

# NURSERY NATIVITY

## SCRIPT SAMPLE

### SYNOPSIS

Poem 1: Welcome to our Nursery Nativity

**Song 1: Where will Mary have her baby?**

Mary, Joseph and donkey travel to Bethlehem. Innkeepers 1 & 2 turn them away, Innkeeper 3 lets them stay in stable.

Poem 2: About Jesus being born in the stable

**Song 2: Twinkle, star**

Cradle scene – the animals & the star dance

Poem 3: About the shepherds and the angels

**Song 3: Hurry, hurry, shepherds!**

An angel tells the shepherds about the baby and they go to see him.

Poem 4: About the Three Wise Men

**Song 4: Following a star**

The journey of the Three Wise Men

**Incidental music: Twinkle, star**

Short instrumental version of 'Twinkle, star' as the Three Wise Men leave their gifts at the manger

Poem 5: Thank you for watching our Nursery Nativity

**Song 5: Everybody loves Christmas!**

Finale song

# **CHARACTERS**

**Narrator:** an adult or older child (good reader) – dress as a Nativity character (angel, shepherd, king or donkey perhaps!)

## **Nativity characters:**

**Mary and Joseph**

**Donkey**

**Three Innkeepers**

**Stable animals:** cow, sheep, dove (these animals are required for Song 2)

**Star**

**Shepherds** (any number)

**Angels** (any number)

**Three Wise Men**

**Optional stable animals of your choice:** horse, hen, mouse etc. (any number)

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*A working 'inn door' stands to the left of the stage. This door is used for each of the innkeepers during the first song.*

*A manger (containing Baby Jesus doll) and two small chairs for Mary and Joseph are positioned towards back centre stage.*

**Narrator, Poem 1:**      **Good morning/afternoon everybody,  
We're pleased that you are here  
To watch our Nursery Nativity,  
At this special time of year.**

**We'll start at the beginning  
A time a-way back when  
Two travellers made a journey  
To the town of Bethlehem.**

*Mary and Joseph and the donkey enter from stage right. They walk around the stage area during the introduction and during the music between the verses, ending up outside the door before each verse begins.*

## **Song 1: Where will Mary have her baby?**

Verses 1 & 2 **Mary and Joseph had a busy day,  
Looking for a place to stay.**

*(Joseph knocks on the door)*

**Knocked on the door**

*(Innkeeper 1 opens the door)*

**And the door opened wide,**

**The innkeeper said,**

Innkeeper 1/2 or all **“No room inside!”**

*(Spoken)* **Poor old donkey,  
Poor old Joseph,  
Where will Mary have her baby?**

*Mary and Joseph and donkey circle stage after each verse, arriving back at the door, ready to knock. Repeat Verse 1 for Verse 2 and 2<sup>nd</sup> Innkeeper.*

Verse 3 **Mary and Joseph had a busy day,  
Looking for a place to stay.**

*(Joseph knocks on the door)*

**Knocked on the door**

*(Innkeeper 3 opens the door)*

**And the door opened wide,**

**The innkeeper said,**

Innkeeper 3 or all **“There’s a stable outside!”**

*(Spoken)* **Lucky old donkey,  
Lucky old Joseph,  
That’s where Mary will have her baby!**

*The 3<sup>rd</sup> Innkeeper shows Mary and Joseph to their places in the stable and then goes off to his ‘home base’ at the side of the stage. Mary and Joseph sit in their two small chairs behind the manger, and the donkey kneels or sits beside the manger.*

**Narrator, Poem 2:**     **And so in a stable  
Mary bore her son,  
She laid him in a manger  
While the animals looked on.**

**A star shone above him  
Until early dawn,  
Telling all the world  
That a baby king was born.**

**Song 2: Twinkle, star**

*The star twirls and twinkles across from stage right to stage left, waving a star wand over the baby as he/she passes by during the first chorus. The star waits stage left.*

**Chorus**           **Twinkle, star,  
Looking down on a baby,  
Twinkle, star,  
Looking down on a king.**

*The cow and sheep (and other optional animals, if you choose) hold hands in a circle in front of the manger and turn gently during Verse 1. They sit either side of the manger at the end of Verse 1.*

**Verse 1**           **The big gentle cows,  
And the curly white sheep,  
They watch over him  
As he lays fast asleep.**

*The star twirls and twinkles across from stage left to stage right, waving the star wand over the baby as he/she passes by during the second chorus. The star waits stage right... (continued)*

**...Narrator, Poem 5: So, that's our Christmas story.  
We're pleased you could be here  
To watch our Nursery Nativity  
At this special time of year.**

**We hope you've liked our little show,  
And all that's left to do  
Is say "Have a merry Christmas  
And a Happy New Year too!"**

### **Song 5: Everybody loves Christmas!**

*The cast clap, wave, jump and turn around, as appropriate, to the final song!*

Verse 1      **Everybody loves Christmas,  
Clap your hands,  
Yes, clap your hands,  
Everybody loves Christmas,  
It's the best time of the year!**

Chorus      **The bells go ding and the bells go dong,  
The bells, they ring out all day long,  
The bells go ding and the bells go dong,  
It's the best time of the year!**

Verse 2      **Everybody loves Christmas,  
Wave your arms,  
Yes, wave your arms,  
Everybody loves Christmas,  
It's the best time of the year!**

Chorus      **The bells go ding and the bells go dong,  
The bells, they ring out all day long,  
The bells go ding and the bells go dong,  
It's the best time of the year!**