

CHRISTMAS STORY SCRIPT

Scene 1

Mary, Joseph, and baby enter manger scene

Narrator Scene 1: And it came to pass in those days that Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. And everyone went to his own town to register. So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

Scene 1, Video clip: Narrator, Mary, Joseph, and Baby

Scene 1, Digital Photos: Children in Mary and Joseph costumes, holding a baby sibling or doll

Scene 2

Music – “Away in a Manger” – sing 1st verse or instrument play one verse

Scene 2: Video or audio clip of Away in a Manger

Scene 3

Shepherds look up to sky and/or like sheep baaing or holding up a sign that says ‘baa’

Narrator Scene 3: And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night.

Scene 3, Video clip: Narrator with shepherds, sheep optional

Scene 3, Digital Pictures: shepherds or sheep (may hold up sign that says baa)

Scene 4

Angels enter the manger scene

Narrator Scene 4: An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; He is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.” Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to all on whom his favor rests.”

Scene 4, Video Clip: Narrator and Angels (Tiptons - Lizzy and Ruby Kyyra)

Scene 4, Digital Pictures:

Scene 5

Music – “Angels We Have Heard on High” – sing 1st verse or instrument play one verse

Scene 5: Video or audio clip of Away in a Manger

Scene 6

Shepherds in the manger scene

Narrator Scene 6: When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about." So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. When they had seen Him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

Scene 6, Video Clip: Narrator and Shepherds

Scene 6, Digital Pictures, Shepherds

Scene 7

Music – "The First Noel" – sing 1st verse or instruments play one verse

Scene 7: Video or audio clip

Scene 8

Magi in the manger scene

Narrator Scene 8: After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, "Where is the one who has been born King of the Jews? We saw His star in the east and have come to worship Him." And the star they had seen in the east went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. They saw the child with His mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped Him. Then they opened their treasures and presented Him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh. And they departed into their own country.

Scene 8, Video Clip: Magi

Scene 8, Digital Photos: Magi

Scene 9

Music – "We Three Kings" – sing 1st verse or instruments play one verse

Scene 9, Video or Audio Clip

Scene 10

Narrator Scene 10: And so the prophecy was fulfilled. 'For unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given, and the government will be on His shoulders. And He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of peace.'

Scene 10, Narrator, Video Clip

Christmas Memory 1

Optional scene

Music – “In a Little Stable” Christmas action song

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Scripture Readings – Luke 2:1,3-20; Matthew 2:1-2,9b-11,12b; Isaiah 9:6 NIV

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