

# 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 the verse of 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!

Child 1: "I'm tired."  
Child 2: "When will get there?"  
Child 3: "When will we see Jesus?"  
Child 4: "He is the new KING!"  
All: "Hooray!"  
Child 5: "This path is rocky."

**Child 6:** "My feet are sore."

**Child 7:** "When will we see Jesus?"

**Mama:** My children, keep traveling. I know the journey is difficult, but we must keep going so that we can worship Jesus.

**Child 8:** Mama, Can you tell us the story "one more time" of Jesus' birth?

**Mama:** Yes, my child. Here is how this amazing story of God sending His Savior to us happened.....

**Narrator:** "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 listen to 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

**Mama:** And here is what happened next.....

**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 counted. 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.

*If you are able to, turn down the lights low to create the nighttime scene for the song. If you have decorated the star with white lights, it will really stand out. Of course, do not turn the lights all the way out for safety reasons.)*

### **Travelers Sing Song #3:** **"Silent Night"**

Silent night, holy night  
All is calm  
All is bright  
Round yon virgin  
Mother and child  
Holy infant  
so tender and mild  
Sleep in heavenly peace  
Sleep in heavenly peace

**Mama:** After Jesus was born, there were shepherds who received a special message of good news.