

Poem of the First Christmas | 2021

Duration: 6min

5 Scenes in total

Narrated by the “star” – PJ | Dressed in large star glasses w/ big shiny star hung on his chest.

Character Abbreviations:

1. Mary | M
 2. Joseph | J
 3. Baby Jesus | B.J
 4. Donkey
 5. Innkeeper | I.K
 6. Shepherd 1 | S1
 7. Shepherd 2 | S2
 8. Head Angel – dressed w/ a cape | H.A
 9. Wiseman 1 | W1
 10. Wiseman 2 | W2
 11. Wiseman 3 | W3
 12. king Herod | H
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Intro:

“Hello, & welcome, I’m Pastor Jeff Richards, the narrator & star of your show. I just need to grab my reading glasses from my lovely wife Colleen (PC pulls prop glass out from under her chair).

All of the sets and props were made and designed by the kids and our children and youth Pastors, Abi & Brandon Brown. (A&B stand & wave)

I’ve been told the production of this play will have the audience like a lamb – totally slain.

Without further ado, we begin, the Poem of the First Christmas.

Scene 1: Our Journey to Bethlehem

Mary and Joseph were tired and sore;

They had travelled all day and could travel no more!

They finally arrived in Bethlehem town

Only to find there was nowhere to lie down.

The hotels were all full, there were no more beds

For Joseph or Mary to lay down their heads.

I.K: “You two look exhausted, and ready for sleep, if you’re willing, you can sleep with my sheep”

The man showed them a spot and moved the cows over,

For a pillow he gave them a pile of clover.

And Mary and Joseph sat down with a sigh.

It wasn’t the best, but it was warm and dry.

And they slept, for a while, under stars and the moon

Perhaps unaware, that Christ’s birth would be soon.

M: “Oh no, I can tell it’s soon!”

Scene 2: Jesus is Born

While the whole town was sleeping, with stars shining bright,

Mary’s baby was born on that first Christmas night.

J: “Born in a barn! With the horses and hay?”

If you were a king, would you come that way?

The King of Creation had come to the earth

and a Bethlehem barn was the place of his birth.

J: "I think I'd choose a palace, but God's ways are stranger."

And God's Son was born and laid down in a manger.

Yes, Jesus was born and wrapped up in some cloth,

And for his first bed, he was placed in a trough!

Scene 3: The Angels & Shepherds

Outside of the town, 'round a fire so bright

Some shepherds were watching their sheep in the night.

The night had been quiet and silent and still.

The sheep had been starting to doze off until...

When all of a sudden a radiant light

Surprised all the shepherds and gave them a fright!

An angel appeared and said,

H.A: "Not to fear!"

For the Savior was born – The Messiah was here!

He'd be wrapped up in cloth and placed in a manger.

H.A: "Go see for yourself – He's a total game changer!

He brings joy to the world. He's good news for men."

The angel said this to the shepherds and then...

A thousand more angels appeared in the sky!

They sang praises to God in the heavens so high!

What a huge celebration of joy to the earth

As the shepherds were told of their dear Savior's birth.

Scene 4: The Shepherds

When the angels had left them alone with their sheep

There was no way those shepherds would fall back asleep!

S1&S2 : "Let's go to the town,"

the shepherds all said,

S1: "And see if a manger is really the bed

Of this new little king who was born here tonight."

So the shepherds all ran to the town with delight.

They arrived in the village and looked all around –

It didn't take long 'till the baby was found.

It was just as the angel had told them before,

They found Mary & Joseph and Jesus – what's more...

Jesus lay in a manger – The story was true!

The Savior had come – so what did they do?

Those shepherds went out and they told the whole town.

They told them how God, as a baby, came down

Was born in that barn – and yet was the King

The Savior from Heaven as the angels did sing.

Scene 5: The Wisemen

It wasn't long after some wise men came by.
They had followed a star that appeared in the sky.

They knew that a King had been born for the Jews
So they stopped at the palace of Herod for clues.

H: "Where is this new King?" Herod wanted to know.
Bethlehem was the answer – and the Wisemen did go.

They followed the star 'till it came to the place
Where they found little Jesus. Oh, the joy on their face!
They offered him gifts – Gold, Frankincense, Myrrh.
Mary couldn't believe what was happen'ing to her.
For her little baby was clearly a King
He was worshiped, adored, and caused angels to sing.
[Lights fade on the barn scene & spotlight the Star/PJ]
He was Someone so special, in fact, was divine!
He would surely change her life, change your life and mine.
[Star points to the slides]
For small baby Jesus would grow to a man,
would live without sin, and would follow God's plan.
He would die on a cross but would rise three days later
To trade all my sin for something much greater.

Conclusion

And that's the true story of how Christ was born.
We have so much to celebrate come Christmas morn.

For God loved the world so much that He gave
His only dear Son, for each person to save.

If we turn from our sin, and let Jesus forgive them,
We can have life eternal, with Him now and in Heaven.

All because of Jesus, who was born on that night,
the High King of Heaven who makes all things right.
[Whole cast comes out & take a bow]