

Easy Nativity Play for Preschoolers

5 minutes · a narrator reads the KJV, little ones act it out

Parts: Narrator (an adult or strong reader) · Mary · Joseph · The angel Gabriel · Angels (any number) · Shepherds (any number) · Sheep (the littlest ones) · Star holder · Wise men (two to four). **Lines in bold** are said by the children. Everything the narrator reads in quotation marks is the King James Bible.

Scene 1: The angel visits Mary

Mary sits center stage. Gabriel walks up to her.

Narrator: "And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS."

Mary folds her hands and nods.

Narrator: "And Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word. And the angel departed from her." (*Gabriel walks off.*)

Scene 2: To Bethlehem

Joseph and Mary walk slowly around the stage together.

Joseph: We must go to Bethlehem!

Narrator: "And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn." (*Mary lays the baby doll in the manger.*)



Scene 3: The shepherds and the angels

Shepherds sit on the floor with the sheep around them.

Sheep: Baa!

Narrator: "And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. 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." *(Angels walk in; shepherds cover their eyes.)*

Narrator: "And the angel said unto them, 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."

Angels (together): Glory to God in the highest!

Shepherds (together): Let's go to Bethlehem!

Narrator: "And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger." *(Shepherds and sheep kneel by the manger, then move to the side.)*

Scene 4: The wise men

Later, the star holder walks slowly across the stage. The wise men follow, carrying their gifts.

Wise men (together): We have seen his star!

Narrator: "And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh." *(Wise men kneel and set down their gifts.)*

Finale

Everyone: For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.
Luke 2:11!

Sing the first verse of Away in a Manger together.

