

Drive Thru Christmas Character Scrip

CHARACTER: Angel

Narrator: *Hi! Welcome to Drive Thru Christmas! We are so excited that you have chosen to come on this journey with us. My friend has so much to show and tell you! They will be here in just a second...but before I introduce you to them, here are a few quick things to know about your trip!*

- 1) *Drive slowly around the parking lot area, listening to the audio and viewing the scenes as you go.*
- 2) *Each banner has a hidden star...see if you can find them all.*
- 3) *Oh, and you may want to turn your headlights off...but don't forget to turn them on when you leave!*
- 4) *I hear your tour guide coming...enjoy the journey!*

Introduction

Hello! Welcome! I am so glad you have come to explore with me today! My name is Gabriel and I will be taking you back in time and showing you how the Christmas story unfolded! I am an angel and a servant of God. I live with Him in heaven and it is my job to be his messenger. I get to stand in the presence of the Almighty Father everyday as well as speak His words to people on earth. It's hard to believe, but he manages everything in the world and is never stressed or overwhelmed; He hears every prayer and takes care of everyone's needs as He knows best!

Well, let's get started...there is no greater message from God than the message I am going to tell you about over the next few minutes. Let us begin the journey!

Scene 1: Creation

In the beginning, there was only God; the earth was empty and formless and then in 6 days he worked to create this earth that you live on today. During that week, he also created me and all the heavenly beings. Oh did we sing for joy to see the waters of the oceans, and the land and all life on it! It was a sight to see! He made a man and then a woman, in His own image. Their names were Adam and Eve. When He finished it was perfect! – Everything was, especially the man and woman, they were the crown of God's creation.

Unfortunately, the perfection did not last. In heaven, one of the angels, named Satan, rebelled against God. He thought he was better than God so God sent him out of heaven forever. He and all the angels who followed him fell from heaven like a lightning bolt to live forever in darkness. This is where the problem all started. Satan wants people to give in to his kind of life, away from God; he comes in many forms and tempts people on earth to sin and turn from God.

Satan got started right away. He took the form of a serpent and entered the garden to tempt Adam and Eve. Satan knew there was only one thing God told

them was off limits, the tree in the center of the garden the tree of knowledge of good and evil. Satan went there, talked to Eve, and got her to doubt God's goodness by saying God was selfish and did not want them to have all of his knowledge, knowing good and evil. Satan got Eve focused on what she couldn't have (to eat from the ONE tree) rather than the freedom and blessing of everything else in the garden. Eve and Adam disobeyed God by eating from the forbidden tree, thinking that then they could become like God. As soon as they ate, they knew they had sinned and messed up, their eyes were now open to sadness, embarrassment, grief, shame, and many things that were not part of the perfect garden. Now, the relationship between God and the humans was broken, they were not perfect and they could not live forever.

God loved Adam and Eve and in his great love, forgave them and offered a plan for a new life that would restore them to perfection. He said they would have to live life in this sinful world because of their sin and that everyone who was born on this world would be sinful like them. BUT He promised He would send a Savior, a substitute, who would come to earth, live perfectly in their place and overcome death and the power of Satan. Through this Savior, all humans can be saved and have new life. They would not have to be separated from God because of their sin anymore rather they would be able to walk with God again, as they did in the garden. That proved to be the first of many promises. And since that first promise, everyone has been waiting for the Savior to come....

Scene 2: Angel to Mary

Let me skip about 4000 years. One day God came to me and he said he had a job for me to do. I wondered what it could be this time...then I found out! God told me that the time for him to fulfill his promise was here! The time had come for the Savior He had promised to be born into the world. I was so excited and honored to be the one chosen to deliver this message! God told me He had chosen a young woman, a virgin, to be the mother. Her name was Mary; she was a common girl who lived in a town called Nazareth in the district of Galilee. She was recently engaged to be married to Joseph, a local carpenter. They were descendents of King David (The man who killed the giant Goliath and wrote the Psalms) which was important because all the prophets in the Old Testament over the last 1500 years said that the Savior would be born from David's family line. She was blessed that Lord would pick her!

God instructed me to go to her house and tell Mary the wonderful news. I went immediately to carry out my Lord's command. This was best message I was ever sent to give! I spoke clearly:

"Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you!" Now, I could see she was not quite as happy as I was because her face turned white and she began to tremble. I could see that she was startled and afraid, so I continued:

“Do not be afraid, Mary. You have found favor with God. You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever; his kingdom will never end.” Mary asked how it could be that she would give birth to a child, since she was a virgin. I answered that “the Holy Spirit would come upon her, and the power of the most high would overshadow her. The holy one that she would bear would be called the Son of God.” I admit, this was a hard concept to understand, but God is full of miracles and nothing is impossible with God. Mary had great faith, and looked up at me with serenity in her face. “I am the Lord’s servant,” she said. “May it be to me as you have said.” I left her then, for there was still much to be made ready.

Scene 3 Caesar

Soon before Mary was going to have baby Jesus, a decree came from the Caesar in Rome! He was very powerful and ruled over all people in any Roman territory. This territory included Israel, Egypt, parts of Northern Africa, Greece, Asia Minor and Italy. Mary and Joseph were Jews who lived in Israel in a town called Nazareth. And since they lived in Nazareth, which was under Roman rule, any decrees declared by Caesar applied to them too. What was the decree? EVERYONE had to travel to back to their home town to be counted and pay taxes. This was difficult because it was almost time for Mary to give birth and they would have to travel 75 miles from Nazareth to Bethlehem.

But all the pieces were falling into place. You see, in the past different prophets had said that the Savior would come from the town of Bethlehem. I didn’t understand since God had sent me to Mary in Nazareth, I wondered why they would suddenly go to Nazareth and then, Caesar issued his decree. In obedience to Caesar, Mary and Joseph returned to Bethlehem. So the prophecies were fulfilled and the Savior would come out of Bethlehem. I am sure Caesar did not know that the Lord had woven his decree for all to be taxed into his plan of where Jesus would be born. This shows how God uses man’s work for his glory and purposes! Yes, Rome was a powerful place. In it I have seen many kings rise and fall. I have seen nations grow and prosper, and nations vanish from the face of the earth. Yet at all times, the Lord God reigns. He is King above all kings. He is greater than any nation. His power is displayed, and his will is done. And this is His will: that each one of you would be with him in heaven after you die. To make this possible, Mary and Joseph would travel to Bethlehem, and there the Savior would be born.

Scene 4: Shepherds

The baby God had promised was finally born...and guess what? God wanted us to let people know! We were so excited to share with someone this most joyful announcement we could ever give! I thought for sure God would send us to

Caesar, the rulers of Judea, or someone very important, but instead He commanded us to go the hills outside of Bethlehem, to the shepherds tending their flocks. One angel appeared to the shepherds, shining with the radiance of God. At times we cloak our brilliance, but the shepherds saw us as we were—illuminated brightly by God’s holiness. The humble shepherds were terrified and shaking. They were told, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ, the Lord. – And this is how you will know what I say is true, you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.” Suddenly with a shout of triumph that echoed throughout the whole earth, an innumerable company of God’s angels joined the first messenger in the sky singing, “Glory to God in the highest!” The shepherds were frozen with awe, their faces lit in the reflection of our brilliance – we finished by saying, “Peace on earth to all on whom God’s favor rests!” This was an important message because only through Jesus can everlasting peace be found! The shepherds believed, and immediately got up, traveled into Bethlehem, and saw this thing which God had told them about.

Scene 5: Nativity

This was an exciting night in the history of the world! The shepherds could not see us as they scurried through town looking to find the child. But we were there, guarding and protecting the child and his mother and father. We saw the shepherds as they found the place and crowded around the manger where Jesus was laying. Such a humble beginning for the Son of God! Yet this baby, born here where animals live and feed, was God’s son and the King of heaven. Later, this child would reveal his holiness and power. He would live perfectly without ever sinning, always resisting Satan’s temptation. He would do battle with Satan. Fierce blows would wound him, yet he would emerge as the victor! He defeated death by dying on the cross so that you all can someday live in heaven with him. His life is your free gift, he came for you! But that night he slept on a bed of straw, Mary and Joseph looking down at him in wonder, the shepherds kneeling before him, as a star burned brightly in the sky. The Savior is here! Oh, and it was fun to see the shepherds be like angels and tell everyone they met on the way back to their fields what they had seen and heard...they like us, could only glorify and praise God for all they had heard and seen!

Scene 6: Wisemen

God’s splendor did not stop that night. He put a star in the sky as a sign... even as far as a distant land to the east, wise, learned men saw this star rise. They had read the words of the prophets. They know the meaning of the star—the King, the Savior, has come. They too are excited and want to come and bring their gifts to the new king. They filled their wineskins and prepared their food for traveling. They readied their sandals and their robes, and began the long journey to see Jesus. They crossed the great river, and the burning sand of the desert. They climbed mountains and wandered through deserts, all the while following

the star. After months of travel, they reached Jerusalem. They came to the palace of king Herod, and asked him, "Where is the one who has been born King of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him." Herod was greatly disturbed, for he did not know of another king. Herod was a wicked and cruel king and did not want the threat of another king in his land! He hid this thought from the wise men, telling them he too wanted to worship the king, and sends them on their way to Bethlehem to find the Jesus.

The wise men follow the star to Bethlehem, where it stopped over the home where Mary and Joseph and the child were. The wise men had prepared gifts that were fitting for a king. They presented the gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh to Jesus and knelt down and worshiped him. However, in a dream, the Lord had me warn them to not to return to Herod, so they returned to their foreign land by a different route.

The news has gone out into the world—by messenger, by star, by song and by word. The waiting is over. The Savior has come!

Isn't it amazing? Since I am the messenger, the message I want to share with you now is that Jesus is for all people. I know you still deal with sin and many evils and temptations today. It's hard to live on earth with conflict, sadness, pain and suffering. Jesus brings peace, healing and love for all. He came to live for you so that you could be in heaven with him and never have suffering, sorrow or sin again. It will be PERFECT, just like it was in the beginning... and I have to tell you it is wonderful place in heaven! We sing and praise God all day long! But, you will find that out when you get here. For now, enjoy the best gift this Christmas, the beautiful gift God gave to you; the gift of His son! May this special birth give you joy and excitement in your heart as you celebrate this Christmas; Jesus your Savior is born for you!

Narrator:

Congratulations, you have now completed your Drive Thru Christmas Experience! Thank you for going on this journey with us! We pray that you have been blessed by your time here. You are welcome to come back and go through as another character anytime you want!

One more special note I don't want to forget! You are invited to join us for our other Christmas Celebration on Christmas Eve

God bless your Christmas preparations and may your celebrations be filled with joy and peace as we praise God for the greatest gift of all – His Son Jesus Christ! Thank you for visiting the Christmas Drive Thru and Merry Christmas!