You can put on this play with your family, friends, or Primary class. Read Luke 2:1–16 to help you prepare.

**CHARACTERS:**
- Mary
- Joseph
- Innkeeper
- Shepherd 1
- Shepherd 2
- Angel

**COSTUMES:**
Make the costumes simple: a robe for Joseph, a scarf for Mary, and staffs for the shepherds.

**PROP IDEAS:**
- a blanket draped across two chairs for the stable
- small pillows to represent sheep
- a doll or bundled-up blanket to represent the baby Jesus
**Song:** “When Joseph Went to Bethlehem,” first verse (*Children’s Songbook*, 38).

**Mary:** I hope we can find a place to stay soon. We have been traveling for so long.

**Joseph:** There’s an inn up ahead. Wait here and rest while I find out if there’s room for us.

**Innkeeper:** What do you want?

**Joseph:** I’m looking for a place to stay. My wife and I have come a long way, and we need a place to sleep.

**Innkeeper:** I’m sorry, but the inn is full.

**Joseph:** Please, can’t you do something to help us? My wife is going to have a baby soon.

**Innkeeper:** I guess you could sleep in the stable. It’s all I have.

**Joseph:** Thank you. That is very kind.

**Shepherd 1:** Who are you?

**Shepherd 2:** Please don’t hurt us.

**Angel:** Do not be afraid. I bring joyful news! Tonight the Son of God was born in Bethlehem. You will find the baby lying in a manger.

**Shepherd 1:** Let us go now and see this child.

**Angel:** Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

**Song:** “Stars Were Gleaming” (*Children’s Songbook*, 37).

**Shepherd 2:** We’ve come to see the Christ child.

**Shepherd 1:** An angel told us He would be lying in a manger.

**Shepherd 2:** Do you know where He is?

**Innkeeper:** A child was born in my stable tonight. I’ll show you the way.

**Shepherd 1:** It’s true! There really is a baby lying in a manger, just like the angel said there would be.

**Shepherd 2:** This really is the Savior, Christ the Lord.

**Song:** “Silent Night” (*Hymns*, no. 204).

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