

Virtual Bethlehem Character Script

CHARACTER: VILLAGE GIRL

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!*

Hi! My name is Rebekah and I'm 8 years old! My family and I live in Nazareth...it's a nice town and I have many friends here. A lot has happened in the past few months and I would like to tell you about it! It has to do with God. Do you know who God is? Let me start at the beginning....

SCENE 1: Creation

A long, long time ago there was nothing in the world! There was no grass or sky or animals or people. There was only God. God has been around forever and he decided to make our world. So he made light and water, and then land. He made beautiful plants to grow. He put fish in the water and birds in the air. Then he made all the different animals on the ground. Finally, he made us! The first two people on this earth were named Adam and Eve and they were perfect! They didn't do anything wrong at all and God loved them very much.

The world was very wonderful. But then something bad happened. Adam and Eve disobeyed God. They were in trouble! The world was not perfect anymore! Adam and Eve felt very bad...they tried to hide from God! I know how hard that is. It's almost the same as when I do something wrong and I know my mom has found out about it...I try to hide as fast as I can!

God knows everything so he knew where to find Adam and Eve. Adam and Eve felt bad that they had done something wrong, but they couldn't fix things by themselves. They knew that from now on people could not be good like God. We needed help!

God had a plan. He told Adam and Eve that one day he would send a Savior. Savior is a big word that means someone who saves. God meant that he would send Jesus to save people from the punishment their bad things deserve. Adam and Eve were so happy! They trusted what God told them and waited for Jesus to come!

SCENE 2: Angel to Mary

For many years, people were waiting for Jesus to come. I'm one of those! I believe that Jesus is going to come! My mom and dad have taught me all about God and told me many lessons from the Bible. Come, let's go visit my Aunt Mary!

This is the home of Aunt Mary. She is going to get married soon to a man named Joseph! See how busy she is? It looks like she's getting a meal ready for dinner. It's hard work! I should probably let her work and not bother her!

Guess what?! Guess what I heard! I heard my mom and dad talking. They said that Aunt Mary was going to have a baby! This was going to be a special baby, God's Son! Finally, the Savior was going to be born! I was so excited! An angel came to visit Aunt Mary and told her she was going to have this special baby.

I think it would be great to see a real angel, don't you? What do you think they look like? I asked Aunt Mary what happened. She said she was afraid at first but the angel said, "Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favor with God. You will be with child and give birth to son, and you are to give him the name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High." I didn't understand all that. I asked my mom and she said it was a miracle and the Savior we had been waiting for was the baby Aunt Mary was going to have!! What great news!

Scene 3- CAESAR

Nine months later I found out we are going on a big trip! Let me tell you where we are going! There is a man who is in charge of our country. He's called Caesar and he lives in the big city of Rome – I have never been to Rome but I heard that there are soldiers there and a big palace where Caesar lives. He is a very powerful man and has many soldiers in his army – he is the king over many lands. He wants to know how many people live in his country and have us pay taxes, so we have to travel to Bethlehem and tell him where we live. Bethlehem is a long ways away and we will be gone for at least a week! We will be walking and maybe riding on a donkey. I hope I get to ride a donkey! Oh, and here's something very exciting! Aunt Mary and Uncle Joseph are coming too! I can't wait to meet Aunt Mary's baby! Mom did not think they should go, but Mary and Joseph said they must obey the government and so they would trust that God would take care of them and they would go even though Aunt Mary is really big. Mom says she could have the baby ANYTIME! Right now he's safe inside Aunt Mary until he's ready to come out and meet us. This is going to be a big trip! I just love traveling!

Scene 4 - Shepherds

When we got to Bethlehem something wonderful happened! We were sleeping on our mats in a hotel in Bethlehem when we heard some noises from outside our window. I was very sleepy, but I rubbed my eyes and looked out. There was a group of Shepherds

telling everybody something very special had happened! My dad went down to see what was happening and I followed. The shepherds all talked at once; they were so excited that my dad asked them to repeat what they said... Here's what the shepherds said:

They were out in the fields watching the sheep so other animals couldn't hurt them. As they were sitting by a campfire, they suddenly saw a bright light in the sky! It was an angel! They were so scared because they did not know what it was!! The angel told them not to be afraid and that he came from God with some very important news! The angel told them that Jesus was born! That night, in a stable, the Savior had come! Then more angels appeared and the light was so bright they could not even look up! All they could hear was the singing of the angels, "Glory to God in the highest and peace on earth good will to men!" After the angels left, they said they just got up and ran here! The shepherds were looking for the new special baby!

I am so excited! I hope we get to see baby Jesus soon!

Scene 5 – Jesus is Born!

Soon enough, we got to see Baby Jesus too! Now I know why he is so special! My mom and dad said we could go visit Aunt Mary and Uncle Joseph and so we stopped sleeping and started walking. I thought a baby this wonderful would be born in a castle, but he wasn't! We walked into a dark barn full of smelly animals! And right there, in the manger, the place where the animals eat their food, was a baby. He was so tiny! And he was all wrapped up to keep him warm.

Aunt Mary looked very tired, but very happy. Uncle Joseph saw me watching the baby and he explained to me why this baby is so special. He is God's Son. When this baby named Jesus grows up, he was going to have a very special job. God was going to punish this little baby for all the bad things I do. God sent Him as a special gift because he loved me, mom, dad, my friends, and everyone. It was confusing at first, but I believed all of it. I didn't understand how a baby could do so much, but mom said Jesus came from heaven to be just like us only he would live perfectly. I try to be perfect, but I know sometimes I do bad things too. Mom says I can pray to God to forgive me and he will! That is why he came; God loves us so much! I am happy that God sent Jesus here; Aunt Mary and Uncle Joseph are happy too. They say their happiness is not only because of a new baby but because he is a baby unlike any other baby – he is God's Son sent from heaven– sent for all people! I slowly walked up to the manger and peeked in at Baby Jesus. What a special baby!

Scene 6 - Wisemen

Time passed, but the excitement didn't. Our family headed back to Nazareth, but Aunt Mary and Uncle Joseph and baby Jesus stayed in Bethlehem for quite some time. Jesus is growing up like any other baby boy. Aunt Mary and Uncle Joseph love being parents. But another exciting thing happened at the home in which they were staying in Bethlehem. They came to visit us in Nazareth and told us about it...

Aunt Mary opened the door and found a group of very nicely dressed men from a far away country. These were very smart men who study stars and know almost everything about history! They had traveled for a very long time just to see Jesus! The night that Jesus was born, they saw a different star shining in the sky. They knew from the books they had read what this new star meant. It meant that the Savior was born! They stopped to ask mean King Herod where Jesus was, but he did not know Jesus was born! Prophets wrote he was to be born in Bethlehem so the wise men followed the star and found Mary and Joseph's home. When they saw Jesus, they bowed down and worshipped him. Then they gave him some very expensive, very special gifts: gold (metal that is in a coin or jewelry), and frankincense and myrrh (expensive perfumes).

This is how they showed they loved Jesus. Just like me, they believed that Jesus had come to save them from the bad things they do and bring peace! I know now that Jesus did not just come to save my family, but that he loves all people and came to save EVERYBODY in the whole world! I just think of all the years that everyone waited and waited, and finally, that night, he came! I am so thankful that the waiting is over and the best Christmas gift of all was given. God gave his son Jesus to you and me to forgive us when we make mistakes and to live perfectly for us so we can live safely in Jesus arms forever! Doesn't God have a wonderful plan? Jesus is the best gift ever!

He is such a very special baby? Trust that Jesus will always take care of you! I'm so glad I could tell you all about Jesus. Oh, I hear my mom calling now...I need to help her get dinner ready. Bye!

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 worship online or in person 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!