

After Jesus' Birth

Cast

Mary	King Herod
Joseph	Herod's Assistant
Angel	Simeon
Wise Man 1	Anna
Wise Man 2	
Wise Man 3	

Props

Doll	Gifts
Crown	Angel Halo
Star	

Act 1

(In the Temple)

(Mary, Joseph, Jesus doll, Simeon, Anna)

Joseph: Well, here we are in the Temple, Mary.

Mary: Yes, the Old Testament says we need to offer two birds as a sacrifice in honor of little Jesus here.

Simeon: I'm an old man now. But God promised me that I'll see the Messiah before I die. Now God told me to come here to the Temple. (He goes to Joseph and Mary.)

Simeon: God has kept His Promise! This little baby is the Messiah that God promised to send to save the world. Now I can die in peace.

Anna: Out of the way, young guy. I'm 84 years old. God just told me that little baby is the Messiah. Praise God!!

Act 2

(Later, in Bethlehem)

(Wise Men, Herod & Assistant, Angel, Mary, Joseph, Jesus doll.)

(Somebody holds up the star)

Wise Man 1: Look, a new star. That means a great king has been born.

Wise Man 2: Let's pack up and find this king. (They walk into wicked King Herod's palace – some time later).

Wise Man 3: We know a new king was born near here. Was it here in your palace? Or maybe you can tell us exactly where it was. We have come to worship Him.

Herod: What!! I'm the only king around here! Assistant, where will the Messiah be born?

Assistant: In Bethlehem, your majesty.

Herod: (Just to assistant) Maybe these wise men will lead me to this king, so I can kill Him. But I've got to be sneaky.

Herod: (To wise men) The Messiah will be born in Bethlehem. It is not far from here. And when you find the new king, come back and tell me where He is – I want to worship Him too.

(The wise men leave Herod's palace).

(Somebody holds up the star)

Wise Man 1: There's the star again. Let's follow it.

(They go to where Mary, Joseph and Jesus are).

Wise Man 2: This is the most important time of our lives – a turning point in history.

Wise Man 3: Let's give Him our gifts – like we would a king.

(They give Jesus their gifts. Then they turn to leave).

Wise Man 2: Let's not tell King Herod where we found Jesus. God wanted us in a dream not to trust Herod.

Act 3
(Mary, Joseph, Jesus doll, Angel)

Joseph: Those wise men were really nice. Now that they are gone, maybe we can get some sleep.

Angel: Joseph, you've got to get out of here. Herod wants to kill Jesus. I told the wise men not to stop at Herod's palace on their way back.

Joseph: Where are we supposed to go?

Angel: Take Mary and Jesus and go to Egypt where Herod can't get you. I'll tell you when it's safe to come back.

Joseph: Wake up Mary, we're going to Egypt.

Mary: Joseph, it's the middle of the night. What's the matter now?

Joseph: When God tells you something you'd better pay attention. Come on, we're going to Egypt.

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