Youth and Children's Christmas Program 2026

Gloria Deo! Emmanuel Has Come!

Scene 1 - Prophecy

Narrator #1 - **Isabelle Cook**
"Since the moment sin entered the world, God's plan included a Messiah who would rescue the lost and bring them to Himself in a wonderful way. But when would this happen? How long would mankind have to wait to see their Savior appear? Would they recognize Him? Accept Him? Love Him? Prophecies down through the generations told of His coming. One of those prophets was Isaiah."

Isaiah the prophet - Micah King
"Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, a virgin will be with child and bear a son, and she will call His name Immanuel.
For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; And the government will rest on His shoulders; And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace. There will be no end to the increase of His government or of peace, On the throne of David and over his kingdom, To establish it and to uphold it with justice and righteousness From then on and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will accomplish this.

SONG - O Come, O Come Emmanuel - Jr.High and High School

Scene 2 - Mary and the Angel

Narrator #2 - **Lauren Carter**
"And so, down through the generations since Adam, God's people waited. And waited. And waited. Until God's plan began to materialize, and it began with a young girl."

(Lauren joins Mary and Mary's Friends on stage)

Group of **girls (Lauren, Adi, Evelyn, Isabelle, Julia, Madison, Zoe)** enter with **Mary (Emma Hawley)** - with water pots or baskets - laughing and talking together - group disperses as they say goodbye to **Mary** as she goes to her house. She turns her back long enough for **Gabriel** to appear.

Gabriel - Isaac Foss
"Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you."

Mary - act very startled

Gabriel -
"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."

Mary -
"How can this be, since I am not yet married?"

Gabriel -
“The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; and for that reason the holy Child shall be called the Son of God. And behold, even your relative Elizabeth has also conceived a son in her old age; and she who was called barren is now in her sixth month. For nothing will be impossible with God.”

Mary -
“Behold, the bondslave of the Lord; may it be done to me according to your word.”

Angel leaves and **Mary** sits contemplating for a moment, then hurries off stage and comes back around to house of Elizabeth during next narration.

Scene 3 - Mary and Elizabeth

Narrator #3 - Madison Pace
“Now at this time Mary arose and went in a hurry to the hill country, to a city of Judah, and entered the house of Zacharias and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the baby leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit.”

Elizabeth - Selah-Rose - (And she cried out with a loud voice - looking 6 months pregnant)
“Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! And how has it happened to me, that the mother of my Lord would come to me? For behold, when the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby leaped in my womb for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what had been spoken to her by the Lord.”

SONG - Mary’s Song - Emma Hawley

Mary and **Girls** exit stage

Scene 4 - Bethlehem, Mary and Joseph

Narrator #4 - **Emily Gamboe**
“Thousands of years before these events, the prophet Micah stated the destiny of a tiny town in Israel.”

Micah the Prophet - James Hawley
“But as for you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, Too little to be among the clans of Judah, From you One will go forth for Me to be ruler in Israel. His goings forth are from long ago, From the days of eternity.”

Music starts playing and all cast members start coming down aisle as if it is evening with candles/lanterns and lining up on stage to sing song - this is everyone except those already on stage or previously on stage - they come from the front sides

SONG - O Little Town of Bethlehem (Just verse 1) - All Ages

After song, start milling around the stage, and get into places - **Roman Soldiers (Silas Burnett, Marshall, Parker, Spencer)** on stage for census - **townspeople** in various locations of town, and **shepherds** with their **sheep** to one side

Narrator #5 - Madalynn Carter
“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.”

Joseph (Bru Adamson) and Mary (Emma Hawley) (Looking VERY pregnant) coming into town and knocking on doors and being denied. **Innkeeper (Myla)** shows them to the stable

Narrator #6 - Madalynn Carter
“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.”

SONG - Away in a Manger - 1-3rd graders

Scene 5 - Shepherds and the **Angels**

Shepherds - Micah Foss, Timothy Foss, Gus Engelhardt, Dominik Smith, Danny Fair
Sheep - Adalynn Gamboe, Reagan Putnam, Simeon Smith

Narrator #7 - Felicity Foss
“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.”

Angel #1 enters during narration

Angel #1 - **Geneva Rea**
“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.”

Host of Angels (All the girls, except Mary and the sheep)

All Angels - Quickly appear in front of shepherds -
“Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, good will toward men.”

SONG - Angels We Have Heard on High Medley - All the Angels

Angels exit Stage

Shepherd #1 - Dominik Smith
“Let us go straight to Bethlehem then, and see this thing that has happened which the Lord has made known to us.”

Narrator #8 - **TJ Heneveld**
“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.”

Shepherds gather to the manger then join the rest of the 4th-6th graders for song

Narrator #9 - Emmy Putnam
“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 - Come Adore the Humble King - 4th-6th grade

SONG - CONGREGATIONAL - Hark the Herald Angels Sing - while stage is set to Temple

Scene 6 - Simeon and **Anna** - Temple in Jerusalem

Narrator #10 - Audrey Carter
“And there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; and this man was righteous and devout, looking for the consolation of Israel; and the Holy Spirit was upon him. And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Christ. 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,”

Simeon - **William Hawley**
“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.”

Mary and Joseph - (Act this out) And His father and mother were amazed at the things which were being said about Him.

Simeon - (blessing them)
“Behold, this Child is appointed for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and for a sign to be opposed—and a sword will pierce even your own soul—to the end that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed.”

Narrator #11 - **Odessa Burnett**
“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.”

Anna - **Evelyn King -** Goes off stage praising God -
“Glory to God! Glory to God! He has come!”

Simeon follows - **Mary and Joseph** leave in wonder

SONG - Sing we the Song of Emmanuel - 1st-6th Grade

Scene 7 - Herod and Wisemen

Wisemen - Isaiah, Zeke, Misha, James, TJ, Dominik, Danny Medina
Roman Soldiers - Silas Burnett, William, Marshall, Spencer, Parker

Narrator #12 - Selah-Rose
“Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem.”

Wisemen #1 - **Isaiah King**
“Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we saw His star in the east and have come to worship Him.”

SONG - We Three Kings - All the Wisemen

Narrator #13 - **Timothy Foss**
“When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. Gathering together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born.”

Herod’s Scribe - **Elijah Heneveld**
“In Bethlehem of Judea; for this is what has been written by the prophet: ‘And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, Are by no means least among the leaders of Judah; For out of you shall come forth a Ruler Who will shepherd My people Israel.’ ”

Narrator #14 - **Macie Pace**
“Then Herod secretly called the magi and determined from them the exact time the star appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem.”

Herod - **Adrian Rea**
“Go and search carefully for the Child; and when you have found Him, report to me, so that I too may come and worship Him.”

Herod exits. **Wisemen** began to move and see the star

Narrator #15 - **Bree Palmaymesa**
“After hearing the king, they went their way; and the star, which they had seen in the east, went on before them until it came and stood over the place where the Child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy.”

Joseph and **Mary** with baby Jesus come onto stage in house setting. While **Wisemen** follow star, then enter “house” and give gifts during narration.

Narrator #16 - **Bryar Engelhardt**
“After coming into the house they saw the Child with Mary His mother; and they fell to the ground and worshiped Him. Then, opening their treasures, they presented to Him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned by God in a dream not to return to Herod, the magi left for their own country by another way.”

Wisemen exit. **Joseph and Mary** stay while song is sung - looking at gifts and child

Narrator #17 - Zoe
In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.

SONG - Fullness of Grace - Jr. High and High School

Closing Thoughts - Pastor Jon

Everyone come back to the stage for closing song all together

SONG - Gloria Deo! - All Ages

SONG - O Come All Ye Faithful - Singing together with Congregation