

Optional SCRIPT

**Travelers will enter the stage and take their places. The remaining characters will be off stage at this point.*

Narrator: Welcome to our Christmas play! We are excited to share with you a very special story; the story of Jesus' birth. We invite you to "go back in time" with us as we journey and pretend that we are Israelite children traveling to meet Jesus.....the long-awaited King and Savior of the world! These travelers have heard the news, that a Savior has been born. They are excited to go on a journey to visit this newborn King.

Travelers sing song #1: "On the Road to Bethlehem"

(Pretend to be "walking" in place while singing this song.)

We're on the road to Bethlehem
To worship baby Jesus
We're on the road to Bethlehem
To worship the newborn King.

We love you, baby Jesus
We worship you, our Savior
We love you, baby Jesus
We worship you, our Savior today!

OHHH!

Narrator: The children were walking, walking.... walking to find baby Jesus to worship Him. The journey at times seemed difficult. As they walked, their mama told them the story of the birth of Jesus. Here is how this amazing story of God sending His Son to us

came about.

“In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city named Nazareth.” *(Gabriel enters the stage)* He came and visited Mary, who was engaged to be married. *(Mary enters the stage).* Gabriel spoke to Mary and said, “Greetings, Mary!” But she was scared *(Mary gives a frightened face)* and tried to figure out what the angel was telling her. The angel told her *(angel points to Mary as if speaking to her)* “Do not be afraid. The Lord has found favor with you and has a surprise for you. You will have a son and will name Him Jesus. He will be great and He is the Son of God. He will reign forever and ever.” Mary was still afraid and confused, but she obeyed and was ready to be God’s servant.

Narrator: *(Joseph enters stage)* Joseph heard about what would happen and he too was afraid *(Joseph makes afraid face)*. One day an angel spoke to him in a dream *(Joseph lays hands next to his head and closes his eyes as if he is asleep)* and said, “Do not be afraid. This child will be God’s Son. He will save the people from their sins.” When Joseph woke up *(Joseph opens eyes and puts hands back by his side)* he decided to obey God.

(Mary and Joseph stay on stage where they are during this song.)

Travelers Sing Song #2: **“God Has Chosen You”**

Mary and Joseph,
God has chosen you.
You are His servants,
and He loves you too.

The angel has told you
You will have a Son
He is God's child,
The great and holy One

And His name will be,
"Jesus, Immanuel,
God is with us!
Jesus, Immanuel,
God is with us!"

Narrator: The travelers continued on their journey. They were walking with excitement to meet baby Jesus. They talked about how brave Mary and Joseph were to completely trust God.

Travelers Sing "On the Road to Bethlehem Interlude"

(while they sing the chorus, they are going to pretend to be walking)

We are on the road to Bethlehem,
To worship baby Jesus.
We are on the road to Bethlehem
To worship the newborn king

Narrator: "At that time, Caesar Augustus ordered that a census be taken throughout the empire. Everyone had to travel to his own hometown to be accounted for. So Mary and Joseph traveled (*they begin walking very slowly towards the manger scene which is on one distinct side of the stage*) to Bethlehem. When they got to Bethlehem, they looked and looked for a place to stay, but there were not any available places. So, they stayed in a place where animals lived. (*Mary and Joseph enter manger scene.*) While they were there, Jesus was born into our world. God has sent His Son... for us.