



God Sent a Baby?

A Christmas musical in one act

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Why a baby?

Jesus takes the human journey. How can we follow in His footsteps if we have never seen him crawl? What if he just showed up fully human and said, "Put me on the cross, I am willing to die." Instead we see Him in the manger, at the temple and growing up. Fully human and fully God.

Props & Costumes:

Children playing the farm animals should have a mask and a tail.

Children playing the shepherds should have robes and a staff.

Wise men should be dressed in beautiful robes with headpieces and carry what looks like gold, frankincense and myrrh. Mary and Joseph should be dressed as you would imagine, in robes and headpieces.

The play starts in a park. When the scene changes to the stable at the first blackout, you can leave the props you used for the park on the stage and just add the stable set pieces which should include the manger, some hay and maybe some fencing. You will need a pillow that Mary will use to look pregnant and a baby doll.

Characters:

Mary, Joseph, three wise men, as many as three shepherds and farm animals that need to include a sheep and three cows if possible as well as other typical farm animals. The named characters such as Samuel, Harris, Sarah etc., will be the ones playing the animals, wise men, shepherds and Mary and Joseph.

(Samuel walks in with other characters)

Samuel: I'm so very tired, I feel like I'm 60 years old.

Lindsey: Yeah, you do look tired.

Sarah: Are you coming down with a cold?

Samuel: No, I had a dream and my dream lasted ALL night.

Sarah: Sometimes I don't like dreams.

Harris: Nightmares give me a fright.

Samuel: No, this was a good dream. It was about a king!
And it ended with a song that everyone learned to sing!

Lindsey: Samuel had a dream! Everyone gather around.

Samuel: Yes, let me tell you the story, how it ended with a crown.
We were all farm animals living in a stable.

Joe: Wait, wait, this sounds like a ridiculous fable.

Children freeze then lights Black Out.

Children add facemasks and tales. stable props are brought in. Animals sounds are played.

Note: Later in the play when the lights come back on after Jesus is My Superhero, the children and the stage should look exactly as the stage at this Black Out.

Craig: How can this be, that we are here?

Lindsey: Sarah are you a sheep? baa

Harris are you a deer? *(Moo! She looks annoyed because Lindsey can't tell she's a cow.)*

Samuel: Yes, Yes! this **IS** my dream and you may be scared.
You will witness how God's Way was prepared.

This is the greatest love story ever told. *(murmur among the animals)*
 Hey, Listen up, as these miraculous events unfold.

Hey Listen Up

Cow 1 Hay

Cow 2 Hay

Cow 3 Hay

Everyone: Hey Listen Up

I just heard the living Word

(Spoken) Heard Word – Heard Word

Person 1 whispers in ear of person 2

Person 2 starts:

Augustus sent everyone to their own town

He wanted to count all the people around

Everyone: Heard Word Heard Word

Town Around Town Around

Cow 1 Hay

Cow 2 Hay

Cow 3 Hay

Everyone: Hey Listen Up

I just heard the living Word

Person 2 whispers to person 3

Person 3: Everyone give a cheer

Mary and Joseph will soon be here

Everyone: Heard Word Heard Word

Town Around Town Around

Cheer Here Cheer Here

Cow 1 Hay

Cow 2 Hay

Cow 3 Hay

Everyone: Hey Listen Up
I just heard the living Word

Person 3 whispers to person 4

Person 4: Everyone give them a grin
They couldn't find a room at the inn

Everyone: Heard Word Heard Word
Town Around Town Around
Cheer Here Cheer Here
Grin Inn Grin Inn

Mary and Joseph come in as they are repeating the rhyming words. Mary is pregnant.

Cow 1 Hay

Cow 2 Hay

Cow 3 Hay

Everyone: Hey Listen Up
I just heard the living Word

Person 4 whispers to person 5

Person 5: Stay awake don't miss a thing
The Shepherds are here to praise and sing

Everyone: Heard Word Heard Word
Town Around Town Around
Cheer Here Cheer Here
Grin Inn Grin Inn
Thing Sing Thing **Sing**

*At **Sing** lights go out. Mary takes out pillow. Mary holds Jesus..*

Lights on:

Person 5 spoken to audience at music cue:

I bet you wish it was that easy....

Cow 1 Hay

Cow 2 Hay

Cow 3 Hay

Everyone: Hey Listen Up
I just heard the living Word

Person 5 whispers to person 6

Person 6: In this Stable? I think maybe -
This is the place for Mary's baby?

Everyone: Heard Word Heard Word
Town Around Town Around
Cheer Here Cheer Here
Grin Inn Grin Inn
Thing Sing Thing Sing
Maybe Baby Maybe Baby!

*Wise Men walk in from the back and down center aisle (if possible) one could be playing an egg shaker, and one could be leading a camel that is made out of wood but all three should be holding their frankincense, myrrh and gold and singing: **God Sent a Baby***

God Sent a Baby

Shepherds and Animals: A baby? A baby?

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Shep & Anim: He's my Savior? *(still questioning)*

Wise Men: God sent a baby.

Shep & Anim: He's my Savior *(believing)*

Wise Men: God sent a baby.

Everyone: He's my S-a-v (Hey) i-o-r! *(building)*

He's my S-a-v (Hey) i-o-r! *(excited)*

He's my S-a-v (Hey) i-o-r!

He's my S-a-v (Hey) i-o-r!

Everyone: He was born just like me
God sent a baby
He will walk and talk just like me
Can I hold the baby?

Shep & Anim: A baby A baby
Wise Men: God sent a baby. (*matter of fact*)
Shep & Anim: A baby A baby
Wise Men: God sent a baby. (*matter of fact*)

Shep & Anim: My Messiah
Wise Men: God sent a baby
Shep & Anim: My Messiah
Wise Men: God sent a baby

Everyone: He's my M-e-s-s-i-a-h!
He's my M-e-s-s-i-a-h!
He's my M-e-s-s-i-a-h!
He's my M-e-s-s-i-a-h!

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Wise Men: God sent a baby. (*matter of fact*)

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God sent a baby
He will walk and talk just like me
Can I hold the baby?

Shep & Anim: A baby! A baby!
Wise Men: God sent a baby. (*matter of fact*)

Shep & Anim: A baby! A baby!

Wise Men: God sent a baby! *(matter of fact)*

Everyone: Good News of Great Joy

God sent a baby

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Everyone: A baby! A baby!

God sent a baby. *(matter of fact)*

A baby! A baby!

God sent a baby! *(matter of fact)*

Joseph: How can it be that the Lord choose me?

Mary: How can it be that the Lord choose me?

I knew one day I wanted to be a mother, But a mother to a king is
like no other.

Joseph: I always knew I'd be a dad

but raising a Savior may turn out sad.

Shepherd 1: The angel said to call you Jesus

Shepherd 2: I know that you were sent to free us.

Shepherd 3: From a world of sin that causes separation from God.

Shepherd 4: But a baby Savior seems rather odd.

Mary: I promise to raise you and see you through

On this journey you were destined to

Joseph: You will walk among those who have no friend.

Help them and guide them to be born again.

Mary: And on that day when our journey here ends.

We will be in heaven with Jesus, our true friend.

Mary and Joseph together: All because you were sent to us,
Our sweet baby boy,
our Savior, our Jesus.

Superhero

Joseph: Jesus you're my Superhero
The Shepherd's words seem oh so strange.
Who could have guessed that Superheros
Need to have their diapers changed.

Jesus you're my Superhero
I look at you and love grows strong.
And as you grow I'll keep you safe.
I know that I won't have you long.

Mary: Gabriel asked I said okay
I could have said there is no way.
I could have turned and walked away from you,
Something I could never do.

I hold you and I love you so
I never want to let you go.
I never want to see you stray from me,
Something that will never be.

(Joseph and Mary sing together but two different verses)

Joseph: (while Mary is singing):

Jesus you're my Superhero
The Shepherd's words seem oh so strange.
Who could guess that Superheros
Need to have their diapers changed.

Mary: (while Joseph is singing):

Gabriel asked I said OK
I could have said there is no way.
I could have turned and walked away from you,
Something I could never do.

Shepherds and Animals (by themselves):

Good News, Good News, He is born!
Good News, Good News, He is born!
Great joy spread the word!

(Mary, Joseph and Shepherds all together)

Joseph: (with Mary, shepherds and animals)

Jesus you're my Superhero
I look at you and love grows strong.
And as you grow I'll keep you safe.
I know that I won't have you long.

Mary: (with Joseph, shepherds and animals)

I hold you and I love you so
I never want to let you go.
I never want to see you stray from me,
Something that will never be.

Shepherds and Animals (with Mary and Joseph)

Good News, Good News, He is born!
Good News, Good News, He is born!
Great joy spread the word!

Black Out

All actors leave stage except actors from the first scene. Those actors take off their costume expect their tales. All props are removed so that stage looks just like opening scene.

Michelle: Wow, could that have happened? Could that have all been true?

Harris: Samuel what is that? That right behind you? *(Points to tail on his back)*

Samuel: *(He sees his tail)* Well look at that - and you've got one too.

(Everyone notices their tails.)

Lucy: So, it was true.

Abby: Yes, it was true, we were there!

Carla: Nothing in my life will ever compare.

Luke: To be in His presence is just the sweetest.

Joshua: And we got to witness the birth of Jesus.

Kate: I wish I could have told Mary and Joseph things would turn out alright.

Samuel: Yes, and to think it started off as a Silent Night.

All actors come back on stage to sing Silent Night

Silent Night

1. Silent night, Holy night
All is calm and all is bright
Round yon virgin, mother and child
Holy infant so tender and mild
Sleep in heavenly peace,
Sleep in heavenly peace.
2. Silent night, Holy night
Shepherds quake at the sight
Glories streams from heaven afar
Heavenly hosts sing, alleluia
Christ the savior is born,
Christ the savior is born.
3. Silent night, Holy night!
All is calm and all is bright
Round yon virgin, mother and child
Holy infant so tender and mild
Sleep in heavenly peace,
Sleep in heavenly peace.

The End

Hey Listen Up

Katie Simpson

Larry Slocum

$\text{♩} = 93$

Hay Hay Hey Hey Lis-ten

Up I just heard the liv-ing word Heard Word Heard Word Whisper

Au-gus-tus sent ev' ry one to their own town he

wan-ted to count all the peo-ple a-round Heard Word Heard Word Hay Hay
Town Around Town Around

Hay Hey Lis-ten Up I just heard the liv-ing word Whisper

Ev' ry one give a cheer Ma-ry and Jo-seph will soon be here

Heard Word Heard Word Hay Hay Hay Hey Lis-ten Up I just heard the
Town Around Town Around
Cheer Here Cheer Here

liv-ing word Whisper Ev' ry one give

them a grin they could-n't find a room at the Inn Heard Word Heard Word
Town Around Town Around
Cheer Here Cheer Here
Grin Inn Grin Inn

52

Hay Hay Hay Hey Lis-ten Up I just heard the liv-ing word Whisper

58

Stay a-wake don't miss a thing the

63

She-pards are here to praise and sing Heard Word Heard Word
Town Around Town Around
Cheer Here Cheer Here
Grin Inn Grin Inn
Thing Sing Thing Sing

At last 'Sing' lights go out. Mary takes out pillow. Mary holds baby Jesus.

68

Spoken: I bet you wish it was that easy! Hay Hay Hay Hey Lis-ten

76

Up I just heard the liv-ing word Whisper

82

In this sta - ble I think may - be

85

this is the place for Ma-ry's ba - by

Heard	Word	Heard	Word
Town	Around	Town	Around
Cheer	Here	Cheer	Here
Grin	Inn	Grin	Inn
Thing	Sing	Thing	Sing
Maybe	Baby	Maybe	Baby

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Tempo 130

C⁷

A ba-by a ba-by? God sent a ba-by A ba-by A ba-by?

6 God sent a ba-by A ba-by A ba-by? God sent a ba-by A ba-by a ba-by?

10 God sent a ba-by. He's my Sav - ior? God sent a ba-by. He's my Sav - ior

14 God sent a ba-by. He's my Sav - ior! God sent a ba-by. He's my Sav - ior!

18 God sent a ba-by. He's my S - A - V Hey I - O - R He's my S - A - V Hey

22 I - O__ R He's my S - A - V Hey I - O - R He's my S - A - V Hey I - O__ R

27 **F** He was born just like me **G** God sent a ba__ by **C⁷** He will walk and talk

32 just like me Can I hold the ba__ by A ba-by a ba-by

36 God sent a ba-by A ba-by A ba-by God sent a ba-by A ba-by A ba-by

40

 God sent a ba-by A ba-by a ba-by God sent a ba-by. My Mes - si - ah

44

 God sent a ba-by. My Mes - si - ah God sent a ba-by. My Mes - si - ah

48

 God sent a ba-by. My Mes - si - ah God sent a ba-by. He's my M - E - S - S -

52

 I - A - H He's my M - E - S - S - I - A - H He's my M - E - S - S - I - A - H He's my

57

 M - E - S - S - I - A - H He was born just like me God sent a ba

62

 — by He will walk and talk just like me Can I hold the ba — by A

67

 ba-by a ba-by God sent a ba-by A ba-by A ba-by God sent a ba-by A

71

 ba-by A ba-by God sent a ba-by A ba-by a ba-by God sent a ba-by.

75

 He was born just like me God sent a ba — by He will walk and talk

80

 just like me Can I hold the ba — by A ba-by a ba-by

84

 God sent a ba-by A ba-by A ba-by God sent a ba-by A ba-by A ba-by

88

 God sent a ba-by A ba-by a ba-by God sent a ba-by. Good News

92

 of Great Joy! God sent a ba-by Good News of Great Joy!

97

 God sent a ba-by A ba-by a ba-by God sent a ba-by A

101

 ba-by A ba-by God sent a ba-by A ba-by A ba-by God sent a ba-by A

105

 ba-by a ba-by God sent a ba-by!

Jesus is my Superhero

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Tempo =100

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a tempo of 100. It features vocal parts for Joseph, Mary, and Shepherd/Animals, along with piano accompaniment. The lyrics are as follows:

Joseph: su - per - he-ro The She-pherd's words seem oh so
 Mary: su - per - he-ro I look at you and love grows

The piano accompaniment consists of a steady eighth-note pattern in the right hand and a similar pattern in the left hand, with some melodic variations in the right hand.

7

Joseph

strange. Who could have guessed that Su - per - heros need to have their
strong. And as you grow I'll keep you safe. I know that I won't

Mary

Shepherd/
Animals

Pno.

Detailed description: This block contains the musical notation for measures 7 through 9. Joseph's part is in the treble clef, starting with a 7-measure rest, then singing a melody. The lyrics are: "strange. Who could have guessed that Super-heros need to have their strong. And as you grow I'll keep you safe. I know that I won't". Mary, Shepherd/Animals, and Piano have rests or accompaniment in the same measures.

10

Joseph

dia - pers changed
have you long.

Mary

Ga-briel asked I
I hold you and

Shepherd/
Animals

Pno.

Detailed description: This block contains the musical notation for measures 10 through 12. Joseph and Mary sing in the treble clef. Joseph's lyrics are "dia - pers changed have you long." and Mary's lyrics are "Ga-briel asked I I hold you and". Shepherd/Animals and Piano have rests or accompaniment in the same measures.

13

Joseph

Mary

Shepherd/
Animals

Pno.

said O - K I could have said there is no way
love you so I ne - ver want to let you go.

16

Joseph

Mary

Shepherd/
Animals

Pno.

I could have turned and walked a - way from
I ne - ver want to see You stray from

18

Joseph

Mary

you, some-thing I could ne - ver do.
me, some-thing that will ne - ver be.

Shepherd/
Animals

Pno.

21

Joseph

Je - sus you're my su - - per

Mary

Ga - briel asked I said O K

Shepherd/
Animals

Pno.

23

Joseph

he - ro The She-pherd's words seem oh so

Mary

I could have said there is no way

Shepherd/
Animals

Pno.

25

Joseph

strange. Who could have guessed that Su - per -

Mary

I could have turned and walked a - way from

Shepherd/
Animals

Pno.

27

Joseph

heros need to have their dia - pers changed

Mary

you, some-thing I could ne - ver do.

Shepherd/
Animals

Pno.

Detailed description: This block contains the musical notation for measures 27 through 29. It features four staves. The top staff is for Joseph, the second for Mary, the third for the Shepherd/Animals, and the fourth is a grand staff for the Piano (Pno.). Joseph's lyrics are "heros need to have their dia - pers changed". Mary's lyrics are "you, some-thing I could ne - ver do.". The Shepherd/Animals staff has rests. The Piano accompaniment consists of a steady eighth-note pattern in the left hand and a melody in the right hand.

30

Joseph

Mary

Shepherd/
Animals

Good News Good News He is born Good

Pno.

Detailed description: This block contains the musical notation for measures 30 through 33. It features the same four staves as the previous block. In measures 30 and 31, Joseph and Mary have rests. In measures 32 and 33, the Shepherd/Animals sing the lyrics "Good News Good News He is born Good". The Piano accompaniment continues with the same eighth-note pattern in the left hand and a melody in the right hand.

34

Joseph

Mary

Shepherd/
Animals

Pno.

News Good News He is born Great Joy Spread the

38

Joseph

Mary

Shepherd/
Animals

Pno.

Je-sus you're my su - per -

I hold you and love you so.

Word! Good News Good

41

Joseph

he-ro I look at you and love grows strong And as you grow I'll

Mary

I ne-ver want to let you go. I ne-ver want to

Shepherd/
Animals

News He is born Good News Good

Pno.

44

Joseph

keep you safe. I know that I won't have you

Mary

see you stray from me, some-thing that could ne - ver

Shepherd/
Animals

News He is born Great Joy Spread the

Pno.

47

Joseph long.

Mary be.

Shepherd/
Animals Word!

Pno.

Silent Night

Joseph More

Franz Gruber

$A = 88$

E^7 A A^7 D

Si__lent night, ho__ly night, All is calm, All is bright Round you

10 A D A

Vir__gin mo - there and child, Ho - ly in - fant so ten - der and mild,

17 E E^7 A E^7 A

Sleep in hea - ven-ly peace__ Sleep - in hea - ven-ly peace