

Happy Birthday Jesus

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY JESUS – SCRIPT SAMPLE

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INTRODUCTION – TWO EDITABLE SCRIPTS!

Thank you for looking at this sample from 'Happy Birthday Jesus!' There are two different scripts that can be used to stage this simple 7 song musical. Both scripts are included as part of the material you receive. Each script tells the same story, but in slightly different ways:

FULL PLAY SCRIPT VERSION: This is a simple rhyming script which has spoken parts for dozens of children, though it can easily be adapted to be performed with just a small handful of children if required.

SIMPLE SCRIPT VERSION: The simple script tells the story entirely through narrators. This very simple script has been designed so that even the youngest of children can appreciate and understand the story. It can be performed with or without actors, costumes, scenery, etc, and can therefore be extremely easy to stage. With this in mind the following notes and cast list deal with the **FULL PLAY SCRIPT** version.

EDITABLE SCRIPTS: Whatever script you use it's important to remember that you will receive editable versions of both scripts, so that you can easily adapt them to suit your specific requirements.

DISCLAIMER: This script sample document has been especially prepared for email / web viewing. The script words will be identical to those contained in the actual product, but text layout / appearance may vary. Only partial song lyrics have been included for copyright reasons. Please remember that you can hear samples from every track online.

TIMING: If you stick exactly to either script, this performance should take about 15 minutes. If this is too long or too short for you, suggestions are included as part of the material you receive, which should help you easily shorten or lengthen the production by 10-20 minutes.

CAST LIST

<i>Part</i>	<i>Details</i>
Narrators / Party Guests	There are 32 narrators' parts in the play script, consisting of two lines each. The script also requires that 4-year-old Jesus has a number of 'party guests' present at his party. As these 'party guests' have no spoken lines, we recommend that your narrators double as guests, giving each child something to say.
4-year-old Jesus	Jesus is on stage for most of the performance. He has 4 lines to say.
Mary	Mary is on stage all the time, with 4 lines and an optional solo (song 3).
Joseph	Joseph is on stage for the whole performance. He has 2 lines.
Donkey	A non-speaking part.
Angel Gabriel	Gabriel can perform song 2 as a solo, if required.
Choir of angels	You can have as many angels as you want. They speak two lines in unison.
Three Shepherds	The shepherds have 2 lines each.
Three Wise Men	The wise men have 2 lines each, with a further 2 lines spoken in unison.
Optional Extras	If you want to add roles for even more children, don't worry, ideas are included to allow you to easily add parts for dozens more children.

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Play Script Version

SAMPLE

NARRATOR 1: Thank you for coming to watch us today,
As we present our Christmas play.

NARRATOR 2: Yes, we know that we look very cute,
In our lovely costumes, dresses and suits.

NARRATOR 3: We are a bit shy, so please be kind,
If we go wrong, we hope you don't mind.

NARRATOR 4: We'll try so hard, we'll do our very best,
Then our teachers can have a well-earned rest!

NARRATOR 5: Now, onto our story. It's filled with joy,
It's all about a special birthday boy.

NARRATOR 6: His name was Jesus, he'd just turned four,
Let's see what his party held in store...

(Enter Jesus, Mary, Joseph and 'party guests'.)

Song 1: **We're Having A Party!**

CHORUS: We're having a party, *(Repeat)*
It's a very special day, *(Repeat)...* etc ...

NARRATOR 7: Jesus and his guests were having fun,
Playing and dancing in the sun.

NARRATOR 8: His parents had arranged the party games,
Mary and Joseph were their names.

NARRATOR 9: After a while in the Nazareth heat,
Jesus and his friends needed a seat.

NARRATOR 10: As they all sat down for drinks and a rest,
Jesus spoke to his parents and guests...

JESUS: On my birthday, every year,
My mother tells a story, that I love to hear,
Of how I was born in a stable cold,
It is a strange tale, that I like to be told.

JOSEPH: Yes, it's a story that still makes me go, 'WOW'!
Mary, please tell us the story now?

MARY: Well, if you insist, I suppose I could,
It is an odd tale, but it's ever so good!
It began with the most amazing day,
An angel visited me to say...

(Enter Angel Gabriel. Exit Joseph, Jesus and Party Guests.)

Song 2: **Mary, Mary** *(Optional solo by Angel Gabriel.)*

Mary, Mary,
I've got some news for you,
I think you'd better sit down,
It may be a shock for you!... etc...

NARRATOR 11: The angel's news was surprising, but fun,
Mary would have a baby, he would be God's son!

NARRATOR 12: At first, Mary felt a little afraid,
But soon she was happy and so she prayed...

Song 3: **Thank You For Choosing Me**

Thank you for choosing me,
Help me to always be... etc...

(Exit Angel Gabriel. Enter Joseph and Donkey.)

NARRATOR 13: Then Mary and Joseph had some bad news, 'Oh-no'!
To Bethlehem town they had to go.

NARRATOR 14: It took many days to travel there,
A donkey carried Mary, with lots of care.

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Simple Script Version

SAMPLE

NARRATOR: Thank you for coming to watch us today,
As we present our Christmas play,
Yes, we know that we look very cute,
In our lovely costumes, dresses and suits.

We are a bit shy, so please be kind,
If we go wrong, we hope you don't mind,
We'll try so hard, we'll do our very best,
Then our teachers can have a well-earned rest!

Now, onto our story. It's filled with joy,
It's all about a special birthday boy,
His name was Jesus, he'd just turned four,
Let's see what his party held in store...

Song 1: **We're Having A Party!**

CHORUS: We're having a party, (*Repeat*)
It's a very special day, (*Repeat*)... etc...

NARRATOR: Jesus and his guests were having fun,
Playing and dancing in the sun.
His parents had arranged the party games,
Mary and Joseph were their names.

After a while in the Nazareth heat,
Jesus and his friends needed a seat,
As they all sat down for drinks and a rest,
Jesus spoke to his parents and guests...

He said that on his birthday, every year,
His mother told a story, that he loved to hear,
Of how he was born in a stable cold,
So, he asked Mary if the story could be told.

"Well," said Mary, "I suppose I could,
It is an odd tale, but it's ever so good!
It began with the most amazing day,
An angel visited me to say..."

Song 2:

Mary, Mary *(Optional solo by Angel Gabriel)*

Mary, Mary,
I've got some news for you,
I think you'd better sit down,
It may be a shock for you... etc...

NARRATOR:

The angel's news was surprising, but fun,
Mary would have a baby, he would be God's son!
At first, Mary felt a little afraid,
But soon she was happy and so she prayed...

Song 3:

Thank You For Choosing Me *(Optional solo by Mary)*

Thank you for choosing me,
Help me to always be... etc...

NARRATOR:

Then Mary and Joseph had some bad news, 'Oh-no'!
To Bethlehem town they had to go.
It took many days to travel there,
A donkey carried Mary, with lots of care.