

**Luke 2:8-20 Scripture and Skit**

*All the text from Luke 2:8-20 is included in this script.*

**Narrator:** **Luke 2:8-20.** And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night.

**Shepherd 1:** “So I says to the sheep, I says, ‘sheep! What are you doing in these bramble bushes?’” I mean the flock is way over there in this field, and the sheep caught in the bushes was over here in this ravine!

**Shepherd 2:** Sheep get lost so easily. They get stuck and get in all kinds of silly predicaments.

**Shepherd 3:** Once I had a sheep get stuck in a pit. On the sabbath.

**Shepherd 1:** What did you do?

**Shepherd 3:** I rescued it of course.

**Shepherd 2:** Of course.

**Shepherd 3:** But the local religious leaders wouldn’t let me hear the end of it. “What do you think you’re doing, Shepherd Boy, working on the Sabbath?!”

**Shepherd 1:** They don’t understand. They have no clue. These religious folks have no understanding of the decisions we have to make for the sake of our flocks and our sheep.

**Shepherd 2:** Yeah, they constantly make us feel like outsiders. Especially outsiders as it relates to God and the Temple.

**Shepherd 3:** We have this reputation for being unsophisticated – but I’m not sure anyone cares about our work more than we do. We care for our sheep. We know them. They know us!

**Shepherd 1:** If our sheep are in trouble, we are there as quick as we can, offering immediate help.

**Shepherd 2:** The religious leaders act caring enough with their “flocks” of people. But at the first sign of trouble, they’re nowhere to be found.

**Shepherd 3:** Imagine that – religious leaders looking down on us.

**Shepherd 2:** HAR-UMPH!

**Shepherd 3: By the way, where are your sheep?**

**Shepherd 2: What? Oh! They were right behind me. Aw man (interrupted)**

Narrator: [Spotlights are turned on] An angel of the Lord appeared to them,

**Shepherd 1: Are you guys seeing the same appearance that I'm seeing?**

Narrator: and the glory of the Lord shone around them,

**Shepherd 2: What's this glorious stuff all around us?**

Narrator: and they were terrified.

**Shepherd 3: That's it man. Game over, man. Game over! What are we gonna do now?  
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Narrator: But the angel said to them,

**[angel voice is heard offstage]**

Angel: "Do not be afraid.

I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people.

Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you;

he is the Messiah, the Lord.

This will be a sign to you:

You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

Narrator: Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

Angel: "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

Narrator: When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another,

Shepherds: [Trying to speak at the same time and getting it jumbled twice before they slow down and speak at the same time.]

Let's go to Bethlehem

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Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.

**Shepherd 1: Don't we want to at least talk about what we saw? That was crazy, right?**

**Shepherd 2: Yeah, should we sit down and have a debrief?**

**Shepherd 3: What? No! Why wait? I've never seen anything like this. You've never seen anything like this. Good news! Of great joy! For all people! Including us!**

**Shepherd 2: You're right. Feet don't fail me now. Let's go! (All run backstage)**

Narrator: So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger.

When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child,

**(emerge from backstage with great joy. Stop at specific pews and specific people)**

Shepherd 1: So I go to this manger and see this baby. And I says to his mother, I says, "Is this the Messiah? The Lord?"

Shepherd 2: It was just like the angels said, this baby in this manger! Oh, and the Angels! You should have seen them. I never seen anything like this in my life!

Shepherd 3: The angels gave us this great news for all the people, people like you! People like me! People like us!

Narrator: and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them.

(Shepherds ask for reaction)

**Shepherd 1: Are you not amazed?**

**Shepherd 2: We said . . . ARE YOU NOT AMAZED?!**

Narrator: But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart.

The shepherds returned,

glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen,

which were just as they had been told.

**(Shepherds, arms linked, skip a la Wizard of OZ, Leave sanctuary singing “Away in a Manger”)**