

Christmas Pageant 2020
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O Come O Come Emmanuel (vs. 1)

Narrator 1

Please join us as we retell the story of Jesus' birth. Throughout our story, we would like for you to help us sing like you just did.

Narrator 2

Our first scene opens in Galilee where Mary, our fourteen-year-old heroine, is sleeping. The angel Gabriel enters...

Gabriel

Uh... Hello?

Gabrielle

Hello.

Gabriel

She said "The Angel Gabriel enters..." Here I am and why are you here?

Gabrielle

She SAID "The Angel Gabrielle enters..." so here. I. am.

Gabriel

Fair enough, this story isn't about us, it's about them so how about we share the blessing?

Gabrielle

Deal.

Gabriel

(clears throat)
Maaaary, Wake uuup.

Gabrielle

God sent me to tell you something VERY important.

Mary

God?

Gabrielle

God.

Mary

God? Really?

Gabriel

Yes, God. Now listen up.

Gabrielle

You are special. Very special; more special than any other person on earth.

Narrator 1

Mary, finally waking from her deep sleep, realized that the angel was in her room and not in her dream. She could barely speak!

Mary

Uhh... Hey... with the wings... and the halo... Aren't you...

Gabriel & Gabrielle

Angels? Yes.

Gabriel

Don't be afraid, Mary. You are going to have a baby.

Mary

WHAT?!

Gabrielle

It's ok. God has chosen YOU to be THE mother of THE son. You will call him Jesus. He will be the most wonderful man who ever lived because he is the Son of God. He will save people from their sins and bring peace to the world.

Narrator 2

As you can guess, Mary couldn't sleep after that visit. She was excited and scared and unmarried. What was her fiancée going to say?

Narrator 1

Luckily they visited Joseph too.

Gabriel

Joooseph.... You need to listen VERY carefully to the wonderful plans that God has for you.

Gabrielle

Your fiancée, Mary, is going to have God's son, and God wants you to love Jesus as his father on earth.

Joseph

Mary's going to have a baby?! But we aren't married yet, and I really hoped to do some traveling before we had kids. Are you sure this is what God wants me to do?

Gabrielle

Yes, we played 18 holes on Jupiter this morning...

Gabriel

Better yet, God knows that you are capable!

Narrator 2

Next, we find out that someone in Rome had the brilliant idea to count everyone in the country in the city of his birth. For some, that's fine but for our heroes, that's a long way away.

Joseph

Mary, honey. The Emperor says that we have to pay our taxes in the city that I was born in this year. We have to go to Bethlehem in December.

Mary

But I'm due in springtime, why are we going in December? It's like, in several hundred years, Europeans will abscond with the winter solstice celebrations of native cultures making it easier for Christians to tell our story as an example of light coming into the darkness.

Joseph

Ummm... What's a European?

Never mind. Bethlehem.

Mary

Right. You're going to take me, VERY pregnant, across country, on that dusty road, to Bethlehem?! Can't we file an extension?

Joseph

I'm really sorry Mary, but we have to go. I'm sure we'll be fine; our baby is God's son. God said that we'd be all right, and God keeps God's promises.

Narrator 1

It was a long trip and when they finally got to Bethlehem, they realized just how many people had been born there. Everyone was looking for a place to stay.

Please join us in singing O Little Town of Bethlehem (vs.1)

Joseph

Good evening Sir/Madam, we're really looking forward to a comfortable night's sleep. Do you have any room?

1st Innkeeper

So many people are in town that we're completely full.

Joseph

Really?

1st Innkeeper

Really. I'm so sorry.

Joseph

Thanks anyway, I'm sure someone else has room.

Excuse me, we've come from Galilee, and we just need a place to sleep for the night.

2nd Innkeeper

I'm very sorry, but my last rooms are full. My wife/husband and I are sleeping in the kids' room, and they're on the couch. We're so full.

Joseph

Thank you.

Please, sir/ma'am my wife is going to have a baby any minute, and we really need a place to stay. We'll take any room you have.

3rd Innkeeper

I'm so sorry, I don't have any rooms left, and why aren't you at Bethlehem General Hospital since you're in labor?

Mary

We tried the birth center down the street, but they were full.

3rd Innkeeper

yeah... I'm sorry. I don't have any room.

Mary

You have NO idea what this feels like, and you are going to give us anything right now!

3rd Innkeeper

Now that I think of it, my stable is full of fresh, clean hay. It's private and I'm sure I can find some blankets from housekeeping.

3rd Innkeeper

You'll be warm and comfortable.

Mary

Thank you. I'm glad you found something for us. It will be nice to lay down and rest.

Narrator 2

And while they were there, the time came to pass for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son.

Mary wrapped Jesus tightly in a blanket to feel as comfortably as he did in her womb. Mary and Joseph held Jesus with such pride and love then placed him in a manger of nice clean hay.

Mary

Love you

Joseph

Love you

Narrator 1

Please sing It Came Upon a Midnight Clear (vs. 1) with us.

At the same time, nearby in the hills, the shepherds on night shift were watching their sheep from danger. Alexa, light the star.

(over the shoulder star light turns on).

Alexa

Ok

Narrator 2

The Shepherds talked about the bright new star in the sky when the sky shown brightly with angels. 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.

Gabrielle

Don't be afraid. God sent us to give you good news. Tonight in Bethlehem, God's son, Jesus, was born. He is your savior, Christ the Lord.

Gabriel

If you go to Bethlehem, you'll find him right under the star you've been looking at all night. You'll know him because he's wrapped in swaddling clothes and laying in a manger.

Narrator 2

Please join us in singing Angels We Have Heard on High (vs. 1)

1st Shepherd

I've never seen anything like that before!

2nd Shepherd

The messiah has come!

1st Shepherd

Do you think it's true?

2nd Shepherd

The angel told us it's true, so I'm all for it. Let's go into town and see the Son of God.

1st Shepherd

Isn't a manger a feeding trough?

2nd Shepherd

Yeah but manger sounds better.

1st Shepherd

Ok, Let's go.

Narrator 1

The shepherds went and saw the baby Jesus. They saw what the angel had told them, and it was beautiful. Baby Jesus was lying in the manger, and a bright new star was shining high in the sky right over the stable.

Narrator 2

The shepherds were so excited that they told everyone they knew and those people told other people.

Narrator 1

That night everyone was happy to be with Jesus. The animals were happy. The angels were happy. The shepherds were happy. Mary and Joseph were happy, and even the Baby Jesus was happy. It was quiet, early morning, and everyone comfortably fell asleep.

Please join us in singing Silent Night (vs. 1 & 3)

Narrator 2

After two thousand years we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior every year and will do so until he comes again. Thank for helping us tell this very special story. Let's celebrate Jesus' birth by singing our last song, Joy to The World.