

NATIVITY PLAY for younger children

Adapted from the book "THIS IS THE STAR" by Joyce Dunbar & Gary Blythe

CHARACTERS

STAR	DONKEY	JOSEPH	WISE MAN 2
SHEPHERDS	INNKEEPER	MARY	WISE MAN 3
ANGEL 1	DOG	WISE MAN 1	ANGEL 2

Have all characters seated in a line. When it's time for a child to read their part, they stand and remain standing for the duration of the play. The beauty of this script is that each child only has one line to learn, which is repeated throughout the story.

The 'Dog' could be any animal – an ox would work well – but we had a little girl who desperately wanted to dress up as a dog, and a dog costume was easier than an ox! Feel free to substitute an animal of your choice.

STAR: This is the star in the sky.

SHEPHERDS: These are the shepherds watching by night

STAR: That saw the star in the sky.

ANGEL 1: This is the angel shining bright,

SHEPHERDS: Who came to the shepherds watching by night

STAR: That saw the star in the sky.

DONKEY: This is the donkey with precious load, trudging the long and weary road,

ANGEL 1: Looked on by the angel shining bright,

SHEPHERDS: Who came to the shepherds watching by night

STAR: That saw the star in the sky.

INNKEEPER: This is the inn where the only room was a stable out in the lamp lit gloom
DONKEY: For the donkey with his precious load, who trudged the long and weary road,
ANGEL 1: Looked on by the angel shining bright,
SHEPHERDS: Who came to the shepherds watching by night
STAR: That saw the star in the sky.

DOG: These are the animals who watched in awe and shared their cosy bed of straw
INNKEEPER: at the darkened inn where the only room was a stable out in the lamp lit gloom
DONKEY: For the donkey with his precious load, who trudged the long and weary road,
ANGEL 1: Looked on by the angel shining bright,
SHEPHERDS: Who came to the shepherds watching by night
STAR: That saw the star in the sky.

MARY: This is the manger, warm with hay
JOSEPH: where-in a newborn baby lay.
DOG: These are the animals who watched in awe and shared their cosy bed of straw
INNKEEPER: at the darkened inn where the only room was a stable out in the lamp lit gloom
DONKEY: For the donkey with his precious load, who trudged the long and weary road,
ANGEL 1: Looked on by the angel shining bright,
SHEPHERDS: Who came to the shepherds watching by night
STAR: That saw the star in the sky.

WISE 1: This is the gold and fragrant myrrh, and frankincense, the gifts that were
MARY: placed in the manger, warm with hay
JOSEPH: where-in a newborn baby lay.
DOG: These are the animals who watched in awe and shared their cosy bed of straw
INNKEEPER: at the darkened inn where the only room was a stable out in the lamp lit gloom
DONKEY: For the donkey with his precious load, who trudged the long and weary road,
ANGEL 1: Looked on by the angel shining bright,
SHEPHERDS: Who came to the shepherds watching by night
STAR: That saw the star in the sky.

WISE 3: These are the wise men, come from afar
WISE 2: who also saw and followed the star,
WISE 1: Bearing the gold and fragrant myrrh, and frankincense, the gifts that were
MARY: placed in the manger, warm with hay,
JOSEPH: where-in a newborn baby lay.
DOG: These are the animals who watched in awe and shared their cosy bed of straw
INNKEEPER: at the darkened inn where the only room was a stable out in the lamp lit gloom
DONKEY: For the donkey with his precious load, who trudged the long and weary road,
ANGEL 1: Looked on by the angel shining bright,
SHEPHERDS: Who came to the shepherds watching by night
STAR: That saw the star in the sky.

EVERYONE: This is the child that was born.

ANGEL 2: This is the Christ child born to be king while hosts of heavenly angels sing.

WISE 3: These are the wise men, come from afar

WISE 2: who also saw and followed the star,

WISE 1: Bearing the gold and fragrant myrrh, and frankincense, the gifts that were

MARY: placed in the manger, warm with hay

JOSEPH: where-in a newborn baby lay.

DOG: These are the animals who watched in awe and shared their cosy bed of straw

INNKEEPER: at the darkened inn where the only room was a stable out in the lamp lit gloom

DONKEY: For the donkey with his precious load, who trudged the long and weary road,

ANGEL 1: Looked on by the angel shining bright,

SHEPHERDS: Who came to the shepherds watching by night

STAR: That saw the star in the sky.

EVERYONE: Still shines the star in the sky.
