

MUTTON AND JEFF SAMPLE SCRIPT

(Narrators for scene, Mutton, Jeff and Mary stand. All others seated)

Narrator: Welcome to our Nativity.

Narrator: Please listen carefully to this amazing story.

Narrator: It's a story that has been told for over 2000 years.

Narrator: Our introduction will be performed by Mutton and his good friend Jeff.

Narrator: Jeff is an organised chap, but Mutton is not very good at listening to instructions.

Narrator: Last week our homework was to bring in something to go in our Nativity display.

Narrator: Mutton brought in a bag of mini Babybels.

(Cast member holds up a bag of Babybels)

Narrator: Apparently, he thought he had been told to find some 'baby cheeses'.

Narrator: And you can guess what happened when he was asked to bring in four candles for the Easter service.....

Narrator: Over to you Mutton.

Mutton: It was a dark and stormy night....

Jeff: That's the wrong story.

Mutton: Oh, sorry.

Jeff: Try again.

Mutton: Two households, both alike in dignity, in fair Verona.....

Jeff: You've done it again!

Mutton: Oh, sorry again.

Jeff: You really must listen. It's the Nativity story!

Mutton: Ah.....ok. A long time ago, when king Herod was still the ruler, God sent an Angel called Gabriel to visit a young woman named Mary.

(Gabriel stands)

Jeff: That's more like it!

Narrator: Mary was engaged to be married to a fine young man called Joseph.

Narrator: When the angel Gabriel appeared, she was very scared.

Mary: What do you want with me? Why are you here?

Gabriel: Do not be afraid. I have wonderful news.

Mary: Wonderful news?

Gabriel: God is very pleased with you. You will bear a Son, and his name will be Jesus.

Mary: A baby? A Son? That's amazing. Thank you, God, for choosing me.

(All stand for song)

SONG 1 Gabriel's Good News

(All sit other than Narrators for scene and Mutton and Jeff)

Narrator: Joseph listened to what God said to him in a dream.

Narrator: He understood that Mary had been chosen.

Narrator: He understood that Jesus was going to be a Saviour.

Narrator: He was very excited, but also a little bit nervous.

Narrator: At this time, the Roman Emperor decided to have a census.

Narrator: This is so that the Romans could check that everyone was paying their taxes.

Narrator: It was very important to pay your taxes or you'd be in trouble.

Mutton It's very easy nowadays to pay your taxes.

Jeff: Is it? Everyone I know doesn't like paying their taxes and tries to avoid it!

Mutton: No it's easy. Just use Uber.

ALL: No! It's TAXES not TAXIS!

Mutton: Ah...I see..... So what's a census?

Jeff: It's when everybody gets counted.

Mutton: Counted?

Jeff: Yes. Everyone must return to their town of birth.

Mutton: Ah...I see. It 'sends us' back to where we were born?

ALL: No! It's CENCUS not SENDS US.

Narrator: Mary and Joseph had to travel from Nazareth to Bethlehem.

Narrator: It's a very long way and Mary was almost ready to give birth.

Narrator: Mary rode a donkey and, after a few days, they saw the edge of Bethlehem in the distance.

Narrator: Just imagine how worried Joseph and Mary must have been.

Narrator: Mary was going to have her baby really soon.

Narrator: It's a long way to ride a donkey.

(All stand for song)

SONG 2 It's A Long Way to Ride a Donkey