

# Christmas 2024

## Cast

- Mary a young women who is about to deliver a baby
- Joseph - Her husband - faithful but a bit puzzled
- Innkeeper - Small business owner in Bethlehem
- Chief Sheep - Extroverted leader sheep
- Under-sheep - Junior, but not used to following the crowd
- Angels - God's "shock and awe" messengers

This is how the birth of Jesus came about:

Many years ago, God sent the angel Gabriel to a town called Nazareth to tell Mary something important.

At first Mary was troubled. But the angel said

*Do not be afraid, Mary. God wants you to be the mother of his Son.*

*You are to give him the name Jesus because he will save his people from their sins*

Mary said she would do whatever God wanted.

Mary was very happy to become Jesus' mother

Now Mary was a virgin, promised to be married to a man named Joseph.

One day, Mary and Joseph had to take a trip.

They came to the town of Bethlehem. They looked for a place to sleep as she was expecting a child, but there were many people and there was no room for them at the Inn.

Finally, the innkeeper said that they could stay in his stable with the animals.

Joseph made a soft bed for Mary. They lay down to sleep.

God's son was born that night.

**Mary wrapped him in soft cloths and laid him in a manger. She named her baby Jesus**

### **Away in an Manger**

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed

The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head

The stars in the bright sky looked down where He lay

The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay

One the night Jesus was born, some shepherds were in the field taking care of their sheep.

Suddenly, an angel appeared. The shepherds were afraid.

But the angel said **Do not be afraid. A savior is born in Bethlehem. You will find him wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger**

## **First Noel**

The first Noel the angel did say  
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;  
In fields where they lay tending their sheep,  
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel.  
Born is the King of Israel

Suddenly thousands of angels appeared in the sky

**They praise God for sending Jesus to be our savior, saying “Glory to God in the highest. And on earth peace, goodwill toward men.”**

## **Hark the Herald Angels Sing**

Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King:  
peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!”  
Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies;  
with th’angelic hosts proclaim, “Christ is born in Bethlehem!”

Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King”

When the angels left, the shepherds ran to Bethlehem. *“Let’s see if we can find this baby”*  
they said.

When they found Jesus lying in a manger, they worshipped him.

How excited they were!

**They told everyone the good news. They praised God all the way back to their fields.**

## **O Come All ye Faithful**

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant  
O come ye, o come ye to Bethlehem  
O come and behold Him, born the King of Angels  
O come, let us adore Him x2  
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord

O come, all ye faithful x2  
O come, all ye faithful to Bethlehem

## **Coda**

When Jesus was about 1 or 2 years old, some wise man followed a special star in the sky.  
It led them to the house where the little boy Jesus lived.  
The Wise men gave gifts to Jesus: gold, frankincense, and myrrh. They got down on their knees and worshiped him. They knew he was to be a great king.

## **We Three Kings of Orient Are**

### **God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen**

God rest ye merry gentlemen, Let nothing you dismay  
Remember Christ our Savior Was born on Christmas Day  
To save us all from Satan's power When we were gone astray  
Oh tidings of comfort and joy, Comfort and joy  
Oh tidings of comfort and joy

In Bethlehem, in Israel This blessed Babe was born  
And laid within a manger. Upon this blessed morn  
The which His Mother Mary Did nothing take in scorn  
Oh tidings of comfort and joy, Comfort and joy  
Oh tidings of comfort and joy

Fear not then, said the Angel Let nothing you affright  
This day is born a Savior Of a pure Virgin bright  
To free all those who trust in Him From Satan's pow'r and might  
Oh tidings of comfort and joy. Comfort and joy  
Oh tidings of comfort and joy