

### **“The Narrated Nativity” script sample #03**

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**Narrator:** The shepherds that kept their flocks just outside of Bethlehem, according to Jewish tradition, watched over special flocks that provided the lambs for the Temple sacrifices. Worth noting also, is that shepherds were fitting to be told first is because that Jesus was the be known as The Good Shepherd, who himself would be come the sacrificial lamb.. All the patriarchs, like Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, and on, were shepherds. And don't forget that Long David was a shepherd in his youth. As they hurried into town, they words of the angels guided them. They had been told to look for a particular sign; they would find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger." Well, that last little detail was one that made absolutely sure that they couldn't possibly mistake some other baby for the one they were looking for. No other newborn baby in the entire country would be laid in a cattle feeding trough, which was only found in a cattle stall or animal corral! And that ruled out having to look in all the houses and inns, which were full of people. No, it narrowed it down to the stables and sheds, where there would be no other people. The Lord made it easy for them to find the holy family and to know the infant savior when they found Him.

When the came to a cattle stall that was occupied by people, they felt they were on the right track. Gathering around the entrance, they deluged poor Joseph with questions. Now, you know Joseph had determined to take care of Mary and the baby, and he wasn't about to let a band of shepherds pile in the stall with the new mother and child. He was about to lay hands on the leader and help him out when they slowed down and explained that an angel had told them to come. Well, that made a difference! Joseph knew that when an angel told you something, you obeyed, and he could hardly keep them out. Permitting them in, they beheld what the heavenly visitor had told them to look for... a baby, laid in a manger, wrapped in swaddling clothes.

**Actions during the next part of the narration:** *The shepherds kneel before the manger as Mary and Joseph look on. They gaze in awe, and some bow their face to the ground, as others raise their hands up in praise.*

**Narrator:** Now, there had been plenty of babies born that were unusual in some way, and many were destined to live great lives. But none had been born like this one. This was God incarnate, who had always existed. And now He was he was born, in a human body, for the express purpose of dying... for the sins of all mankind. This tiny Baby would grow up to be the Good Shepherd, who laid down His life for the sheep. As they looked on his face, they realized that for the first time, God was now part of the kinship of mankind... and was the only one that could bring man into kinship with God. The shepherds, bowing before the baby and offering their worship, were the first of those that would bow the knee before him. But little did they realize that one day, every knee would bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord. Every person that ever lived during the course of history would one day...