

Mary: Mary Joseph: Johannah Narrator 1: Zach Narrator 2: Aba Narrator 3: Taliah Narrator 4: Leah	Angel 1: Shakira Angel 2: Edwin Angels: Everlee Reader: Mikayla	Truck Driver 1: Malika Truck Driver 2: Mateo Truck Driver 3: Jani Hotel Manager: Jeremiah Mary's Mom:
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Narrator 4: Today we invite you to imagine with us what it might look like if Jesus had been born today! We have done our best to keep this as close to Scripture as possible, but using people, places and language that is familiar to us today.

Narrator 2: We want you to imagine with us that the first Christmas hasn't yet happened. We're still waiting for the Messiah promised to us by prophets like Isaiah.

Reader: "Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel" Isaiah 7:14

Narrator 3: Or like the prophet Micah

Reader: "But you, Bethlehem are the smallest town in Judah. Your family is almost too small to count, but the "Ruler of Israel" will come from you to rule for me. His beginnings are from ancient times, from long, long ago." (Micah 5:2)

Narrator 3: So join us as a modern day Mary and Joseph end up in a parking garage with visitors from...well....that will be a surprise!

### SCENE 1: MARY'S ROOM – SHE'S PLAYING ON HER PHONE.

**Narrator 1:** Meet Mary. She's your typical perfect child. Does everything she's asked, gets straight a's and is always so kind to everyone.

**Mary's Mom (off screen):** Maryyyyy, can you come and help me unload the dishwasher?

**Mary:** [shouts] Of course mom, I'll be there in two minutes! Let me just finish reading my Bible!

**Angel:** [appears] Hey Mary!! The Lord is with you; you are VERY special to him.

**Mary:** [confused] WHAT?!?! Who are you? How did you get in here? What are you saying? I DO NOT understand – sorry, but this is like WOW.

**Angel:** Calm down, there's nothing to be afraid of! God is super pleased with you. Now listen. You listening? *[Mary Nods]*

**Angel:** You will become pregnant and have a baby boy. You're going to have to name him Jesus. That's J-E-S-U-S. He will be great. People will call him the Son of the Most High God. The Lord God is going to make him a king like king David – do you remember him?

**Mary:** yep – he’s an old important king who lived a long time ago.

**Angel:** Yeah – so this baby is going to be a King like David and He will rule over your people forever; his kingdom will never end.

**Mary:** [big breath and shocked] okayyyyyy but like HOW?! Babies don’t just suddenly appear!!

**Angel:** Yeah, this is where the Holy Spirit comes in, and the power of the Most High God will cover you. I don’t need to get into the details, do I? *[Mary shakes head no]*

**Angel:** Awesome. This baby will be holy and will be called the Son of God. And one more thing. Your relative Elizabeth is pregnant now.

**Mary:** The really old one?!

**Angel:** Yes, she is very old, but she’s going to have a son. Everyone thought it was impossible but she’s already six month’s pregnant! God can do anything!

**Mary:** Okay. Not sure what to say, so I’ll just say “I am the Lord’s servant. Let this thing you have said happen to me”. *Angel exits. Mary looks around soooo confused.*

## SCENE 2: JOSEPH ALONE IN HIS BEDROOM

**Narrator 2:** Meet Joseph, a mechanic. Mary’s future husband, hopefully. People are starting to talk about the fact that they’re not married and Mary is clearly pregnant. AWKWARDDDDDDD!!!!

**Joseph:** EVERYONE is talking about Mary. This is so embarrassing. I know we had these plans to get married but I just can’t. Tomorrow I’ll have to end things quietly. Gotta set my alarm for 4am, construction jobs start so early these days. *[Falls asleep]*

*Angel appears over him while he sleeps*

**Angel:** Joseph, don’t worry about all this drama and gossip. This is part of God’s plan. Mary is going to give birth to a son, and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.

**Joseph:** *[wakes up and looks at phone]* it’s not even 3 am. That was a CRAZY dream! It must have been from God. MANNNNN this is not going to be easy, but I guess I’ll marry the girl soon.

### SCENE 3: MARY AND JOSEPH WALKING AROUND WITH SUITCASE.

**Narrator 3:** #Census is currently trending. Everyone is talking about the governments crazy rule that everyone has to go to their great great great granddads hometown to “register”. Haven’t they heard of the INTERNET? Like it’s 2022 can’t they figure out how to do this online?! But here we are in this small small town that Joseph’s family is from and Mary is going to pop any day now. The thing is, Joseph isn’t the best planner....a great mechanic...but not the best planner....

**Mary:** Seriously Joseph, you didn’t think to make a hotel reservation?!

**Joseph:** I was A LITTLE BUSY Mary! And who would have thought EVERY hotel would be sold out!?

**Mary:** ME. THAT’S WHO!!! This is YOUR hometown we’re in doing a silly census check in. Here I am 9 months pregnant and MY FEET HURT!! Can we PLEASE just find a hotel.

**Joseph:** Let’s ask at this one – I know this hotel manager – he’s like my 5<sup>th</sup> cousin!

**Joseph:** *[to Hotel Manager]* Hey bro!! How’s it going?

**Hotel Manager:** Dude – don’t even bother. I’m full. I’ve got nothing for you!

**Joseph:** But seriously, look at my wife – we’ve walked for BLOCKS and there’s seriously nothing. Can you PLEASE help us out? We’ll sleep in the lobby even! We just need a place to crash.

**Hotel Manager:** I can’t give you any beds – but if you want to go to the parking garage you can. We have a petting zoo set up for the kids in town, but I’m sure the animals won’t mind company.

**Mary:** We’ll take it!!! *Mary and Joseph walk to nativity scene.*

**Narrator 1:** While Joseph and Mary were in Bethlehem, the time came for her to have the baby. She gave birth to her first son. She wrapped him up well and laid him in a box where cattle are fed. She put him there because the hotel was full.

### SCENE 4 – 3 TRUCK DRIVERS SITTING ON BENCH

**Narrator 4:** Have you ever been to a truck stop? It looks just like THIS! These truckers have no idea that this night is going to be CRAZYYYYY!!! Now, to help you make a connection – it wasn’t easy to think of a modern day equivalent to shepherds – but we think truckers might be pretty close....

**Truck Driver 1:** *Gets notification on phone and looks.* Guys – they just made fresh coffee at the truck stop get it before it’s gone!

**Truck Driver 2:** Oh thanks – they make the BEST coffee I’m going now, need anything?

**Truck Driver 3:** Can you grab me a bag of all dressed chips while you're there?

*Angel 2 Appears*

**Truck Driver 1:** WOOOOOAHHHH WAIT A MINUTE

**Angel 2:** Don't be afraid.

**Truck Driver 2:** TOO LATE!!!

**Angel 2:** I have some really good news!

**Truck Driver 3:** Wait – let me film this! (pulls out phone to record).

**Angel 2:** Today your saviour was born. He is the Messiah, the Lord. You'll find him in a parking garage in a manger.

**Truck Driver 1:** WHAT? That makes ZERO sense. A manger in a parking garage?

**Truck Driver 2:** Maybe it's the petting zoo by that hotel in the city?

**Angels:** [interrupting] GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST. AND ON EARTH LET THERE BE PEACE TO THE PEOPLE WHO PLEASE HIM.

**Truck Driver 3:** Who's truck are we taking? *Truck Drivers walk away quickly.*

### **SCENE 5: MANGER SCENE (NO SPEAKING, JUST NARRATORS)**

*Mary, Joseph, Baby and animals sitting there. Truck Drivers show up and worship baby Jesus*

**Narrator 2:** So they went running and found Mary and Joseph. And there was the baby, lying in the feeding box. When they saw the baby, they told what the angels said about this child. Everyone was surprised when they heard what the truckers told them.

**Narrator 3:** Mary continued to think about these things, trying to understand them. The truckers went back to their sheep, praising God and thanking him for everything they had seen and heard. It was just as the angel had told them.

**Narrator 4:** That is the story of the first Christmas. It was such a quiet, holy night – yet it was a night we never forget about – the night when the King of kings, Son of God came down to earth and was laid in a box used to feed stinky animals. Away in a manger. *Kids sing "Away in a Manger"*