Narrator2..... Narrator3.....
Mary.....Joseph.....
1st villager..... 2nd villager.....3rd villager.....
Soldier 1..... Soldier 2.....
Angel Gabriel..... Other angels
Innkeeper.....Innkeeper's Wife.....
Shepherd 1.....Shepherd 2..... Shepherd 3.....
Wise man 1.....Wise man 2..... Wise man 3.....
Optional non speaking parts: Sheep, other animals, other villagers, soldiers, and shepherds

Singers.....
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LIST OF SONGS

- Welcome to the Story of Christmas**
- Don't be frightened, Mary**
- Going to Bethlehem**
- Little Donkey**
- Knock Knock Knock**
- Dirty Stable**
- Away in a Manger**
- Boring**
- Wake up you sleepy shepherds**
- O little town of Bethlehem**
- Silent Night**
- Go you wise men**
- O come all ye faithful**
- Ding Dong Merrily on High**
- Happy Birthday Jesus**

(You also receive 15 instrumental backing tracks without vocals)

The play starts with the opening Song:

Song 1- Welcome To the Story of Christmas

*Welcome to the story of Christmas
It's great to see you here
We think you will really enjoy it!
This special time of year. (repeat)*

*Let's celebrate this story of Jesus' birth
How God as a baby came down to earth.
How angels and shepherds and wise men too
All worshipped the King who was true.*

*Welcome to the story of Christmas
It's great to see you here
We think you will really enjoy it!
This special time of year. (repeat)*

*Let's celebrate this story of Jesus' birth
How God as a baby came down to earth.
How angels and shepherds and wise men too
All worshipped the King who was true.*

*Welcome to the story of Christmas
It's great to see you here
We think you will really enjoy it!
This special time of year.*

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It's great to see you here
We think you will really enjoy it!
This special time of year.
This special time of year.
This special time of year!*

Narrator 1: A long time ago, more than 2000 years ago, there lived a young girl called Mary. She was engaged to a man named Joseph whom she loved very much. One day, whilst she was busy working in the kitchen, she had an enormous surprise!

Mary: *(shocked)* W-who are you?

Angel Gabriel *(appearing with other angels)* I am the angel Gabriel and God has asked me to give you a divine message of great importance

(Mary falls to her knees)

Song 2- Don't Be Frightened, Mary! *(led by Gabriel)*

*(Gabriel) Don't be frightened, Mary, for God has chosen you
To have a special baby. God's promise will come true.*

*(Mary:) But I am a poor girl. So why is it me?
I am nothing special. So how can this be?*

*(Gabriel and other angels:) Don't be frightened, Mary, for God has chosen you
To have a special baby. God's promise will come true.*

*(Mary:) I'm not even married. So why is it me?
I'm still very young. So how can this be?*

*(Gabriel and other angels:) You are chosen, Mary, to have a special son.
You will call him Jesus. He'll show love to everyone.*

Mary: I am puzzled. I do not know why I have been chosen to be the mother of God's child. I am not special. I am just an ordinary poor girl. But if my Lord God has commanded it, it must happen as he has said.

Gabriel: Glory to God and goodwill to all mankind. Peace be with you Mary! *(Exit Gabriel and other angels.)*

Mary: Well I don't know how to handle this news! Have I really been chosen to have this special baby? I'd better go and tell Joseph.

(Mary goes off to back of stage and finds Joseph there. They discuss the situation)

Narrator 2: When Mary told Joseph she was going to have a baby, he was not pleased. He was not sure whether to believe Mary. He was nervous and not sure what to do.

Joseph: *(to Mary)* My dearest Mary! I am puzzled by this news! How can we get married now, if you are having such an important baby? Do you think God will be happy if I marry you? After all, I am just an ordinary man. I don't think we will be able to get married after all. *(Mary exits sadly)* It's late. I'm tired. It's been a busy day. I will pray for advice and try to sleep. *(Joseph prays, then sleeps)*

Narrator 3: Joseph had decided that he would not be able to marry Mary after all. However, God still wanted Joseph to marry Mary. So while Joseph was sleeping, God sent Joseph a special dream.

Angel Gabriel: *(appearing to Joseph, as he sleeps)*

Joseph: Fear not, good Joseph. I am the angel Gabriel. I am a messenger from God. Joseph! Be strong! Be confident! Be happy! Don't be afraid. God wants you to marry Mary. The baby inside her is created by God's Holy Spirit. You are to bring him up as your own. Mary is wandering nearby....she cannot sleep. Go and give my message to Mary.

(Joseph wakes up looking a little confused but then is happy. Mary enters.)

Joseph: It's all right, Mary. I have had a vision from heaven. I believe you now, and I know that the baby you are carrying is from God.

Mary: Oh Joseph, I'm so relieved. It was so difficult to explain what had happened. We have lots to do. Let's go and prepare for an exciting future together. *(exital)*

Narrator 1: However, it was not going to be an easy time for them. Some time later, The Roman Emperor decided that everyone needed to go back to the town where they were born. Mary and Joseph had been born in Bethlehem. So that was where they had to go.

(Enter Mary, Joseph. Soldiers, villagers, Roman Soldier 1: (Enters banging sword loudly on the ground) Listen everyone! You must all go back to the place you were born.

Villager 1: Why? What for?

Roman Soldier 1: The emperor has decided to have you all counted and listed. The records will be kept in the town of your birth! Make haste! On your way! Be off with you!

Villager 1: Some of us were born miles away. What a bother! This is a hardship for poor people like us.

Villager 2: What's the point of all that travelling? It's a waste of time.

Villager 3: It's not fair! We don't want to go all that way!

Roman Soldier 2: Quiet! The emperor makes the rules, not you! You have to go NOW! It's the LAW! *(bangs sword. Exit all except Joseph and Mary)*

Joseph: How do you feel, Mary? You are about to have a baby and we've got to go all the way to Bethlehem.

Mary: I feel anxious but I believe God will protect us. How long will it take to get there, Joseph?

Joseph: I don't know. At least three days, maybe more. I will walk, and you can ride the donkey.

Mary: I suppose we must obey the law, but I think it will be a hard journey because I am having a baby soon.

Song 3- Going to Bethlehem

*Going to Bethlehem. We are going to Bethlehem
It will take us three days 'cos it's such a long way
But we're going to Bethlehem. (repeat)*

*The roads are bumpy and rough
We can't go by train or by bus
Riding a donkey for such a long way
Is not what we wanted and where will we stay?*

*(But we're) going to Bethlehem. We are going to Bethlehem
It will take us three days 'cos it's such a long way
But we're going to Bethlehem. (repeat)*

*This journey will be so tough
But we know God will look after us
We'll keep on trusting that God has a plan
We know he is sovereign, and we're in his hands.*

*But we're going to Bethlehem. We are going to Bethlehem
It will take us three days 'cos it's such a long way
But we're going to Bethlehem*

*Going to Bethlehem. We are going to Bethlehem
It will take us three days 'cos it's such a long way
But we're going to Bethlehem.
It will take us three days 'cos it's such a long way
But we're going to Bethlehem.*

Narrator 2: It took such a long time to get to Bethlehem. Much longer than three days. There were no roads, just stony paths and dirt tracks across the hills.

Mary: Joseph! I feel exhausted- I can't go much further! And the poor donkey is getting tired and lame.

Song 4 Little Donkey

*Little Donkey Little Donkey on the dusty road
Got to keep on plodding onward with your precious load
Been a long time little donkey through the winter's night
Don't give up now little donkey. Bethlehem's in sight*

*Ring out those bells tonight, Bethlehem Bethlehem
Follow that star tonight, Bethlehem Bethlehem
Little donkey little donkey had a heavy day.
Little Donkey carry Mary safely on her way.
Little Donkey carry Mary safely on her way*

Joseph: Bethlehem is in sight, Mary. We will soon be able to rest Mary. We will find a nice clean room to stay in. There must be a place nearby. Bethlehem is a big town.

Narrator 3: But it wasn't going to be so easy. Everywhere in Bethlehem was full. There was nowhere for them to rest, and there were crowds of people looking for somewhere to stay. (Enter crowds) Joseph knocked at several inns, but they were no rooms available.

Song 5 - Knock, Knock, Knock!

*Knock knock knock. Is there any room for us?
Knock knock knock. We don't want to make a fuss
We know you're very busy. And you're getting in a tizzy
But we need a place to rest! (repeat)*

*God help us find a place to stay.
We're desperate, and we cannot wait another single day!*

*Knock knock knock. Is there any room for us?
Knock knock knock. We don't want to make a fuss!
We know you're very busy And you're getting in a tizzy
But we need a place to rest! Oh we need a place to rest!
Yes we need a place to rest!*

Narrator 1: But just when they were starting to give up hope, someone noticed that Mary was pregnant and ready to collapse from exhaustion. She called to Joseph and Mary..

(Enter Innkeeper's Wife.)

Innkeeper's Wife: *(to innkeeper)* Husband! Look! That lady is struggling! She looks ill. Oh! Look! I think she's going to have a baby! Can't we do anything to help her?

Innkeeper *(to Joseph):* Hey! Hey! Excuse me! We don't have any proper rooms left but you and your wife could stay with the animals in the stable. It's not very clean but it's better than nothing!

Joseph: Thank you very much. We are so grateful. You are very kind. Yes, we'll take it!

Narrator 2: That night, Mary gave birth to a healthy little boy and they called him Jesus. They used a manger full of straw for his bed.

Song 6- Dirty Stable

*In a dirty stable the babe was born for all.
Not in a royal cradle but in a cattle stall
Put into a manger upon the scratchy straw
With animals around him Jesus Christ was born*

*The most amazing story of God's most precious son
It changed the course of history. A new time had begun.
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*In a dirty stable the babe was born for all.
Not in a royal cradle but in a cattle stall
Jesus Christ was born*

Song 7 -Away in a manger

*Away in a 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 Thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky
And stay by my side until morning is nigh.*

Narrator 3: That same night, some shepherds were out on the hillside, outside Bethlehem. They were the kind of people that the townspeople didn't like to talk to or be friends with.

Shepherd 1: So here we are again, sitting on the same old hillside, eating the same old food, wearing the same old clothes and looking after the same old sheep.

Shepherd 2: Who get up to the same-old silly tricks of getting lost!

Shepherd 3: Or falling into the same old ditch!

Shepherd 1: Counting sheep makes me fall asleep. Is this really as exciting as life gets?

Shepherd 2: I'm so bored. Nothing very special happens here! I'm thinking of changing my career!

Shepherd 3: Me as well! You two don't even laugh at my baaa-d jokes!

Song 8- Boring! Boring!

*Boring, boring! Nothing very special happens here
Boring, boring! I'm seriously thinking of changing my career!
Looking after sheep every night and every day
We sleep on the hillside in case one runs away.*

*Boring, boring! Nothing very special happens here.
Boring, boring! I'm seriously thinking of changing my career!
Counting all the sheep, but when we get to ten
We start feeling tired and fall asleep again.*

*Snoring, snoring! Nothing very special happens here
Snoring, snoring! I'm seriously thinking of changing my career! REPEAT ALL*

(Shepherds sleep)

Narrator 1: But little did they know, things would never be the same again! Suddenly, the brightest light they had **ever** seen shone in the sky. And there were angels singing! *(Enter angels)*

Song 9- Wake up, You Sleepy Shepherds! Song (with hand jiving actions)

*Wake up you sleepy shepherds!
Wake up you sleepy shepherds!
You're first to hear the news!
Wake up you sleepy shepherds!
Wake up you sleepy shepherds
A saviour's born for you!*

*In Bethlehem you'll find the baby In a stable bare
In Bethlehem you'll find the baby. There's no time to spare!*

*Wake up you sleepy shepherds!
Wake up you sleepy shepherds!
You're first to hear the news!
Wake up you sleepy shepherds!
Wake up you sleepy shepherds
A saviour's born for you!*

*In Bethlehem you'll find the baby In a stable bare
In Bethlehem you'll find the baby. There's no time to spare!*

*Wake up you sleepy shepherds!
Wake up you sleepy shepherds!
You're first to hear the news!
Wake up you sleepy shepherds!
Wake up you sleepy shepherds!
A saviour's born for you! (repeat last chorus) (Exit angels.)*

Shepherd 1: Wow! That was amazing!

Shepherd 2: And those angels came to us- the outcasts of the town!

Shepherd 3: I think we'd better go and see this baby then- who's with me?

Shepherds 1 & 2: You bet! And we can take the baby a lamb as a present. *(exit shepherds)*

Song 10: O Little Town of Bethlehem

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