

Following

The

Wise men



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PRODUCTION NOTES

COSTUMES can be traditional Bible Time costumes as fancy or as simple as you'd like to make them.

LIGHTING - Minimal lighting is required – in places where “Lights up” are mentioned, the scene can just move to that place. You might consider back lighting the angel.

CASTING - If you have a small cast all of the parts except the MAGI and KING'S CREW (Chief, Avery, Erin/Aaron, Daniel/Danielle) can be doubled. For instance, King Herod could easily be the ANGEL and/or a SHEPHERD. The Innkeeper and his wife could also be shepherds or angels. If absolutely necessary the Innkeeper and his wife could be part of the “King's Crew” and the angel could be one of the Magi. This play can be done with as few as 10 cast members (less if you double up lines for the shepherds) and as many as 17+. If you have more, you can have extra shepherds or an entourage of angels with the main angel. Although less traditional, the Magi and Shepherds can be played by girls.

The magi came to find Jesus sometime after He was born. It may have been a few weeks, but it could have been up to two years, so “baby” Jesus doesn't necessarily have to be a baby. You may want to keep Him tiny (a baby doll for example) for tradition's sake, but it's not necessary.

CAST

10-20 Characters (3 Male, 2 Female, 7-17 either)

KING HEROD (M) – an angry conniving man	11 LINES
STEWART , the King's steward	0 LINES
MAGI I	12 LINES
MAGI II	12 LINES
MAGI III	12 LINES
CHIEF - the Chief priest and head of the king's crew very snooty and sophisticated.	21 LINES
ERIN – Probably would suit a girl best, but could be Aaron, a very excitable teacher – talks fast	18 LINES
DANIEL/DANIELLE – the level headed one, very kind and calm	17 LINES
AVERY , a temple guard, very small and timid, carries a backpack and a sword or bow and arrow	7 LINES
BENJAMIN , a shepherd	5 LINES
JORDAN a shepherd	5 LINES
REUBEN , a shepherd	4 LINES
INNKEEPER (M)	7 LINES
INNKEEPER'S WIFE (F)	5 LINES
ANGEL (2 OF THESE LINES ARE VERY LONG)	6 LINES
MARY (F)	0 LINES
JOSEPH (M)	0 LINES
JESUS (can be a doll)	0 LINES

STAGING

STAGE LEFT: Throne with table nearby – Herod’s Throne room (SCENE ONE)

STAGE RIGHT: Shepherd’s field (SCENE THREE)

STAGE CENTER: A CITY (Jerusalem in Scene two and Bethlehem in Scene Four, Five & Six) – need two doors (one for the Inn on the right and one for the House on the left) The door for the Inn can face the audience, the door for the house should be able to open so the audience can see what’s in the house – could have a market throughout the rest of the Center Stage. Need to have at least one place that an angel can “hide” behind so he can “appear” at the appropriate time

PROPS

SCENE ONE

Large chair that looks like a throne

Table or Lectern

A couple of big old books

SCENE TWO

Three Old Backpacks – two should be prefilled with anything the final one will have:

Old map (paper rolled into a scroll will work)

Two Small oil lamps ~ Two Bibles ~ Three Shirts or Pants

“Stuff”

SCENE THREE

Not much required. A fake fire and a few lambs would be a nice addition

A star in the sky – this could be on a power point screen

SCENE FIVE

Two chairs inside the “House” you could have a small table between them and even a cradle

SCENE ONE

SCENE ONE OPENS WITH “WE THREE KINGS” PLAYING SOFTLY IN THE BACKGROUND. LIGHTS UP ON MAGI STANDING MAJESTICALLY, ALMOST AT ATTENTION, IN FRONT OF AN EMPTY THRONE WAITING PATIENTLY. THE KING’S STEWARD IS STANDING QUIETLY BESIDE THE DOOR. THERE IS A TABLE OR A LECTERN BETWEEN THE DOOR AND THE THRONE

1 **KING HEROD:** (*MUSIC FADES as Herod enters quickly with little patience –*
2 *pretending to respect these foreign kings*) Good afternoon, gentlemen.
3 Now, where did my attendant tell me you were from? (*takes a seat on*
4 *his throne without a second thought to offering the Magi a seat*)

5 **MAGI I:** (*slightly bows out of respect*) We’re from the East, sir.

6 **KING HEROD:** (*sitting on his throne, straightening his robes, paying very little*
7 *attention to the Magi*) Oh yes, that’s right. And he said something
8 about a star, so you gentlemen are star gazers?

9 **MAGI II:** (*slightly bows out of respect but he and his friends are somewhat*
10 *insulted*) No sire, not really star gazers, but we do study the sky and
11 ancient writings, and are consultants to kings and rulers in our country.

12 **MAGI III:** (*slightly bows out of respect*) Most recently, we have seen one
13 quite remarkable star. It appeared in the sky several months ago.

14 **MAGI I:** We believe that your God put it there to mark the birth of a King. The
15 ancient books of your country tell all about it.

16 **MAGI II:** We assumed because your ancient books foretold this event
17 hundreds of years ago, you would know where we might find this baby.

18 **KING HEROD:** (*sitting up in his throne, getting angry because HE is the King*)
19 What do you mean a baby has been born to be the king? (*all of a*
20 *sudden he realizes being angry in front of these guys might not be such*
21 *a good idea, so he acts like he’s not mad*) What I mean is, I can’t
22 believe I haven’t heard about this. You are right. I want to know
23 where this impost (*starts to say imposter*). . . uh . . . , I mean, King, is
24 too. (*to the steward*) Stewart, go get Chief and a couple of the
25 teachers, someone who knows the scrolls. I need to find out if this
26 really is in the old books.

27 (*Stewart exits*)

KING HEROD: *(sounding a little sinister)* Yes, we'll get to the bottom of this, 1
(the Magi look at each other confused) but when you find the baby, be 2
sure to come let me know where he is. *(King Herod realizes he should* 3
probably sound a bit more pleasant) After all, I want to give this King 4
the worship He is due. 5

(Stewart enters with the CHIEF, ERIN/AARON and DANIEL carrying a couple of 6
big books) 7

CHIEF: *(sounds a bit snooty)* Your majesty, how can we help you? *(bowing* 8
deep, the three lay the books on table or lectern) 9

KING HEROD: These gentlemen are looking for a baby who supposedly has 10
come to take *(clears throat)* I mean, whom God sent to be King. What 11
do you know about it? 12

MAGI III: Yes, we'd really like to see him. We've brought gifts for Him! 13

ERIN/AARON: *(begins flipping through one of the books very quickly)* *(talks* 14
excitedly) Oh wait, I know exactly what you're talking about! We've 15
been reading about him all of my life. Let me look. Where is that? Oh, 16
I can't remember where it is! 17

DANIEL/DANIELLE: *(the most level headed of the three)* Aaron/Erin, perhaps I 18
can help. *(gently flips one page, and shows ERIN/AARON the place to* 19
find what he/she is looking for) I think this is it. 20

ERIN/AARON: *(always talking very fast)* Thanks, Daniel! Yep, that's it! Oh, 21
I'm so excited!!! There it is! It's right here! I can't believe this day has 22
finally arrived! Can you imagine, Chief? All of these years, we've read 23
about it and now it's . . . *(Herod interrupts)* 24

KING HEROD: *(angrily)* Enough! *(then calmer so he won't scare the Magi)* 25
Chief, what is your flunky talking about? 26

CHIEF: *(always snooty):* Yes, sire. It says here in the writings of the prophet 27
Micah, *(reading)* "Out of Bethlehem will come the one who will rule 28
over Israel." *(looking at the MAGI)* I think, gentlemen, it would be good 29
for you to start your quest in Bethlehem. 30

KING HEROD: *(under his breath)* Hmmmm. Bethlehem 31
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1 **MAGI I:** *(slightly bows out of respect)* Thank you for your help! *(to Herod)* We
2 will report back if we find anything. *(MAGI exit)*

3 **ERIN/AARON:** *(to chief)* I can't wait! This is so exciting! Finally, after all these
4 years! My grandfather would have loved to have seen this. Sir, can I . .
5 .

6 **KING HEROD:** *(interrupting Aaron/Erin and showing the full extent of his
7 anger now that the MAGI are gone)* SILENCE! This can NOT be
8 happening! I AM THE KING! No baby is going to take away my throne.
9 Chief, we need to stop this as soon as possible.

10 **CHIEF:** Yes, sire, but how?

11 **KING HEROD:** I don't trust those foreigners to bring me back any word. I
12 want you three to follow them!

13 **ERIN:** Yippee! *(immediately covers mouth because knows the King won't like
14 his/her excitement)*

15 **CHIEF:** Out in the wilderness, sire? *(beginning to add a little whine to his
16 snootiness)* Sir, perhaps you'd like to send some temple guards.

17 **KING HEROD:** NO! You three will go!

18 **DANIEL/DANIELLE:** Sire, it might be wise if we took someone with a little
19 muscle on this kind of trip.

20 **KING HEROD:** Oh, all right, but remember, Chief, if I'm not King, you'll lose
21 your power in Jerusalem too! We have to stop this traitor, and we
22 have to stop him now! Hurry up, get out of here, GO!

23 **ALL THREE EXIT – KING SITS IN HIS THRONE AND SULKS AS THE LIGHTS FADE**

SCENE TWO

LIGHTS UP ON DANIEL/DANIELLE: KNEELING CENTER STAGE
PUTTING ITEMS IN A BACKPACK.

DANIEL/DANIELLE: *(talking to himself)* Let's see, I have my map, my lantern, 1
an extra change of clothes, a compass, God's word. I wonder if there's 2
anything. 3

CHIEF: *(entering and interrupting Daniel)* That's about all you'll need Daniel, 4
make sure you have room in there for my things. *(hands Daniel a lamp,* 5
a book and a change of clothes) 6

DANIEL/DANIELLE: But Chief, this is gonna get heavy if I have to carry my stuff 7
AND your stuff all the way to Bethlehem. 8

CHIEF: Well, you don't really expect ME to carry it do you? 9

ERIN/AARON: *(offstage)* I can't believe I get to go! Woo Hoo! I am so excited! 10
(entering) We've been waiting for the Messiah for centuries, and now I 11
get to be one of the first people to meet him! This is SOOOO 12
Awesome! *(finally notices the other two)* Hey guys! Are you ready!?! 13

CHIEF: Guys?! 14

ERIN/AARON: Oh, yeah, sorry, Chief. Guess I just caught up in the excitement 15
of it all. 16

DANIEL/DANIELLE: Hey, Erin! Do you have some extra room for some of the 17
Chief's stuff? *(holds up the change of clothes and puts the lantern in his* 18
backpack) 19

ERIN/AARON: Yeah, sure, I can help. Did you find a decent temple guard to 20
come with us? 21

DANIEL/DANIELLE: *(hesitant)* Um, yeah . . . by decent, did you mean, big and 22
tough or someone nice to hang out with? 23

CHIEF: Daniel, just who did you get to accompany us on our journey to 24
Bethlehem? 25

DANIEL/DANIELLE: Well, when I went to the head guard and told him what I 26
needed, you know, someone to accompany one priest and two 27
teachers to find a baby, after he quit laughing, he told me that Avery 28
could go with us. 29

1 **CHIEF:** *(sounding very disgusted)* Avery! *(short pause)* Avery! You've got to be
2 kidding! Not *(Avery enters and chief changes to sound like he loves to*
3 *have Avery with them)* Avery! So good to see you!

4 **AVERY:** *(snapping to attention and saluting)* Yes, sir. Good to see you too, sir!

5 **CHIEF:** Avery, I'm not your commander, you may just call me Chief.

6 **AVERY:** Yes, sir! *(then turning at attention very nervously to DANIEL and ERIN)*
7 Good morning to both of you, sirs. I mean sir and mam, I mean . . .*(no*
8 *longer at attention)* oh, I'm sorry!

9 **DANIEL/DANIELLE:** No need to apologize, Avery. Feel free to call us Daniel
10 and Erin. Are you all packed up and ready to go?

11 **AVERY:** Yes, sir! I mean Daniel. I found the Magi. You were right, they spent
12 the night here in the city, but it looks like they'll be heading out soon.
13 Oh, I'm sorry. I bet I should have followed them.

14 **ERIN/AARON:** Avery, my man! *(putting her arm around Avery's shoulder)* No
15 worries! We'll catch up with them. After all, we know which way
16 they're heading. There's only one road to Bethlehem from here!

17 **CHIEF:** Well, let's get started on this tedious journey. *(heads off stage and*
18 *back through the sanctuary with the other three following)*

19 **ERIN/AARON:** Adventure, chief, adventure!

SCENE THREE

SCENE OPENS WITH LIGHTS UP ON MAGI ENTERING
AND WALKING DOWN AISLE WITH SHEPHERDS STAGE RIGHT

MAGI I: I think we're making pretty good time. We should be to Bethlehem in 1
just an hour or so. 2

MAGI II: Yes, indeed! The weather has been perfect for our walk to 3
Bethlehem. 4

MAGI III: You are right, but have either of you had the feeling that we're 5
being followed 6

MAGI II: Followed? Who would be following us? I think it's your imagination. 7

MAGI I: I agree. (*short pause*) Hey, look up ahead. I think I see some 8
shepherds. Do you suppose they know something about the child King? 9

MAGI III: I doubt it. These guys probably don't get much news out here, but I 10
guess it can't hurt to ask. 11

(MAGI CONTINUE TO WALK TOWARD THE SHEPHERDS) 12

BENJAMIN: Well, hello there, strangers! What are you three doing out here? 13

MAGI I: Greetings, shepherds. 14

MAGI II: We're hoping that we're coming to the end of a long journey. 15

MAGI III: We're on our way to Bethlehem to find a baby. 16

JORDAN: I bet I know which one! 17

REUBEN: Yep! There can only be one baby that would bring strangers from a 18
foreign country! 19

MAGI I: You know about the baby we're talking about? 20

BENJAMIN: OH Yes, we know. We saw him the night He was born. 21

JORDAN: An entire army of angels told us where to find Him. They just 22
appeared in the sky one night and told us that the Savior of the world 23
had been born. 24

REUBEN: We were terrified until we realized they were bringing us a message 25
from God. They said the baby would bring peace and goodness! 26

MAGI II: That's Him!!! That HAS to be him! Where can we find Him? 27

1 **BENJAMIN:** It's been a good while since we saw Him, but when you get into
2 town, you'll find a small inn not far from the city gate. He was born in
3 their stable just behind the inn.

4 **MAGI III:** (*sounds disappointed*) This must not be our baby. The baby we're
5 looking for is a King. He would have been born in a palace or finery.

6 **JORDAN:** If you'd have heard those angels, you'd have thought He was a King.

7 **REUBEN:** Yes, sir! That is one special baby. That's for sure.

8 **MAGI I:** (*sounding a little doubtful*) It can't hurt to check there first. We've
9 come all this way. It's too late to turn back now.

10 **MAGI II:** (*looking up and then excited he says to the other MAGI*) Look!
11 There's our star! (*to the shepherds*) Thanks for all of your help!

12 MAGI EXIT QUICKLY. SHEPHERDS ARE STILL THERE.

13 THE KING'S CREW STARTS TO SNEAK IN.

14 **BENJAMIN:** Hey guys, do you see those four heading this way? Is it just me or
15 do they look a little shady?

16 **JORDAN:** They look like they're trying to keep from being spotted. They aren't
17 even following the road. We'd better be careful.

18 **REUBEN:** Yes, be ready for anything. Let's call them out. (*shouting to King
19 Herod's crew*) Hey there strangers, the road goes this way!

20 **CHIEF:** (*quietly to his crew*) Let me do the talking! (*approaching the shepherds
21 with Avery, Erin and Daniel/Danielle*) Hello, kind shepherds. How
22 fortunate we are to find you here! Did you happen to see three
23 foreigners pass by not long ago?

24 **BENJAMIN:** (*looking at his friends first*) What kind of foreigners?

25 **ERIN/AARON:** (*very excited*) Three guys from the east! They were probably
26 looking for . . .

27 **CHIEF:** (*interrupting and scowling at Erin/Aaron*) Yes, from the East. They
28 probably passed by not long ago.

29 **JORDAN:** Some foreigners passed through. Looked like they were heading
30 into Bethlehem.

CHIEF: I'm sure that's them. If we hurry we can . . . *(stopping short because* 1
he doesn't want to let the shepherds know their plans) Well, thank you! 2
(heads toward Bethlehem) 3

AVERY: Thank you for your help, gentlemen. *(salutes and follows Chief, Erin* 4
and Daniel/Danielle) 5

CHIEF: *(mumbling)* Gentlemen! Ha! They're shepherds, Avery, they are 6
shepherds. 7

LIGHTS FADE AS KING'S CREW HEADS TOWARD BETHLEHEM 8

SCENE FOUR

THE MAGI WALK TOWARD THE DOOR OF THE INN

1 **MAGI III:** This doesn't seem very promising fellows.

2 **MAGI I:** I know! A King born outside on the hay with the animals? It's
3 ludicrous! (*knocking on the door*)

4 **MAGI II:** But it's the only lead we've got. (*as the door opens*)

5 **INNKEEPER:** (*answers door with his wife*): May we help you gentlemen?

6 **INNKEEPER'S WIFE:** (*anxious to reply because the Magi look like they might*
7 *have money*) Do you gentlemen need a room for the night? We have
8 one of our best suites open.

9 **MAGI III:** We may, but first we need to ask you a few questions.

10 **MAGI I:** We heard that a baby was born in your stable some time ago.

11 **INNKEEPER:** You heard right! What a nice family.

12 **INNKEEPER'S WIFE:** (*rattling on*) I felt so badly that we didn't have any room
13 left for them, but the city was full! When Caesar called for that census,
14 everyone flooded into our little town. We even moved into a smaller
15 room so a large family could use our room. We had people sleeping in
16 every room, every hall, on the roof in the . . .

17 **INNKEEPER:** (*interrupting*) She's right, we didn't have a room left for them.

18 **MAGI II:** That explains it!

19 **MAGI III:** Yes! You obviously didn't have room for this royal family.

20 **INNKEEPER:** (*holding back a laugh*) Uh . . . royal family?! You are the most
21 regal folks we've ever had knock on our door.

22 **INNKEEPER'S WIFE:** No, this was a carpenter and his wife. He even fixed a
23 few things for us to pay for his spot in the stall.

24 **MAGI II:** (*sounding very disappointed*) Another dead end.

25 **MAGI III:** The baby we're looking for is special . . . different . . . probably royal.

26 **INNKEEPER:** Well, He may not have been royal, but that baby was definitely
27 special and different. The shepherds who came to see Him said an
28 angel told them where to find Him.

INNKEEPER'S WIFE: And when they dropped by on their way home from
Mary's purification, Mary said God had told an old priest they'd be
coming, and that the baby would be the salvation of the people.

INNKEEPER: I don't know what it is about that baby, but from the first
moment we saw Him, we knew He was destined to be more than just
an average carpenter's son.

INNKEEPER'S WIFE: You could meet Him yourself if you'd like. They've
moved into a little house on the other side of town. They'll be there
until the census is complete.

INNKEEPER: The baby's father is working on some carpentry projects. I'm
sure you'll see them in their front yard.

MAGI II: *(a little skeptical)* Maybe we'll go look for them. Thanks for your
help. *(Innkeepers go inside and shut the door)*

MAGI III: What do you think? Should we check out the carpenter's family?

MAGI I: What else are we going to do? I really think the God of Israel
brought us this far, we can't . . .

MAGI II: *(interrupting)* LOOK! There it is! *(pointing toward the sky)*

MAGI III: There what is? *(turning to where MAGI II Pointed)* Our star! It's our
star!

MAGI I: We ARE headed in the right direction! OK, gentlemen! Let's get
going!

LIGHTS FADE AS MAGI HURRY DOWN THE AISLE

SCENE FIVE

LIGHTS UP AS CHIEF, DANIEL, AND ERIN COME DOWN AISLE TOWARD BETHLEHEM.

1 **DANIEL/DANIELLE:** I hate to say this, but I think we've lost them, Chief.

2 **CHIEF:** I think you may be right, Daniel/Danielle. (*sounding irritated*) Those
3 shepherds weren't very helpful were they?

4 **ERIN/AARON:** Those magi have to be here in town someplace. We know they
5 were heading this way. Where's Avery? I thought he was right behind
6 us.

7 **AVERY:** (*jogging in with three backpacks*) I'm right here. I got a little lost
8 about a block back. Where do you think we should look first?

9 **DANIEL/DANIELLE:** Avery, why don't you let me carry my own pack? We
10 don't really expect you to be our pack mule!

11 **CHIEF:** Speak for yourself. Those temple guards aren't really worth much of
12 anything else!

13 **ERIN/AARON:** Chief! Come on! Give him a break!

14 **CHIEF:** You're right. (*very condescending*) Avery, you are doing a fine job. (*to*
15 *Erin*) There, does that make you feel better?

16 **ERIN/AARON:** (*rolling his eyes*) Maybe we should just get busy looking for
17 this baby. I really can't wait to find Him! Who would have thought that
18 we'd be the ones to discover the Messiah?! Wow! What honor God
19 has given us.

20 **DANIEL/DANIELLE:** Erin, do you really think this baby is the One? I mean,
21 there's no palace here in Bethlehem. In fact, this is such a tiny town.
22 Why would God send His servant here of all places?

23 **ERIN/AARON:** Daniel! You know the prophecies as well as I do. The Messiah
24 will take back the throne of David, and this city is full of David's
25 descendants right now. It makes perfect sense!

26 **CHIEF:** Preposterous! All we're going to find here is a baby whose parents are
27 fame seekers. There is no way . . .

28 **ANGEL:** (*appears and interrupts from behind a building, tree or above if you*
29 *have a level above your main stage - the stage and everything around*
30 *brightens*) But there is a way!

ERIN AND DANIELLE: It can't be! *(Chief is wide eyed and staring)* 1

ANGEL: Yes, servants of God, it is. Don't be afraid. My name is Gabriel, I'm 2
an angel sent by the Living God. 3

ERIN/AARON: An angel!!! We get to meet an angel!!! This is the best trip of 4
my life!!! Can you believe it, Avery? We are actually talking to an 5
ANGEL! What a day! The Messiah AND an angel!!! 6

ANGEL: *(smiling)* You are correct, Erin/Aaron. The baby you search for IS the 7
Messiah. The Magi are with Him now. You'll have an opportunity to 8
meet Him very soon. 9

DANIEL/DANIELLE: *(not able to take his/her eyes off of the angel)* I can't 10
believe it, Erin/Aaron. You were right. I really didn't think this baby 11
could possibly be the Messiah. 12

ANGEL: *(still smiling)* Yes, gentlemen. The Son of God has arrived, and He's 13
right here in Bethlehem. I announced his coming to Mary, and I led the 14
company who told the shepherds out in the fields the night He was 15
born. You, men of God, will meet this King, and will understand His 16
majesty. However, just like the Magi, you must not return to Herod. 17
I'll be telling the three of them later tonight, and they'll head back to 18
their home in the East by a different route. You'll want to go meet the 19
Christ child as soon as possible because the baby they call Jesus, along 20
with His family, will be heading to safe place far away from Herod's 21
reach early tomorrow morning. 22

DANIEL/DANIELLE: How will we find Him in time? 23

ERIN/AARON: Yes! I don't want to miss this! Not for anything! 24

ANGEL: You won't miss it, child of the Most High God. Your Heavenly Father 25
has made arrangements for the Magi's star to guide you. Look, it's 26
over the house now. *(the star appears - perhaps on a power point 27
screen above the house, and the angel is gone - back behind the house 28
or tree.)* 29

30

1 "O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM" BEGINS TO PLAY AS THE FOUR WALK
2 TOWARD THE HOUSE WHERE MARY, JOSEPH AND THE BABY ARE WAITING.
3 LIGHTS FADE EXCEPT FOR THE SINGLE LIGHT ON THE HOUSE. WHEN THEY
4 ARRIVE, ALL FOUR BOW IN FRONT OF JESUS' FAMILY. ALLOW THE CAROL TO
5 PLAY FOR ABOUT THREE VERSES. THE CONGREGATION COULD SING TWO OF
6 THESE VERSES.

SCENE SIX

AS THE CAROL ENDS THE KING'S CREW GETS UP AND BEGINS TO WALK BACK TOWARD TOWN

ALL BUT AVERY NOW CARRY PACKS ON THEIR BACK

DIALOGUE BEGINS WHEN THEY REACH CENTER STAGE

CHIEF: *(no snootiness at all)* That was the most amazing moment of my life. 1

Who'd have thought that a baby could make me feel this way? 2

DANIEL/DANIELLE: I know what you mean, Chief. I feel as though I've been in 3

the presence of the Creator of the Universe. 4

ERIN/AARON: *(much more subdued, but still excited)* I think I need someone 5

to pinch me. Did I, Little 'ole me, really just meet the One that God 6

sent to save all of Israel. 7

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confidence) Erin/Aaron, I have a feeling that baby is going to save a lot 9

more than just the small country of Israel. 10

THE FOUR EXIT STAGE OPPOSITE THE ANGEL 11

AS THE ANGEL COMES BACK OUT AND LIGHTS SHINE ALL AROUND HIM 12

ANGEL: But you, O Bethlehem, 13

though you are small among the clans of Judah, 14

out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, 15

whose origins are from of old from ancient times. 16

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; 17

For unto us a child is born to us a son is given, 18

and the government will be on His shoulders 19

And He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, 20

Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace 21

Of the greatness of His government and peace there will be no end. 22

He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, 23

establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness 24

from that time on and forever. 25

The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this 26

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confidence)* Erin/Aaron, I have a feeling that baby is going to save a lot 9
more than just the small country of Israel. 10

THE FOUR EXIT STAGE OPPOSITE THE ANGEL 11

AS THE ANGEL COMES BACK OUT AND LIGHTS SHINE ALL AROUND HIM 12

ANGEL: But you, O Bethlehem, 13
though you are small among the clans of Judah, 14
out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, 15
whose origins are from of old from ancient times. 16
The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; 17
For unto us a child is born to us a son is given, 18
and the government will be on His shoulders 19
And He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, 20
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace 21
Of the greatness of His government and peace there will be no end. 22
He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, 23
establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness 24
from that time on and forever. 25

The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this 26

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- 1 "O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM" BEGINS TO PLAY AS THE FOUR WALK
- 2 TOWARD THE HOUSE WHERE MARY, JOSEPH AND THE BABY ARE WAITING.
- 3 LIGHTS FADE EXCEPT FOR THE SINGLE LIGHT ON THE HOUSE. WHEN THEY
- 4 ARRIVE, ALL FOUR BOW IN FRONT OF JESUS' FAMILY. ALLOW THE CAROL TO
- 5 PLAY FOR ABOUT THREE VERSES. THE CONGREGATION COULD SING TWO OF
- 6 THESE VERSES.

PRODUCTION NOTES

COSTUMES can be traditional Bible Time costumes as fancy or as simple as you'd like to make them.

LIGHTING - Minimal lighting is required – in places where "Lights up" are mentioned, the scene can just move to that place. You might consider back lighting the angel.

CASTING - If you have a small cast all of the parts except the MAGI and KING'S CREW (Chief, Avery, Erin/Aaron, Daniel/Danielle) can be doubled. For instance, King Herod could easily be the ANGEL and/or a SHEPHERD. The Innkeeper and his wife could also be shepherds or angels. If absolutely necessary the Innkeeper and his wife could be part of the "King's Crew" and the angel could be one of the Magi. This play can be done with as few as 10 cast members (less if you double up lines for the shepherds) and as many as 17+. If you have more, you can have extra shepherds or an entourage of angels with the main angel. Although less traditional, the Magi and Shepherds can be played by girls.

The magi came to find Jesus sometime after He was born. It may have been a few weeks, but it could have been up to two years, so "baby" Jesus doesn't necessarily have to be a baby. You may want to keep Him tiny (a baby doll for example) for tradition's sake, but it's not necessary.

CAST

10-20 Characters (3 Male, 2 Female, 7-17 either)

KING HEROD (M) – an angry conniving man	11 LINES
STEWART , the King’s steward	0 LINES
MAGI I	12 LINES
MAGI II	12 LINES
MAGI III	12 LINES
CHIEF - the Chief priest and head of the king’s crew very snooty and sophisticated.	21 LINES
ERIN – Probably would suit a girl best, but could be Aaron, a very excitable teacher – talks fast	18 LINES
DANIEL/DANIELLE – the level headed one, very kind and calm	17 LINES
AVERY , a temple guard, very small and timid, carries a backpack and a sword or bow and arrow	7 LINES
BENJAMIN , a shepherd	5 LINES
JORDAN a shepherd	5 LINES
REUBEN , a shepherd	4 LINES
INNKEEPER (M)	7 LINES
INNKEEPER’S WIFE (F)	5 LINES
ANGEL (2 OF THESE LINES ARE VERY LONG)	6 LINES
MARY (F)	0 LINES
JOSEPH (M)	0 LINES
JESUS (can be a doll)	0 LINES

ERIN AND DANIELLE: It can’t be! (<i>Chief is wide eyed and staring</i>)	1
ANGEL: Yes, servants of God, it is. Don’t be afraid. My name is Gabriel, I’m an angel sent by the Living God.	2 3
ERIN/AARON: An angel!!! We get to meet an angel!!! This is the best trip of my life!!! Can you believe it, Avery? We are actually talking to an ANGEL! What a day! The Messiah AND an angel!!!	4 5 6
ANGEL: (<i>smiling</i>) You are correct, Erin/Aaron. The baby you search for IS the Messiah. The Magi are with Him now. You’ll have an opportunity to meet Him very soon.	7 8 9
DANIEL/DANIELLE: (<i>not able to take his/her eyes off of the angel</i>) I can’t believe it, Erin/Aaron. You were right. I really didn’t think this baby could possibly be the Messiah.	10 11 12
ANGEL: (<i>still smiling</i>) Yes, gentlemen. The Son of God has arrived, and He’s right here in Bethlehem. I announced his coming to Mary, and I led the company who told the shepherds out in the fields the night He was born. You, men of God, will meet this King, and will understand His majesty. However, just like the Magi, you must not return to Herod. I’ll be telling the three of them later tonight, and they’ll head back to their home in the East by a different route. You’ll want to go meet the Christ child as soon as possible because the baby they call Jesus, along with His family, will be heading to safe place far away from Herod’s reach early tomorrow morning.	13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22
DANIEL/DANIELLE: How will we find Him in time?	23
ERIN/AARON: Yes! I don’t want to miss this! Not for anything!	24
ANGEL: You won’t miss it, child of the Most High God. Your Heavenly Father has made arrangements for the Magi’s star to guide you. Look, it’s over the house now. (<i>the star appears - perhaps on a power point screen above the house, and the angel is gone - back behind the house or tree.</i>)	25 26 27 28 29

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SCENE FIVE

LIGHTS UP AS CHIEF, DANIEL, AND ERIN COME DOWN AISLE TOWARD BETHLEHEM.

- 1 **DANIEL/DANIELLE:** I hate to say this, but I think we've lost them, Chief.
- 2 **CHIEF:** I think you may be right, Daniel/Danielle. (*sounding irritated*) Those
3 shepherds weren't very helpful were they?
- 4 **ERIN/AARON:** Those magi have to be here in town someplace. We know they
5 were heading this way. Where's Avery? I thought he was right behind
6 us.
- 7 **AVERY:** (*jogging in with three backpacks*) I'm right here. I got a little lost
8 about a block back. Where do you think we should look first?
- 9 **DANIEL/DANIELLE:** Avery, why don't you let me carry my own pack? We
10 don't really expect you to be our pack mule!
- 11 **CHIEF:** Speak for yourself. Those temple guards aren't really worth much of
12 anything else!
- 13 **ERIN/AARON:** Chief! Come on! Give him a break!
- 14 **CHIEF:** You're right. (*very condescending*) Avery, you are doing a fine job. (*to*
15 *Erin*) There, does that make you feel better?
- 16 **ERIN/AARON:** (*rolling his eyes*) Maybe we should just get busy looking for
17 this baby. I really can't wait to find Him! Who would have thought that
18 we'd be the ones to discover the Messiah?! Wow! What honor God
19 has given us.
- 20 **DANIEL/DANIELLE:** Erin, do you really think this baby is the One? I mean,
21 there's no palace here in Bethlehem. In fact, this is such a tiny town.
22 Why would God send His servant here of all places?
- 23 **ERIN/AARON:** Daniel! You know the prophecies as well as I do. The Messiah
24 will take back the throne of David, and this city is full of David's
25 descendants right now. It makes perfect sense!
- 26 **CHIEF:** Preposterous! All we're going to find here is a baby whose parents are
27 fame seekers. There is no way . . .
- 28 **ANGEL:** (*appears and interrupts from behind a building, tree or above if you*
29 *have a level above your main stage - the stage and everything around*
30 *brightens*) But there is a way!

STAGING

STAGE LEFT: Throne with table nearby – Herod's Throne room (SCENE ONE)

STAGE RIGHT: Shepherd's field (SCENE THREE)

STAGE CENTER: A CITY (Jerusalem in Scene two and Bethlehem in Scene Four, Five & Six) – need two doors (one for the Inn on the right and one for the House on the left) The door for the Inn can face the audience, the door for the house should be able to open so the audience can see what's in the house – could have a market throughout the rest of the Center Stage. Need to have at least one place that an angel can "hide" behind so he can "appear" at the appropriate time

PROPS

SCENE ONE

Large chair that looks like a throne

Table or Lectern

A couple of big old books

SCENE TWO

Three Old Backpacks – two should be prefilled with anything the final one will have:

Old map (paper rolled into a scroll will work)

Two Small oil lamps ~ Two Bibles ~ Three Shirts or Pants

"Stuff"

SCENE THREE

Not much required. A fake fire and a few lambs would be a nice addition
A star in the sky – this could be on a power point screen

SCENE FIVE

Two chairs inside the "House" you could have a small table between them and even a cradle

SCENE ONE

SCENE ONE OPENS WITH "WE THREE KINGS" PLAYING SOFTLY IN THE BACKGROUND. LIGHTS UP ON MAGI STANDING MAJESTICALLY, ALMOST AT ATTENTION, IN FRONT OF AN EMPTY THRONE WAITING PATIENTLY. THE KING'S STEWARD IS STANDING QUIETLY BESIDE THE DOOR. THERE IS A TABLE OR A LECTERN BETWEEN THE DOOR AND THE THRONE

1 **KING HEROD:** *(MUSIC FADES as Herod enters quickly with little patience –*
2 *pretending to respect these foreign kings)* Good afternoon, gentlemen.
3 Now, where did my attendant tell me you were from? *(takes a seat on*
4 *his throne without a second thought to offering the Magi a seat)*

5 **MAGI I:** *(slightly bows out of respect)* We're from the East, sir.

6 **KING HEROD:** *(sitting on his throne, straightening his robes, paying very little*
7 *attention to the Magi)* Oh yes, that's right. And he said something
8 about a star, so you gentlemen are star gazers?

9 **MAGI II:** *(slightly bows out of respect but he and his friends are somewhat*
10 *insulted)* No sire, not really star gazers, but we do study the sky and
11 ancient writings, and are consultants to kings and rulers in our country.

12 **MAGI III:** *(slightly bows out of respect)* Most recently, we have seen one
13 quite remarkable star. It appeared in the sky several months ago.

14 **MAGI I:** We believe that your God put it there to mark the birth of a King. The
15 ancient books of your country tell all about it.

16 **MAGI II:** We assumed because your ancient books foretold this event
17 hundreds of years ago, you would know where we might find this baby.

18 **KING HEROD:** *(sitting up in his throne, getting angry because HE is the King)*
19 What do you mean a baby has been born to be the king? *(all of a*
20 *sudden he realizes being angry in front of these guys might not be such*
21 *a good idea, so he acts like he's not mad)* What I mean is, I can't
22 believe I haven't heard about this. You are right. I want to know
23 where this impost *(starts to say imposter)*. . . uh . . . , I mean, King, is
24 too. *(to the steward)* Stewart, go get Chief and a couple of the
25 teachers, someone who knows the scrolls. I need to find out if this
26 really is in the old books.

27 *(Stewart exits)*

INNKEEPER'S WIFE: And when they dropped by on their way home from
Mary's purification, Mary said God had told an old priest they'd be
coming, and that the baby would be the salvation of the people.

INNKEEPER: I don't know what it is about that baby, but from the first
moment we saw Him, we knew He was destined to be more than just
an average carpenter's son.

INNKEEPER'S WIFE: You could meet Him yourself if you'd like. They've
moved into a little house on the other side of town. They'll be there
until the census is complete.

INNKEEPER: The baby's father is working on some carpentry projects. I'm
sure you'll see them in their front yard.

MAGI II: *(a little skeptical)* Maybe we'll go look for them. Thanks for your
help. *(Innkeepers go inside and shut the door)*

MAGI III: What do you think? Should we check out the carpenter's family?

MAGI I: What else are we going to do? I really think the God of Israel
brought us this far, we can't . . .

MAGI II: *(interrupting)* LOOK! There it is! *(pointing toward the sky)*

MAGI III: There what is? *(turning to where MAGI II Pointed)* Our star! It's our
star!

MAGI I: We ARE headed in the right direction! OK, gentlemen! Let's get
going!

LIGHTS FADE AS MAGI HURRY DOWN THE AISLE

SCENE FOUR

THE MAGI WALK TOWARD THE DOOR OF THE INN

1 **MAGI III:** This doesn't seem very promising fellows.
2 **MAGI I:** I know! A King born outside on the hay with the animals? It's
3 ludicrous! (*knocking on the door*)
4 **MAGI II:** But it's the only lead we've got. (*as the door opens*)
5 **INNKEEPER:** (*answers door with his wife*): May we help you gentlemen?
6 **INNKEEPER'S WIFE:** (*anxious to reply because the Magi look like they might*
7 *have money*) Do you gentlemen need a room for the night? We have
8 one of our best suites open.
9 **MAGI III:** We may, but first we need to ask you a few questions.
10 **MAGI I:** We heard that a baby was born in your stable some time ago.
11 **INNKEEPER:** You heard right! What a nice family.
12 **INNKEEPER'S WIFE:** (*rattling on*) I felt so badly that we didn't have any room
13 left for them, but the city was full! When Caesar called for that census,
14 everyone flooded into our little town. We even moved into a smaller
15 room so a large family could use our room. We had people sleeping in
16 every room, every hall, on the roof in the . . .
17 **INNKEEPER:** (*interrupting*) She's right, we didn't have a room left for them.
18 **MAGI II:** That explains it!
19 **MAGI III:** Yes! You obviously didn't have room for this royal family.
20 **INNKEEPER:** (*holding back a laugh*) Uh . . . royal family?! You are the most
21 regal folks we've ever had knock on our door.
22 **INNKEEPER'S WIFE:** No, this was a carpenter and his wife. He even fixed a
23 few things for us to pay for his spot in the stall.
24 **MAGI II:** (*sounding very disappointed*) Another dead end.
25 **MAGI III:** The baby we're looking for is special . . . different . . . probably royal.
26 **INNKEEPER:** Well, He may not have been royal, but that baby was definitely
27 special and different. The shepherds who came to see Him said an
28 angel told them where to find Him.

KING HEROD: (*sounding a little sinister*) Yes, we'll get to the bottom of this, 1
(the Magi look at each other confused) but when you find the baby, be 2
sure to come let me know where he is. (*King Herod realizes he should 3*
probably sound a bit more pleasant) After all, I want to give this King 4
the worship He is due. 5
(Stewart enters with the CHIEF, ERIN/AARON and DANIEL carrying a couple of 6
big books) 7
CHIEF: (*sounds a bit snooty*) Your majesty, how can we help you? (*bowing 8*
deep, the three lay the books on table or lectern) 9
KING HEROD: These gentlemen are looking for a baby who supposedly has 10
come to take (*clears throat*) I mean, whom God sent to be King. What 11
do you know about it? 12
MAGI III: Yes, we'd really like to see him. We've brought gifts for Him! 13
ERIN/AARON: (*begins flipping through one of the books very quickly*) (*talks 14*
excitedly) Oh wait, I know exactly what you're talking about! We've 15
been reading about him all of my life. Let me look. Where is that? Oh, 16
I can't remember where it is! 17
DANIEL/DANIELLE: (*the most level headed of the three*) Aaron/Erin, perhaps I 18
can help. (*gently flips one page, and shows ERIN/AARON the place to 19*
find what he/she is looking for) I think this is it. 20
ERIN/AARON: (*always talking very fast*) Thanks, Daniel! Yep, that's it! Oh, 21
I'm so excited!!! There it is! It's right here! I can't believe this day has 22
finally arrived! Can you imagine, Chief? All of these years, we've read 23
about it and now it's . . . (*Herod interrupts*) 24
KING HEROD: (*angrily*) Enough! (*then calmer so he won't scare the Magi*) 25
Chief, what is your flunky talking about? 26
CHIEF: (*always snooty*): Yes, sire. It says here in the writings of the prophet 27
Micah, (*reading*) "Out of Bethlehem will come the one who will rule 28
over Israel." (*looking at the MAGI*) I think, gentlemen, it would be good 29
for you to start your quest in Bethlehem. 30
KING HEROD: (*under his breath*) Hmm. Bethlehem 31

1 **MAGI I:** *(slightly bows out of respect)* Thank you for your help! *(to Herod)* We
2 will report back if we find anything. *(MAGI exit)*

3 **ERIN/AARON:** *(to chief)* I can't wait! This is so exciting! Finally, after all these
4 years! My grandfather would have loved to have seen this. Sir, can I . .
5 .

6 **KING HEROD:** *(interrupting Aaron/Erin and showing the full extent of his*
7 *anger now that the MAGI are gone)* SILENCE! This can NOT be
8 happening! I AM THE KING! No baby is going to take away my throne.
9 Chief, we need to stop this as soon as possible.

10 **CHIEF:** Yes, sire, but how?

11 **KING HEROD:** I don't trust those foreigners to bring me back any word. I
12 want you three to follow them!

13 **ERIN:** Yippee! *(immediately covers mouth because knows the King won't like*
14 *his/her excitement)*

15 **CHIEF:** Out in the wilderness, sire? *(beginning to add a little whine to his*
16 *snootiness)* Sir, perhaps you'd like to send some temple guards.

17 **KING HEROD:** NO! You three will go!

18 **DANIEL/DANIELLE:** Sire, it might be wise if we took someone with a little
19 muscle on this kind of trip.

20 **KING HEROD:** Oh, all right, but remember, Chief, if I'm not King, you'll lose
21 your power in Jerusalem too! We have to stop this traitor, and we
22 have to stop him now! Hurry up, get out of here, GO!

23 **ALL THREE EXIT – KING SITS IN HIS THRONE AND SULKS AS THE LIGHTS FADE**

CHIEF: I'm sure that's them. If we hurry we can . . . *(stopping short because*
1 *he doesn't want to let the shepherds know their plans)* Well, thank you!
2 *(heads toward Bethlehem)*
3

AVERY: Thank you for your help, gentlemen. *(salutes and follows Chief, Erin*
4 *and Daniel/Danielle)*
5

CHIEF: *(mumbling)* Gentlemen! Ha! They're shepherds, Avery, they are
6 shepherds.
7

LIGHTS FADE AS KING'S CREW HEADS TOWARD BETHLEHEM
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1 **BENJAMIN:** It's been a good while since we saw Him, but when you get into
2 town, you'll find a small inn not far from the city gate. He was born in
3 their stable just behind the inn.
4 **MAGI III:** *(sounds disappointed)* This must not be our baby. The baby we're
5 looking for is a King. He would have been born in a palace or finery.
6 **JORDAN:** If you'd have heard those angels, you'd have thought He was a King.
7 **REUBEN:** Yes, sir! That is one special baby. That's for sure.
8 **MAGI I:** *(sounding a little doubtful)* It can't hurt to check there first. We've
9 come all this way. It's too late to turn back now.
10 **MAGI II:** *(looking up and then excited he says to the other MAGI)* Look!
11 There's our star! *(to the shepherds)* Thanks for all of your help!
12
13 MAGI EXIT QUICKLY. SHEPHERDS ARE STILL THERE.
14
15 THE KING'S CREW STARTS TO SNEAK IN.
16 **BENJAMIN:** Hey guys, do you see those four heading this way? Is it just me or
17 do they look a little shady?
18 **JORDAN:** They look like they're trying to keep from being spotted. They aren't
19 even following the road. We'd better be careful.
20 **REUBEN:** Yes, be ready for anything. Let's call them out. *(shouting to King*
21 *Herod's crew)* Hey there strangers, the road goes this way!
22 **CHIEF:** *(quietly to his crew)* Let me do the talking! *(approaching the shepherds*
23 *with Avery, Erin and Daniel/Danielle)* Hello, kind shepherds. How
24 fortunate we are to find you here! Did you happen to see three
25 foreigners pass by not long ago?
26 **BENJAMIN:** *(looking at his friends first)* What kind of foreigners?
27 **ERIN/AARON:** *(very excited)* Three guys from the east! They were probably
28 looking for . . .
29 **CHIEF:** *(interrupting and scowling at Erin/Aaron)* Yes, from the East. They
30 probably passed by not long ago.
JORDAN: Some foreigners passed through. Looked like they were heading
into Bethlehem.

SCENE TWO

LIGHTS UP ON DANIEL/DANIELLE: KNEELING CENTER STAGE
PUTTING ITEMS IN A BACKPACK.

DANIEL/DANIELLE: *(talking to himself)* Let's see, I have my map, my lantern, 1
an extra change of clothes, a compass, God's word. I wonder if there's 2
anything. 3
CHIEF: *(entering and interrupting Daniel)* That's about all you'll need Daniel, 4
make sure you have room in there for my things. *(hands Daniel a lamp,* 5
a book and a change of clothes) 6
DANIEL/DANIELLE: But Chief, this is gonna get heavy if I have to carry my stuff 7
AND your stuff all the way to Bethlehem. 8
CHIEF: Well, you don't really expect ME to carry it do you? 9
ERIN/AARON: *(offstage)* I can't believe I get to go! Woo Hoo! I am so excited! 10
(entering) We've been waiting for the Messiah for centuries, and now I 11
get to be one of the first people to meet him! This is SOOOO 12
Awesome! *(finally notices the other two)* Hey guys! Are you ready!? 13
CHIEF: Guys?! 14
ERIN/AARON: Oh, yeah, sorry, Chief. Guess I just caught up in the excitement 15
of it all. 16
DANIEL/DANIELLE: Hey, Erin! Do you have some extra room for some of the 17
Chief's stuff? *(holds up the change of clothes and puts the lantern in his* 18
backpack) 19
ERIN/AARON: Yeah, sure, I can help. Did you find a decent temple guard to 20
come with us? 21
DANIEL/DANIELLE: *(hesitant)* Um, yeah . . . by decent, did you mean, big and 22
tough or someone nice to hang out with? 23
CHIEF: Daniel, just who did you get to accompany us on our journey to 24
Bethlehem? 25
DANIEL/DANIELLE: Well, when I went to the head guard and told him what I 26
needed, you know, someone to accompany one priest and two 27
teachers to find a baby, after he quit laughing, he told me that Avery 28
9 could go with us. 29
30

1 **CHIEF:** *(sounding very disgusted)* Avery! *(short pause)* Avery! You've got to be
2 kidding! Not *(Avery enters and chief changes to sound like he loves to*
3 *have Avery with them)* Avery! So good to see you!
4 **AVERY:** *(snapping to attention and saluting)* Yes, sir. Good to see you too, sir!
5 **CHIEF:** Avery, I'm not your commander, you may just call me Chief.
6 **AVERY:** Yes, sir! *(then turning at attention very nervously to DANIEL and ERIN)*
7 Good morning to both of you, sirs. I mean sir and mam, I mean . . .*(no*
8 *longer at attention)* oh, I'm sorry!
9 **DANIEL/DANIELLE:** No need to apologize, Avery. Feel free to call us Daniel
10 and Erin. Are you all packed up and ready to go?
11 **AVERY:** Yes, sir! I mean Daniel. I found the Magi. You were right, they spent
12 the night here in the city, but it looks like they'll be heading out soon.
13 Oh, I'm sorry. I bet I should have followed them.
14 **ERIN/AARON:** Avery, my man! *(putting her arm around Avery's shoulder)* No
15 worries! We'll catch up with them. After all, we know which way
16 they're heading. There's only one road to Bethlehem from here!
17 **CHIEF:** Well, let's get started on this tedious journey. *(heads off stage and*
18 *back through the sanctuary with the other three following)*
19 **ERIN/AARON:** Adventure, chief, adventure!

SCENE THREE

SCENE OPENS WITH LIGHTS UP ON MAGI ENTERING
AND WALKING DOWN AISLE WITH SHEPHERDS STAGE RIGHT

MAGI I: I think we're making pretty good time. We should be to Bethlehem in 1
just an hour or so. 2
MAGI II: Yes, indeed! The weather has been perfect for our walk to 3
Bethlehem. 4
MAGI III: You are right, but have either of you had the feeling that we're 5
being followed 6
MAGI II: Followed? Who would be following us? I think it's your imagination. 7
MAGI I: I agree. *(short pause)* Hey, look up ahead. I think I see some 8
shepherds. Do you suppose they know something about the child King? 9
MAGI III: I doubt it. These guys probably don't get much news out here, but I 10
guess it can't hurt to ask. 11
(MAGI CONTINUE TO WALK TOWARD THE SHEPHERDS) 12
BENJAMIN: Well, hello there, strangers! What are you three doing out here? 13
MAGI I: Greetings, shepherds. 14
MAGI II: We're hoping that we're coming to the end of a long journey. 15
MAGI III: We're on our way to Bethlehem to find a baby. 16
JORDAN: I bet I know which one! 17
REUBEN: Yep! There can only be one baby that would bring strangers from a 18
foreign country! 19
MAGI I: You know about the baby we're talking about? 20
BENJAMIN: OH Yes, we know. We saw him the night He was born. 21
JORDAN: An entire army of angels told us where to find Him. They just 22
appeared in the sky one night and told us that the Savior of the world 23
had been born. 24
REUBEN: We were terrified until we realized they were bringing us a message 25
from God. They said the baby would bring peace and goodness! 26
MAGI II: That's Him!!! That HAS to be him! Where can we find Him? 27