

A sky full of stars

[A backdrop of some kind on centre stage covered in black paper, preferably with a simple outline of Bethlehem style houses on the bottom. Every seat in church has a paper star on it]

Welcome

Come and join the celebration

Introduction of theme

O little town of Bethlehem

Narrator On the day that God decided to give his son Jesus to the world, there was nothing for him. There was no family to care for him, no announcement about his birth in the paper, no presents on his first birthday, no music for his party, and not even anywhere for him to be born.

[As each character speaks, they take up their place before the backdrop]

Mary My name is Mary

Joseph And my name is Joseph

Mary & Joseph We gave Jesus our love, and we cared for Him

Innkeeper [entering from back, carrying manger] I'm the innkeeper, and I gave Jesus a bed

Angels [Entering from side door] We are the angels, and we gave Jesus a song to tell the world that he had been born

Shepherds [each carrying a sheep] We are the shepherds, and we gave Jesus a warm welcome as we rushed to see him

Wise Man 1 We are the wise men

Wise man 2 We travelled many nights and many days

Wise man 3 Just to see him
Wise man 1 I gave Jesus gold, a gift fit for a king
Wise man 2 I have Jesus myrrh, a sweet perfume
Wise man 3 I gave Jesus frankincense, the scent of kings

[Each adult leader kneels at manger as they speak]

Leader 1 I'm _____, and I gave him my life
Leader 2 I'm _____, and I gave him my heart
Leader 3 I'm _____, and I gave him my all

In the bleak midwinter

Talk

Christmas music as congregation fill in on their paper stars what THEY would give him – and then add them to the black sky