

Christmas Story Characters

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Micah
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Mary
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Backpacker Manager
Bethlehem YHA Manager
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Vocabulary

Narrator:	tells the story
Prophet:	someone sent by God to tell people what to do, or to say what will happen in the future.
Virgin:	someone who has never had sex
engaged:	promised to marry
Shepherd:	a person who looks after sheep
census:	a counting of all the people
manger:	a feeding box for animals

English Corner

Christmas Play

Narrator 1 Welcome to the **Christmas Story** about the birth of Jesus Christ.

Narrator 2 Long, long time ago before the birth of Jesus (about 600BC), a man named Isaiah, one of God's special messengers, told people that Jesus would come and save them. Isaiah knew that God's Son would be born into the world. Many other prophets, (messengers of God) also told the people of the future King.

The prophets: (speaking to the crowd)

Isaiah He will come and save you.

Micah He will be born in Bethlehem.

Isaiah He will be born to a virgin.

Jeremiah He will be a descendent of King David.

Isaiah He will be God's son.

Narrator 3: Some time later, about 2000 years ago, there lived a young woman called Mary who was living in the town of Nazareth. She was engaged to be married to Joseph - a carpenter. One day, an angel appeared to Mary. Mary was very surprised and scared.

Angel 1 Do not be afraid, Mary, God is pleased with you. You will give birth to a Son, and you are to give him the name, Jesus.

Mary But how can this happen? I am a virgin.

Angel 1 The power of God's Holy Spirit will come over you. So the special child will be called the Son of God.

Mary I am the Lord's servant - may it happen just as you have said.

Narrator 1 Meanwhile Joseph, Mary's fiancé, was shocked to find that Mary was pregnant,

Joseph That's impossible - how can Mary be pregnant?
I must quietly break off this engagement - I can't marry her now.

Narrator 2 But that night, God sent an angel to Joseph while he was having a dream.

Angel 2 Joseph, don't be afraid to take Mary home as your wife. Her baby has been formed by the power of God's Holy Spirit. When he is born, name him Jesus because he will save his people from their sins.

Narrator 3 Joseph remembered what the prophet Isaiah said a long time ago - .

Prophet Isaiah (calling out to the crowd)... The Saviour will be born from a virgin.

Joseph Now I understand, this baby is from God! Mary has done nothing wrong.

Narrator 1 So Joseph did what the angel told him and took Mary home as his wife.

Narrator 2 When Mary was nearly due to give birth to the baby, Joseph and Mary had to travel by donkey from their town, Nazareth to the city of Bethlehem.

Government official

Every man has to register in the town where he was born as the government wants to do a Census, to count the people so we can tax everybody.

Joseph **(speaking to Mary)**. Mary, we must go to Bethlehem where my family was born, even though you are very pregnant.

Narrator 3 So Mary and Joseph started their long journey to Bethlehem on a donkey.

Narrator 1 When they arrived in Bethlehem, the town was very crowded with people because of the census. Although Joseph searched everywhere, he couldn't find anywhere for them to stay. First he went to the Palace backpackers.

Joseph Do you have any rooms?

Backpacker Manger Sorry mate, we have no vacancies.

Narrator 2 Mary, who was very pregnant asked the Bethlehem YHA...

Mary Any vacancies?

Bethlehem YHA Manager Sorry! No vacancies. I know you are very pregnant but we are all full because of the Census.

Narrator 3 Joseph then asked an innkeeper...

Joseph Do you have any spare beds?

Innkeeper Sorry...

Narrator 1 But then the innkeeper said....

Innkeeper You're welcome to sleep in my stable. It's all I have left- but it is clean and warm.

Narrator 2 So that night Mary and Joseph went to the stable which was clean and warm.

Joseph, **(Joseph turning to Mary)** It's not the Ritz Carlton Hotel but it will do, it's clean and warm.

Narrator 3 That night Mary give birth to a baby boy.

Baby Jesus Wahhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhh!

Narrator 1 She wrapped him in strips of cloth and laid him in a manger filled with fresh hay.

Mary and Joseph and everybody sing - Away in a manger** (See Song Sheet)**

Narrator 2 Near Bethlehem, shepherds were eating Kim Chi while watching their sheep in the fields.

Narrator 3 Suddenly an angel appeared and the sky was filled with beautiful light and heavenly music.

Narrator 1 The shepherds were afraid.

Shepherds HUUUH! (Shock) Oh oh oh !

Angel 1 "Hey you shepherds, don't be afraid!

Angel 2 We bring you very, very, very good news!

Angel 3 Tonight in the town of Bethlehem - a Saviour has been born - He is Christ, the Lord.

Angel 4 You will find him lying in a manger."

Everybody sing - Hark the Herald Angels Sing.* (See Song Sheet)**

Shepherd 1 We want to see this special child of God.

Shepherd 2 Let's go and find him!

Shepherd 3 Lets leave the sheep and our Kim Chi and hurry into town.

Narrator 2 When the Shepherds arrived in town they saw Mary and Joseph and the little baby Jesus in a manger in the stable. Things were so peaceful and so beautiful, so calm and so bright.

Everybody sings - Silent Night* (See Song Sheet)**

Narrator 3 Far away in the countries of the East, some kings, who were very wise men, had been watching the night sky when they saw a bright and beautiful star in the sky in the sky over Bethlehem.

King 1 Look at that star!

King 2 It's amazing, it's so big!

King 3 It's so bright!

King 1 It's so beautiful!

Narrator 1 They knew that this special star had a special meaning,

Narrator 2 They remembered what the prophet had said in the book of Numbers:
When the king is born, you will see a bright star.

King 1 This bright star means a great king has been born.

King 2 This means, the king of all kings, the one who saves us from our sins, has been born.

King 3 We must find him and worship him.

3 X Kings Let's follow the bright and beautiful star

Narrator 3 The wise men were kings in their own lands, so they packed gifts that were very rare and special.

Narrator 1 The wise men left their countries and travelled to Bethlehem to follow the bright star.

Narrator 2 Eventually they came to where the baby Jesus lived.

Everybody sings - The Little Drummer Boy * (See Song Sheet)**

Narrator 3 When the Kings saw Jesus they knelt down and worshipped him.

King 2 We have brought special gifts for the King.

King 3 We may be kings on earth, but he is the king of heaven and earth - the one true king.

Narrator 1 The birth of Jesus was a wonderful event because he is God's great gift to the world. That is why the shepherds and the wise men were so happy.

Shepherds/Kings We are very happy!!!!

Epilogue 1 When we celebrate the feast of Christmas each year. It is because we are happy that Jesus Christ was born. That special feeling we have at Christmas is because our hearts are full of the gifts He came to give us... LOVE and MERCY and PEACE. They are God's gift to us because he loves us. What amazing things happened in Bethlehem for us 2000 years ago!

Everybody sing – We wish you a Merry Christmas* (See Song Sheet)**

Song Sheet

1. Away in a manger

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head.
The stars in the night sky look down where he lay
The little lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

2. Hark the Herald Angels sing

Hark the herald Angles sing,
Glory to the newborn king!
Peace on earth and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled.”
Joyful , all ye nations rise,
Join the triumph of the skies;
With the angelic host proclaim
Christ is born in Bethlehem
Hark the herald angles sing,
Glory to the newborn king!

3. Silent Night

Silent night, holy night
All is calm, all is bright
Round yon Virgin Mother and Child
Holy Infant so tender and mild
Sleep in heavenly peace
Sleep in heavenly peace

4. The Little Drummer Boy

Come they told him Par-rup-pa-pa-pum
A new born King to see Par-rup- pa- pa- pum
Our finest gifts we bring Par-rup-pa-pa-pum
To lay before the king Par-rup-pa-pa-pum, Par-rup-pa-pa-pum, Par-rup-pa-pa-pum
So to honour him Par-rup-pa-pa-pum
When we come

5. We Wish You a Merry Christmas

We wish you a merry Christmas
We wish you a merry Christmas
We wish you a merry Christmas
And a Happy New Year
We wish you a merry Christmas
We wish you a merry Christmas
We wish you a merry Christmas
And a Happy New Year