

The Shepherds Puppet Skit

5 minutes · the narrator reads Luke 2:8–20 (KJV), puppets act it out

Parts: Narrator (an adult or strong reader, standing beside the puppet stage) · Big Shepherd and Little Shepherd puppets · Sheep puppet(s) · The angel puppet · More angel puppets (any number) · Mary and Joseph puppets with a baby doll in a little manger (no lines). **Lines in bold** are said by the puppeteers. Everything in quotation marks is the King James Bible.

Scene 1: In the field by night

The two shepherds and the sheep pop up.

Narrator: "And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night."

Sheep: Baa!

Little Shepherd: We're keeping watch over the flock tonight.

Big Shepherd: That's what shepherds do. We watch them all night long.

Scene 2: The angel

Narrator: "And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid." (*The angel pops up. Shine the flashlight. The shepherds and sheep shake and duck low.*)

Both shepherds: Oh! We're afraid!

The angel: "Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger."



Narrator: "And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying," *(All the angel puppets pop up.)*

All the angels: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." *(The angels go down.)*

Scene 3: To Bethlehem

Narrator: "And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another,"

Big Shepherd: "Let us now go even unto Bethlehem,

Little Shepherd: and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us." *(The sheep go down.)*

Narrator: "And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger." *(The shepherds hurry across the stage. Mary and Joseph pop up beside the manger.)*

Little Shepherd: Look! The baby, wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger, just like the angel said!

Big Shepherd: A Saviour, Christ the Lord! *(The shepherds bow low.)*

Scene 4: Tell everyone

Narrator: "And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart."

Both shepherds (to the audience): Good news! A Saviour is born!

Narrator: "And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them."

Both shepherds: Glory to God!

Finale

All the puppets pop up together.

Everyone, puppets and audience: "Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people." Luke 2:10!

