

DROOPY DONKEY SAMPLE SCRIPT

Narrator: Hello and welcome to our Nativity play. Today you will be hearing a story that has been told for over 2000 years. It is the story of how God sent his Son to earth to save us.

Narrator: This Nativity play is based on what was written by Matthew and Luke in their Gospels.

Narrator: In our performance today we meet a very tired and droopy donkey. 'Donkey' has been part of Joseph and Mary's family for a long time.

Narrator: Donkey is very much loved and cared for and is now getting a little bit older. As a result *he/she* is now rather partial to an afternoon snooze.

Narrator: Occasionally we may be asking you to help us to make sure Donkey doesn't sleep for too long.

Narrator: We really need Donkey to stay awake long enough to complete *his/her* very important role in our story.

Narrator: But before we get going, I think we should start with a song!

Mary, Joseph, and Donkey enter during the song. Mary and Joseph get on with various chores. Donkey keeps trying to settle down for a doze but Mary and Joseph keep nudging and poking him to ensure he stays awake.

Song 1 Welcome Song

Hello lovely audience, it's great to see you here. Settle down, turn off your 'phones, it's a festive time of year. Hello lovely audience, it's great to see you here. Listen to the tale we tell, it's a story of great cheer.

More than two thousand years have passed, yet still we tell the story. It's a tale of love and hope, and ultimately glory.

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Narrator: Mary and Joseph were just ordinary people. Mary was from a town called Nazareth and she was engaged to Joseph. Joseph was a carpenter. Nothing really exciting had ever happened to them.

Narrator: One day Mary was busy doing chores. Working alongside Mary was Donkey. *He/she* worked hard all day carrying and pulling lots of things. Donkey was very tired, and a little bit grumpy.

Narrator: It was a very hot day in Nazareth and Donkey decided that that was quite enough work for the day. *He/she* settled down to have a well-deserved nap.

Narrator: Mary was not impressed as there were still jobs to be done.

Mary: Come on donkey, just one more load of firewood to carry.

Donkey does a big loud yawn and then dozes off. Mary gives him a prod with her finger and a quick nudge with her foot. Nothing happens.

Narrator: Looks like we'll need a bit of help from our lovely audience. Please join in with us and shout 'wake up donkey!'. Here we go....one, two, three...'wake up donkey!'

Donkey remains motionless.

Narrator: Oh dear. That didn't work. I think we need to be a little louder. Let's try again. Here we go....one, two, three...'wake up donkey!'

Donkey wakes up with a start.

Joseph: Come on Donkey, we have almost finished for the day.

Donkey: But I'm sooooo tired. It's really hot and I want a drink.
Can I have a lie down for a bit?

Joseph: You can have some water when we get back to the well
and no you can't have a lie down.

Mary: Keep going Donkey, you're doing a great job.

Angel Gabriel enters.

Narrator: Joseph and the Donkey carried on working. Mary decided
to walk back to her house. Suddenly on the way home
something magical happened. An angel of the Lord
appeared to Mary, and she was very scared.

Angel: Do not be afraid, I am the Angel Gabriel.

Mary: The Angel Gabriel? Why are you here? You frightened me.

Angel: Do not be afraid. I bring good news as foretold by the
prophet Isaiah.

Angel: Mary, you will bear a Son and call him Jesus.

Mary: But how can this be? I am not married.

Angel: The Holy Spirit is upon you. Blessed are you amongst
women.

Song 2 No Need for Fear

*Gentle Mary calm yourself Gabriel is here. Glorious news is on the way. There's no need
for fear. God is with you, God is pleased. God has chosen you to bear a Son.*

*The Holy Spirit is upon you. You shall name the baby Jesus; people will call him the son
of God.*

*Gentle Mary calm yourself Gabriel is here. Glorious news is on the way. There's no need
for fear. There's no need for fear.*