

# Christmas Pageant

## Scene one Home

**Child:** “Mum, mum, guess what?  
It’s only . . . . days to Christmas!”

**Mum:**  
*Dropping to the floor in tantrum style*  
“Oh NO!”

**Child:** “What’s wrong with Christmas?”

**Mum:**  
*Still on floor, but looking up to child*  
“What’s wrong with Christmas?  
What’s wrong with Christmas?  
Let me tell you what is wrong with Christmas!  
There’s the pudding, cake, turkey, ham, vegies galore.  
Then there’s the parties – work, sport and church  
Oh and the Christmas Tree, the pine needles and the dust collecting  
decorations and candle wax everywhere!  
Shopping! Who have I bought for? Who have I forgotten? Will miss  
fussy like it?  
Then there are the church demands! Carolling pageants and practices!  
Not to mention the family!!!  
And you ask, what’s wrong with Christmas? Be excited, because it  
will all change when you get older!!!”

**Child:**  
*Pulling mum up off the floor, placing her on a near by chair*  
“But mum, Lyndel and Kylie and Winton tell us Christmas is more  
than all that stuff!

*Mother and child remain on stage but to the side.*

Congregational Christmas Carol  
“Joy to the world!”

## Scene Two Kids Church

*Centre of platform/stage*

- Teacher:** “What do you think of when I mention Christmas?”
- Child 1:** “Baby Jesus.”
- Child 2:** “Parties and presents”
- Child 3:** “School holidays”
- Child 4:** “Being crushed in the shopping centres”
- Child 5:** “After lunch Pop falls asleep on the couch and pumps the biggest *Zzzz* you’ve ever heard!”
- Child 6:** “My dad comes in drunk with mum’s stockings on his head! He thinks he’s funny!”
- Child 7:** “Last year I got daggiest dress from Aunt Mary, and I had to say just what I wanted and pretend I liked it!”
- Teacher:** “Yes some of us get unwanted presents and our parents embarrass us. But Christmas is more than all that you have shared, it is about the birth of Jesus Christ. Jesus is God’s gift to us.”
- Child 8:** “Oh yeah! And the wise men and the shepherds.”
- Child 9:** “And the angels!”

*This scene to remain, but to move to back of platform*

Christmas Carol  
Musical Presentation

## Scene Three The Nativity

**Narrator:** “It was long ago before you and I were born, and God saw the struggle of his people, He decided it was time to offer them hope of better days.”

Reading from Isaiah 9:2, 5-7

*Primary Children to enter as the story unfolds*

**Narrator:** “The time had now come, One night a young lady called Mary was woken up by an Angel. The Angel told her that she would soon have a baby, and that she was to name the baby Jesus. Mary was surprised by the Angel, but in her heart she knew that this was a message from God and therefore God would look after her.

A few months later Mary and her husband Joseph were called to Joseph's home town of Bethlehem. After several days of riding their donkey along the long dusty roads, Mary and Joseph arrived in Bethlehem. Feeling very tired and wanting to rest before the birth of their baby, they looked for a place to stay. But every door they went to had the words ‘No vacancy’ Feeling tired and distressed they tried one last door, and an owner appeared with the words “Sorry we are full!”. This time Joseph pleaded with the owner – “Look my wife is pregnant and ready to have our first baby, please we need somewhere to rest”. Seeing their desperation he took pity on them and offered them his stable out the back of his hotel. It was not flashy but it was clean and offered shelter and protection from the night.

Having trusted God that He would provide for them, they settled in for the night. But the peacefulness of the night was soon broken with the sound of a new born baby taking its first breath.

Just as the Angel had told Mary, she announced to Joseph that this baby will be called Jesus – which means ‘God is with us’.

In some nearby hills the shepherds were awoken from their sleep as a company of Angels gathered around them to announce that the birth of Jesus – “Don't be afraid! We are here to announce the great news which will bring great joy to all the people. This night in the Bethlehem your Saviour has been born – He is Jesus, Christ the Lord. You are to go and see him, you will find Him lying in a manger in a stable”. As the Angels left they say praises to God”

Songster solo  
Away in a manger

## Scene Four Symbol of Christmas

*Preacher stands on steps in front of Nativity scene*

**Preacher:** “Let us look at some of the symbols of Christmas  
Christmas Tree – ever green speaks to us of new life  
Presents – Like the wise men brought their gifts of gold, myrrh  
and frankincense to Jesus we give gifts to those we love and  
respect.  
Stars and Angels – reminder of Gods guiding the people on the  
first Christmas.  
Candy Cane – The story is told of an Indiana candy maker  
wanting to witness at Christmas time to his faith in Jesus. He  
began with a pure white candy, symbolizing the virgin birth  
and the sinless nature of Jesus.  
He then formed the candy into a ‘J’ shape to represent the name  
of Jesus, who was born to be our Saviour. The ‘J’ when turned  
upside down, then represented the Shepherds staff. It was the  
humble shepherds in the field on that first Christmas who were  
the first to be told the good news of the birth of the Saviour  
King who would also come to be know as the ‘Good Shepherd’  
of the people. The Shepherd who would lovingly reach down  
and lift up the fallen and broken people of this world.  
Thinking the cane was very plain and remembering the words  
of the prophet Isaiah 53:5.  
*“But He was pierced for our transgressions,  
he was crushed for our iniquities;  
the punishment that brought us peace was upon Him,  
and by his wounds we are healed.”*  
The candy maker added red stripes to remind us that Jesus was  
whipped and He bled before dying on the cross. When we give  
our lives to Jesus as Lord and Saviour of all that we do, His  
blood washes away our sins making us white and pure as snow,  
and therefore reconciling us with God.

Congregational Christmas Carol  
“Angels, from the realms of Glory”

## Scene Five Resolution

**Mother:**

*Seated in a chair with the child beside*

“Yes, I do like Christmas  
I love the cake and the Candy  
I am blessed to have family and the opportunity to celebrate with all  
the trimmings of Christmas.  
Maybe I need to focus more on the first Christmas, because it was and  
still is all about God coming to earth in the form of Jesus to tell me that  
he loves.”

Children to come forward to sing  
“We wish you a merry Christmas”