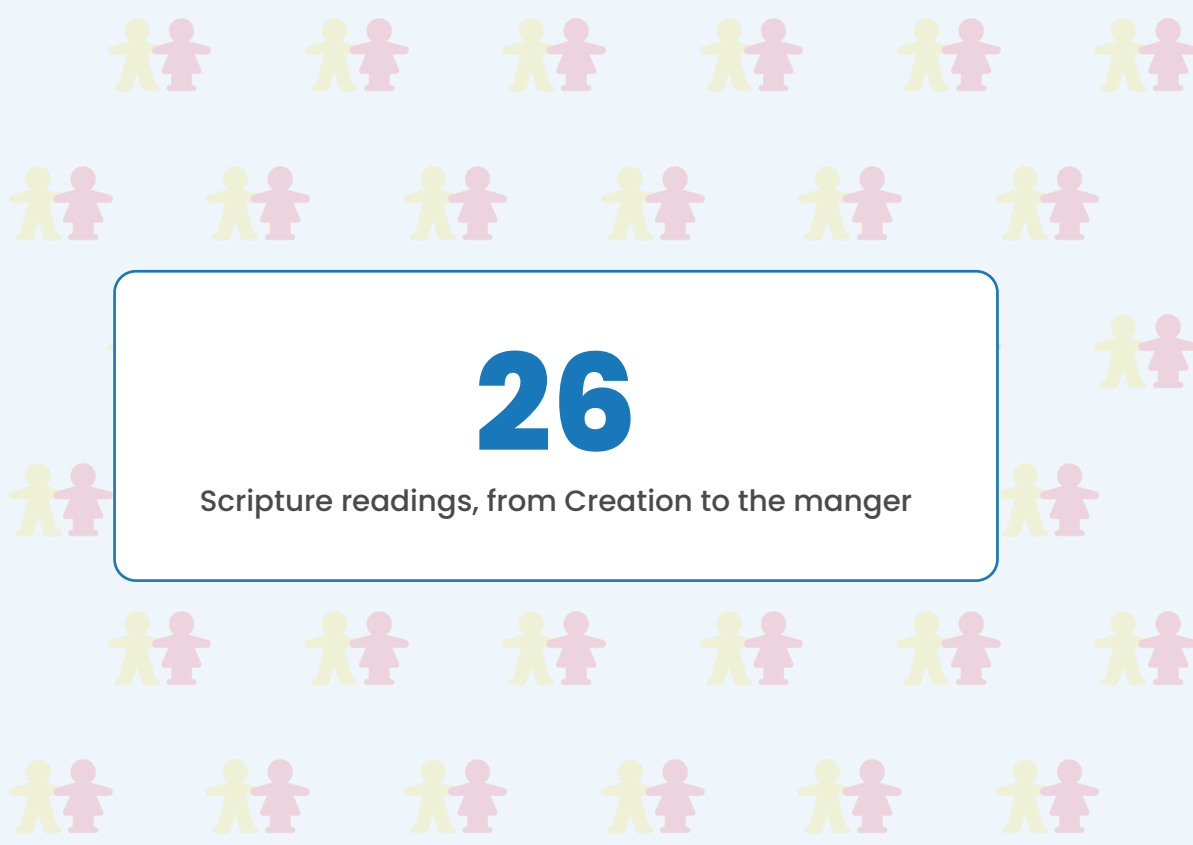


Stories of the Savior: A Christmas Play for Kids

Two scientists trace the birth of Jesus from Creation to Simeon and Anna, with Bible readings and songs between the stories.

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Scripture readings, from Creation to the manger

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Start here

Two scientists give a presentation on the birth of Jesus. They start at Creation and tie it all together through the story of Simeon and Anna.

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The play, section by section

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Noah	Genesis 6:5-8; Matthew 24:37-39; 1 Peter 3:18-21
Abraham	Genesis 22:18; Galatians 3:29; Matthew 1:1
David	Acts 13:22-23
Mary and Gabriel	Luke 1:26-33
Zacharias and Elizabeth	Luke 1:13-17, 39-44
Joseph	Matthew 1:21, 24
The Innkeeper	Luke 2:1-7
The Shepherds	Luke 2:8-20
Simeon and Anna	Luke 2:27-32, 36-38
Closing	"What's your story?"

Songs in order

7 Days of Creation (words included)	After the readings from John 1
Arky Arky Song	After the first Noah reading
Trust and Obey	When Abraham enters
Only a Boy Named David	When David enters
Silent Night	After the innkeeper's story
Joy to the World	After the shepherds' readings

Three things to know

- Only the two scientists and the Readers speak. They can memorize their lines or read right from the script.
- The scientists hide their script on a clipboard. The Readers hide theirs inside a Bible.
- Everyone else walks on, is seen, and walks off, from Adam and Eve to Anna at the temple, with no lines to learn.

Cast

Three kinds of speaking part. Everyone else walks on, is seen, and walks off.

Part	Lines	What the script has them do
Scientist 1	Speaks	Lab coat and clipboard. On stage for the whole play.
Scientist 2	Speaks	Lab coat and clipboard. On stage for the whole play. Starts to sing "Father Abraham" and is cut off.
Reader	Reads	Reads all 26 Scripture readings aloud. Use one Reader or share them among several.
Days of Creation sign holders	No lines	Enter during the first song. Each holds up a sign when that day is sung.
Adam and Eve	No lines	Enter after the first song. Exit before Noah.
Noah	No lines	Enters after Adam and Eve. Exits before Abraham.
Abraham	No lines	Enters after Noah. Exits before David.
David	No lines	Enters after Abraham. Exits before Mary.
Mary	No lines	Enters with Gabriel, then sits at the side of the stage.
Gabriel	No lines	Enters with Mary and sits with her. Exits after Joseph's story.
Zacharias	No lines	Enters after Mary's readings. Exits before Elizabeth.
Elizabeth	No lines	Enters after Zacharias. Exits before Joseph.
Joseph	No lines	Enters after Elizabeth, then moves to the side with Mary.
Innkeeper	No lines	Enters after Joseph's story.
Shepherds	No lines	Enter after "Silent Night." Exit after "Joy to the World."
Angels	No lines	Stand off to the side when the shepherds enter. Exit after Luke 2:13-14.
Simeon	No lines	Enters after the shepherds exit.
Anna	No lines	Enters after Simeon's reading. Everyone on stage bows at the end.

How many children? The script does not set a cast size. Counting one child for each part and each day sign, with two shepherds, one more angel and one Reader, it uses about 26 children. Add Readers, shepherds and angels for a bigger group. For a smaller group, let children take more than one part: most of the Bible people are on stage for one section only.

Costumes. The only costumes the script names are lab coats for the two scientists.

Before You Start

How to run it

- **Who needs a script:** the two scientists and the Readers. They are the only speaking parts. They can memorize their lines or read right from the script.
- **Where to hide it:** the scientists clip their script to their clipboards. Each Reader tucks the script inside a Bible.
- **Everyone else** walks on and off when the stage directions say so. The scientists and the Readers tell each person's story.
- **Songs:** the six songs are listed in order on the Start here page. The script does not say who sings. Use the cast, a children's choir, or the whole congregation.
- **Greeting:** the play opens with "Good morning." Change it if you present at another time of day.

Props and signs

- Two lab coats, one for each scientist.
- Two clipboards, one for each scientist.
- A Bible for each Reader.
- Days of Creation signs for the sign holders, one for each of the seven days in the first song.
- A chart shown on a screen. When it first appears it shows Creation, Adam & Eve, and Noah.

Song words: The 7 Days of Creation

Words by Felicia Molloy. Sung to the tune of "The Twelve Days of Christmas." The tune still works with seven days. It just ends earlier.

- On the 1st day of creation our awesome God created light and dark He called day and night
- On the 2nd day of creation our awesome God created an expanse between the waters
- On the 3rd day of creation our awesome God created dry land and plants
- On the 4th day of creation our awesome God created sun, moon, and stars
- On the 5th day of creation our awesome God created fish and birds
- On the 6th day of creation our awesome God created land animals & people
- On the 7th day of creation our awesome God created nothing because He rested

The Script

Speaker at left

Stage directions in italics

Bible reference in bold before each reading

Welcome: In the Beginning

(2 Scientists in lab coats & clipboards enter the stage.)

SCIENTIST 1

Good morning, ladies and gentlemen. We are so very pleased that you have chosen to join us for this presentation of "Stories of the Savior."

SCIENTIST 2

My colleague and I have been discussing the birth of Jesus and we have decided that it doesn't really start in the New Testament.

SCIENTIST 1

(nodding in approval)

Quite right. You see, it actually started at the beginning.

SCIENTIST 2

So that is where our presentation is going to begin... *(pause)* at the beginning.

SCIENTIST 1

Yes, at creation, to be exact.

SCIENTIST 2

You may be wondering, what does the birth of Jesus have to do with Creation?

READER

John 1:1-4. In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being by Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.

READER

John 1:14. And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.

SONG

7 Days of Creation Sung to the tune of "The Twelve Days of Christmas." The words are printed before the script.

(Days of Creation sign holders enter as their day is mentioned and hold up their signs as their day is mentioned throughout the song.)

SCIENTIST 1

Well, that was unexpected, but enjoyable.

SCIENTIST 2

That tune was familiar, hmm. *(puts finger up to face as if thinking)*

Adam and Eve

- SCIENTIST 1** I would like to back up, just a bit, though. I want to talk specifically about the people who were created on the 6th day of Creation.
- (Enter Adam and Eve.)*
- SCIENTIST 2** Yes, of course. Adam and Eve.
- READER** **Genesis 2:7.** Then the Lord God formed man of dust from the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and man became a living being.
- READER** **Genesis 2:22.** And the Lord God fashioned into a woman the rib which He had taken from the man, and brought her to the man.
- SCIENTIST 1** You may ask, why do we bring them up in a Christmas presentation?
- SCIENTIST 2** Yes, why ARE you bringing them up?
- SCIENTIST 1** Well, it all started with them. They are the first story of the Savior.
- READER** **Genesis 3:6.** When the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was desirable to make one wise, she took from its fruit and ate; and she gave also to her husband with her, and he ate.
- READER** **Genesis 3:8–13.** And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. Then the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, “Where are you?” He said, “I heard the sound of You in the garden, and I was afraid; so I hid myself.” And He said, “Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?” The man said, “The woman whom You gave to be with me, she gave me from the tree, and I ate.” Then the Lord God said to the woman, “What is this you have done?” And the woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”
- SCIENTIST 2** Sounds like the “blame game” to me.
- SCIENTIST 1** Yes, but by their disobedience, the human race now needed a Savior. That’s why we wanted to do this presentation today.
- SCIENTIST 2** Our presentation is called “Stories of the Savior” because we are telling about different people in the Bible and their story of the Savior.
- (Chart appears on screen showing Creation, Adam & Eve, and Noah.)*
- SCIENTIST 1** Exactly! I have this chart that can help us along the way.

SCIENTIST 2

Fancy!

SCIENTIST 1

I know. (*acting proud*)

SCIENTIST 2

So who's next?

Noah

(*Exit Adam & Eve. Enter Noah.*)

SCIENTIST 1

Noah.

READER

Genesis 6:5–8. Then the Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great on the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. And the Lord was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart. And the Lord said, "I will blot out man whom I have created from the face of the land, from man to animals to creeping things and to birds of the sky; for I am sorry that I have made them." But Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord.

SONG

Arky Arky Song

SCIENTIST 2

How does Noah have a story of the Savior?

READER

Matthew 24:37–39. For the coming of the Son of Man will be just like the days of Noah. For as in those days which were before the flood they were eating and drinking, they were marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and they did not understand until the flood came and took them all away; so shall the coming of the Son of Man be.

READER

1 Peter 3:18–21. For Christ also died for sins once for all, the just for the unjust, in order that He might bring us to God, having been put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit; in which also He went and made proclamation to the spirits now in prison, who once were disobedient, when the patience of God kept waiting in the days of Noah, during the construction of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through the water. And corresponding to that, baptism now saves you – not the removal of dirt from the flesh, but an appeal to God for a good conscience – through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

SCIENTIST 2

So Adam and Eve have a story, and so does Noah. Who else?

Abraham

(Exit Noah. Enter Abraham.)

SCIENTIST 1 We are going to move on to Abraham.

SCIENTIST 2 I love his song! *(starts singing "Father Abraham" for 1st verse...)*

SCIENTIST 1 *(cuts off song)*
No! No! We're not going to sing THAT song.

SONG **Trust and Obey**

SCIENTIST 2 So what was Abraham's story of the Savior?

READER **Genesis 22:18.** And in your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice.

READER **Galatians 3:29.** And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.

READER **Matthew 1:1.** The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.

SCIENTIST 1 Jesus came from the bloodline of Abraham.

SCIENTIST 2 So Abraham was Jesus' great, great, great, great, great, *(counts on fingers, then pauses)* really great grandpa.

SCIENTIST 1 I guess you could say it like that.

David

(Exit Abraham. Enter David.)

SCIENTIST 2 But they also said that Jesus came from David. Should we go on to him next?

SONG **Only a Boy Named David**

READER **Acts 13:22–23.** He raised up David to be their king, concerning whom He also testified and said, "I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after My heart, who will do all My will." From the offspring of this man, according to promise, God has brought to Israel a Savior, Jesus.

SCIENTIST 2 Jesus came from the line of David.

SCIENTIST 1 And that leads us up to the actual birth of Jesus.

- SCIENTIST 2** We skipped a lot of people in the Bible who have stories that lead up to the birth of Jesus.
- SCIENTIST 1** Yes, but if we showed every one of them, we would maybe still be presenting them until Jesus came the second time. So we decided just to show a few.
- SCIENTIST 2** That makes sense. I would probably get hungry.
- SCIENTIST 1** We are going to move on to the people who had a personal story of the Savior.
- SCIENTIST 2** There are many people who have stories that directly relate to the birth of Jesus.

Mary and Gabriel

(Exit David. Enter Mary & Gabriel.)

- SCIENTIST 1** Let's start with Mary's story. She is the best place to start when we're discussing the actual birth of Jesus.
- SCIENTIST 2** Her story was a deeply personal one.
- READER** **Luke 1:26–29.** Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city in Galilee, called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the descendants of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. And coming in, he said to her, "Hail, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was greatly troubled at this statement, and kept pondering what kind of salutation this might be.
- READER** **Luke 1:30–33.** And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb, and bear a son, and you shall name Him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David; and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever; and His kingdom will have no end."
- (Gabriel & Mary sit on the side of stage. Enter Zacharias.)*
- SCIENTIST 1** Mary's story starts with her being told that she had been chosen to be the mother of the Savior.
- SCIENTIST 2** That truly is an amazing story.

Zacharias and Elizabeth

- SCIENTIST 1** This is where John's story is started as well.
- SCIENTIST 2** John's story started before he was even born.
- READER** **Luke 1:13–16.** But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zacharias, for your petition has been heard, and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you will give him the name John. And you will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth. For he will be great in the sight of the Lord, and he will drink no wine or liquor, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit, while yet in his mother's womb. And he will turn back many of the sons of Israel to the Lord their God.
- READER** **Luke 1:17.** "And it is he who will go as a forerunner before Him in the spirit and the power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers back to the children, and the disobedient to the attitude of the righteous; so as to make ready a people prepared for the Lord."
- (Exit Zacharias. Enter Elizabeth.)*
- READER** **Luke 1:39–44.** Now at this time Mary arose and went with haste to the hill country, to a city of Judah, and entered the house of Zacharias and greeted Elizabeth. And it came about that when Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. And she cried out with a loud voice, and said, "Blessed among women are you, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! And how has it happened to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For behold, when the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby leaped in my womb for joy."
- SCIENTIST 1** John's story of the Savior continues, but that will have to be for another presentation.
- SCIENTIST 2** Right you are. We are just talking about the stories of the Savior as they have to do with His birth today.

Joseph

- (Exit Elizabeth. Enter Joseph.)*
- SCIENTIST 1** Joseph's story fits in here.
- SCIENTIST 2** Joseph was questioning whether he should take Mary as his wife, when an angel came to him in a dream and told him that it would be OK. The angel told him,

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- READER** **Matthew 1:21.** “And she will bear a Son; and you shall call His name Jesus, for it is He who will save His people from their sins.”
- READER** **Matthew 1:24.** And Joseph arose from his sleep, and did as the angel of the Lord commanded him, and took her as his wife.
- SCIENTIST 1** Joseph’s story is that God chose him to raise His one and only Son. To be His father here on earth.
- SCIENTIST 2** That is an incredible story! Can you imagine raising the Son of God as your very own child? The pressure!
- SCIENTIST 1** And the pleasure! Just like it is raising any wonderfully gifted child (*feeling proud of himself*)... Ahem! We are now going to move on to the innkeeper.

The Innkeeper

(Exit angel. Joseph to the side with Mary. Enter innkeeper.)

- READER** **Luke 2:1–7.** Now in those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus, that a census be taken of all the inhabited earth. This was the first census taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. And everyone was on his way to register for the census, each to his own city. Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the city of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David, in order to register along with Mary, who was engaged to him, and was with child. While they were there, the days were completed for her to give birth. And she gave birth to her firstborn son; and she wrapped Him in cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.
- SCIENTIST 2** That didn’t mention an innkeeper.
- SCIENTIST 1** It does say that Mary gave birth to Jesus and laid Him in a manger. Do you know what a manger is?
- SCIENTIST 2** Sure. It’s like a trough that animals eat out of.
- SCIENTIST 1** Where do we usually find troughs that animals eat out of?
- SCIENTIST 2** In barns.
- SCIENTIST 1** What’s another name for a barn?
- SCIENTIST 2** A stable.
- SCIENTIST 1** Someone has to own the stables, don’t they?

- SCIENTIST 2** Yeah.
- SCIENTIST 1** That is who I am calling the “innkeeper.” He was the owner of the place where Mary and Joseph stayed and where Jesus was born.
- SCIENTIST 2** Right! He has a story of the Savior. He didn’t know that by telling Mary and Joseph that they could stay in his stable, that he was giving housing to the Son of God! Wow! What a thought!
- SCIENTIST 1** Yes. He was able to provide a place to stay for his Savior, and he didn’t even know it!
- SONG** **Silent Night**

The Shepherds

(Enter shepherds and angel(s) stand off to the side.)

- SCIENTIST 2** This is where the shepherds’ story fits in also.
- READER** **Luke 2:8–12.** In the same region there were some shepherds staying out in the fields and keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord suddenly stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them; and they were terribly frightened. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which will be for all the people; for today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.”
- READER** **Luke 2:13–14.** And suddenly there appeared with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men with whom He is pleased.”
- (Exit all angels.)*
- READER** **Luke 2:15–20.** When the angels had gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds began saying to one another, “Let us go straight to Bethlehem then, and see this thing that has happened which the Lord has made known to us.” So they came in a hurry and found their way to Mary and Joseph, and the baby as He lay in the manger. When they had seen this, they made known the statement which had been told them about this Child. And all who heard it wondered at the things which were told them by the shepherds. But Mary treasured all these things, pondering them in her heart. The shepherds went back, glorifying and praising God for all that they had heard and seen, just as had been told them.

SONG

Joy to the World

Simeon and Anna

(Exit shepherds. Enter Simeon.)

SCIENTIST 1

There was a man named Simeon who also had a story of the Savior.

SCIENTIST 2

He was told by the Holy Spirit that he would not die until he saw the Savior.

READER

Luke 2:27–32. And he came in the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to carry out for Him the custom of the Law, then he took Him into his arms, and blessed God, and said, “Now Lord, You are releasing Your bond-servant to depart in peace, according to Your word; for my eyes have seen Your salvation, which You have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light of revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of Your people Israel.”

SCIENTIST 1

He was actually able to hold the Savior in his arms!

(Enter Anna.)

SCIENTIST 2

But, let’s not forget about Anna. Her story was right there with Simeon’s.

READER

Luke 2:36–38. And there was a prophetess, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years and had lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, and then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple, serving night and day with fastings and prayers. At that very moment she came up and began giving thanks to God, and continued to speak of Him to all those who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

Closing

SCIENTIST 1

So that concludes today’s presentation.

SCIENTIST 2

Of course you all know that today’s presentation is only the beginning of the story. This is only the beginning of the Stories of the Savior.

SCIENTIST 1

There are so many people who have a story of the Savior.

SCIENTIST 2

What’s your story?

(All bow.)

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