

A script from



“A Strange Night to be a Shepherd”

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- What** This skit is the firsthand account of Christ’s birth told by two of the Bethlehem shepherds. (Theme: Holidays, Worship, Holiness)
- Who** Shepherd 1 Shepherd 2
- When** Biblical times
- Wear (Props)** The shepherds should wear Biblical period clothing such as flowing robes and sandals.
- Why** Luke 2:8-20
- How** The shepherds tell of their part in the Nativity story with energy and excitement. They are describing a life-changing event for them. The humor that they express toward each other is always gentle, never harsh. Their good-natured kidding helps the audience relate to them.
- Time** Approximately 5-7 minutes

*The **Shepherds** enter together and make their way to center stage. Lights come up on them as they reach center stage.*

- Shepherd 1:** I remember it just like it happened yesterday! Nothing like it had ever happened before that night, and nothing like it has ever happened since!
- Shepherd 2:** That's exactly right. I think about it sometimes, and it is so incredible that I can hardly believe it happened, and I was there!
- Shepherd 1:** It started out like a thousand other nights. Everything looked secure. We had begun to settle down into our shift rotation.
- Shepherd 2:** Out of nowhere came this blinding, bright light. It took a few seconds to realize that someone was talking to us from the light. We were scared out of our minds.
- Shepherd 1:** Yes, I remember that you took off running like my little sister.
- Shepherd 2:** And I remember that I was two steps behind you! We both ran a short distance before we realized who the speaker was.
- Shepherd 1:** It was a heavenly being, an angel, who was delivering a message from God.
- Shepherd 2:** The message started with, "Do not be afraid!" That was definitely a message we needed to hear! We were scared to death!
- Shepherd 1:** Well, I wouldn't say, "scared to death". I would say, "really startled".
- Shepherd 2:** You were screaming like my little brother!
- Shepherd 1:** Yes, but your little brother's scream is very calming!
- Shepherd 2:** Nonetheless, the words slowly began to sink in, and we stood frozen in place. "Do not be afraid! I have good news for you, which will make everyone happy. This very day in King David's hometown a Savior was born for you. He is Christ the Lord. You will know who He is, because you will find Him wrapped in cloths and lying in a feeding trough."
- Shepherd 1:** What a message! The Savior, the Christ, the long-awaited Messiah had been born... in Bethlehem? And wrapped in cloths and lying in a... feeding trough? The newborn Messiah was where animals ate! That couldn't be right!
- Shepherd 2:** As we were trying to understand the angel's message, all at once the entire sky lit up! Two minutes before, I had never seen an

angel. Now, there were angels filling the sky like stars on a clear night!

- Shepherd 1:** And the sound! They were saying: "Glory to God! Praise God in heaven! Peace on earth to everyone who pleases God!"
- Shepherd 2:** And just as suddenly as they had come, they were gone! Into thin air, in the blink of an eye, without a trace, gone!
- Shepherd 1:** None of us said anything for a while! We were all scared that no one else had seen what we had seen! We just stood for a few minutes, trying to figure out how to ask the question.
- Shepherd 2:** Finally, I said...
- Shepherd 1:** Uh, excuse me, O Great One, I think I went first.
- Shepherd 2:** No, I clearly remember it was me.
- Shepherd 1:** How could it have been you? You were still out of breath from the running!
- Shepherd 2:** Oh, so now I'm out of shape!
- Shepherd 1:** Nonetheless, one of us said: "Did you just see angels?" We all agreed that we did.
- Shepherd 2:** Then, *(As if trying to avoid another disagreement)* one of us said: "What was the angel's message?" We went over that three or four times, and we finally agreed on what the angel had said.
- Shepherd 1:** After a minute or two, we decided we had to see about this Savior, this Messiah. We went into the town and found some of the places where travelers normally stayed. We found a house with the animals out back.
- Shepherd 2:** We went there, and we found the strangest thing: a man caring for a woman who had just given birth and the baby was in the animals' feeding tray. This is what the angel was talking about!
- Shepherd 1:** We talked with them for a while. They told us their experiences, and we told them our experiences. God was doing a miraculous thing. And He was using carpenters and shepherds in the process. He works in strange ways sometimes.
- Shepherd 2:** We left Mary, Joseph, and Jesus after a while to get back to the sheep. As we walked, we praised God! We even tried to sing like the angels!