

CHRISTMAS PRODUCTION 2023

Speaking parts:

Welcomers - Jocy and Moses

Narrator 1: Yireh

Narrator 2: Evelyn

Shepherd 1: Jared

Shepherd 2: Max

Shepherd 3: Jayden

Mary: Isabella

Elizabeth: Ellie

Joseph: Christian

Sibling 1: Elliana

Sibling 2: Amaya

SONG

Joy to the world

- Full choir style. All of CMA and any additional people involved

Welcome message (Jocy and Moses)

instrumental music playing in the background as everyone comes off stage

Improve some christmas jokes...

J: Welcome families, friends and loved ones, we are so excited that you are here tonight!

M: We pray that as you watch this production, you get a glimpse of the hope that Jesus brings.

J: The hope that passes all understanding. The hope that is alive within us because Jesus is alive!

M: So sit back, relax and enjoy the show.

SKIT Mary and Elizabeth

Mary comes out setting up

Narrator 1: Mary was a young Nazarene woman who was engaged to Joseph, a descendant of King David. The angel Gabriel was sent to Mary with this message:

stage lights go bright when the angel comes

Narrator 2: You have found favor with God! You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be very great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David.

Mary: But how can this happen?

Narrator 1: The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the baby to be born will be holy, and he will be called the Son of God.

Narrator 2: Also, your relative Elizabeth has become pregnant in her old age! People used to say she wouldn't be able to have children, but she has conceived a son and is now in her sixth month. For the word of God will never fail.

Mary: Oh my. This is beyond anything I could have ever imagined! May everything the angel has said about me come true! Wait, what am I going to tell Joseph? No, I can't let anything cause me to doubt what God has said. I need to go see Elizabeth!

Mary exits and Elizabeth enters from the opposite side of the stage.

Mary comes back in, energetic and excited to see Elizabeth.

Elizabeth: Mary! It's so good to see you!

Mary: ELIZABETH!

Elizabeth: OH! Woah! My baby is going crazy! Mary, God has blessed you above all women, and your child is blessed. Why am I so honored that the mother of my Lord should visit me? When I heard your greeting, the baby in my womb jumped for joy. You are blessed because you believed that the Lord would do what he said!

Narrator 1: The time came for her baby to be born. She gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him snugly in strips of cloth and laid him in a manger, because there was no lodging available for them.

DANCE

You're Here - Francesca Battistelli

SKIT Joseph

Narrator 1: Mary was engaged to be married to Joseph. But before the marriage took place, while she was still a virgin, she became pregnant through the power of the Holy Spirit. Joseph, to whom she was engaged, was a righteous man and did not want to disgrace her publicly, so he decided to break the engagement quietly.

Joseph: What am I going to do?! Mary, PREGNANT?! What will people think? What will they do? What will they say? What will they say about me? Or about her? No, NO! I cannot go through with this. I can't take all of that ridicule. I can't take Mary going through all that ridicule. I'm just a guy trying to get married.. And THIS HAPPENS. Why me, God? Why us?! *Sighs* I have to end it. I don't want to end it. But I just have to. I know Mary will be heartbroken. I mean I'M going to be heart broken, but I'm not strong enough. Okay, I'll do it tomorrow.

Joseph goes to sleep

Narrator 2: As He considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream.

Narrator 1(Angel): Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife. For the child within her was conceived by the Holy spirit. And she will have a son, and you are to name Him Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins

waking up sort of frantic

Joseph: Oh God, thank you! My doubting was not right, I see that now. I trust you God. thank you for sending your angel to me in a dream! May everything you have said, happen. Mary and i will obey your word!

Narrator 2: When Joseph woke up, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded and took Mary as his wife.

SONG

Born on that day - Matt Maher (Christian and Max)

SKIT Shepherds

shepherds are laying around with their staffs and sheep, just chatting

lights are dim, and stage lights go bright when the angels come

Narrator 2: That night there were shepherds staying in the fields nearby, guarding their flocks of sheep.

sheep walk across the stage with shepherds

Sheep: aliyah, moriah, hannah???

They get them settled and lay down, and the shepherd go to their spots and rest

Shep 1: Hey, do you think the sheep like us? Like when we are taking care of them, do you think they appreciate it?

Shep 2: Probably not. Sometimes things just seem a little pointless you know? Like there's no real meaning behind anything?

Shep 3: Yeah but I mean we still have a job to do. Besides, they are just animals. But the sheep do like me better, I can just tell.

shepherds laughing and messing with each other.

Narrator 1: Suddenly, an angel of the Lord appeared among them, and the radiance of the Lord's glory surrounded them

Shep 2: uhh guys.. I don't know if I should be afraid or REALLY afraid!

Narrator 2: They were terrified, but the angel reassured them saying, Don't be afraid! I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people. The Savior—yes, the Messiah, the Lord—has been born today in Bethlehem, the city of David!

Narrator 1: And you will recognize him by this sign: You will find a baby wrapped snugly in strips of cloth, lying in a manger. Suddenly, the angel was joined by a vast host of others—the armies of heaven—praising God and saying, “Glory to God in highest heaven, and peace on earth to those with whom God is pleased.”

Shep 1: Guys, we have to go to Bethlehem!

Shep 3: We have to go to see what the Lord has spoken about.

Shepherds exit stage and sound of a baby crying starts

DANCE

Oh holy night

SKIT (Real Life Scenario)

Sibling 1: Wow, the christmas story is such a cool story!

Sibling 2: I know!

Sibling 1: They were like real people.

Sibling 2: They WERE real people, that's the amazing part about the bible.

Sibling 1: Yeah, you just hear about these stories so often that it can sometimes feel like a fairytale. But it's so amazing to know that even in the Bible they felt fear and unsure.

Sibling 2: Absolutely. Once they knew that it was God's plan for their life, they knew they would have nothing to worry about. It didn't mean it was going to be easy, but God would be with them every step of the way.

Sibling 1: I don't think I ever considered the fact that Joseph was probably very nervous and really doubted what Mary told him.

Sibling 2: yeah and that mary was probably nervous and maybe felt alone at first. WAIT! Didn't we have a memory verse at school that was about this?

Sibling 1: Yes! Isaiah 9:6 For a child is born to us, a son is given to us. The government will rest on his shoulders. And he will be called: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

The bible is just so much more than stories. I'm so glad we got to read these together this year.

Sibling 2: yeah, we need to make sure to do this every year to keep our hearts focused on Jesus.

Sibling 1: honestly, lets just read the bible together more!

Jocy and Moses intro the last song as a worship song

ENDING SONG

He shall reign forevermore - Chris Tomlin