

Room for Jesus: A Short Christmas Skit for Church

An original Christmas skit · 7 minutes · 8–14 kids

Parts: Narrator · Mary · Joseph · Innkeeper 1, 2, 3 · Angel(s) · Shepherds (2–5) · optional Star Holder

Scene 1: Busy Bethlehem. *Mary and Joseph walk slowly up the aisle.*

Narrator: Long ago, the emperor Caesar Augustus ordered everyone to go to their family's hometown to be counted. Joseph and Mary walked all the way to Bethlehem. Mary was about to have a baby. *(Narrator may read Luke 2:1–5 from the Bible.)*

Joseph: *(knocks)* Excuse me, do you have a room? My wife needs a place to rest.

Innkeeper 1: Sorry! We're full to the rafters. Even the hallway has people sleeping in it!

Joseph: *(knocks again)* Please, is there any room at all?

Innkeeper 2: Not a single bed. Try next door!

Mary: *(tired)* Joseph, the baby is coming soon.

Innkeeper 3: No room inside... but you're welcome to stay where the animals are. It's quiet, and there's clean hay.

Joseph: Thank you! That will do.

Scene 2: The manger. *Mary and Joseph kneel by the manger with the baby doll. Star Holder stands behind them.*

Narrator: That night Jesus was born. Mary wrapped Him in swaddling clothes and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. *(Read Luke 2:6–7.)*

Mary: *(softly)* God promised a Savior, and here He is.



Scene 3: The fields. *Shepherds sit on the floor with pretend sheep. Lights dim. Angels switch on flashlights.*

Narrator: Nearby, shepherds were keeping watch over their flock by night. *(Read Luke 2:8–9.)*

Shepherd 1: Whoa! What's that light?

Shepherd 2: I'm scared!

Angel: Don't be afraid! I bring you good news of great joy for all people. Today in the city of David a Savior is born. He is Christ the Lord! You'll find the baby wrapped in cloths, lying in a manger.

All Angels: *(read Luke 2:14 together from a card, or the narrator reads it)*

Shepherd 3: Let's go to Bethlehem right now!

Scene 4: Everyone makes room. *Shepherds hurry to the manger and kneel. Innkeepers come and stand nearby.*

Shepherd 1: It's just like the angel said!

Innkeeper 1: I didn't have room for them...

Innkeeper 3: But we can make room for Jesus in our hearts.

Narrator: The shepherds told everyone what they had seen, praising God. *(Read Luke 2:17, 20.)* This Christmas, will you make room for Jesus?

Everyone: Merry Christmas! Jesus is born!

Optional ending song: "Away in a Manger" or "Joy to the World" (both public domain).