

The Journey

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Lights ON

Mics ON: 1, Piano, Violin, Cello

Wise man 1: My brothers and I journeyed very far. The road was long. It had many, many trials. We gave everything we had to this journey and to this King. I tell you, it was the best journey, the best decision of our lives. I invite you now to come with us and see this incredible journey unfold. It begins in a little town, named Nazareth.

Mics OFF: 1

Mics ON: 2,4,5,7,8,9

Scene 1: Nazareth

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Mics ON: 1

Complainer: "Hey! This thing you sold me yesterday is junk!"

Shopkeeper: What did you expect? This is Nazareth!

All:

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Daughter: "Father, Matthais has asked me to marry him!"

Father: "But daughter! You must remain unmarried or you can't fulfill the prophecy and be the bearer of the Messiah!"

Daughter: "But Father! Nothing good ever comes from Nazareth! How could Messiah come from here anyway?"

Mics OFF: 1, 4

All:

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Townperson: Soldiers! Ah!

Lead Soldier: Rome, two three four! ROME two three four.

Lead Soldier: Company Halt! Gather people!

Lead Soldier: People of Nazareth. An urgent order has come from Ceaser Augustus! Read Order!

Other Soldier: All the world must now be taxed. Each man must travel to the city of his origin to be counted and taxed. IT is the king's order; therefore; it's got to be carried out.

Lead Soldier: Company! Fall in! ROME two three four ROME two three four.

Mics ON: 1,4 (as soon as Mary and Joseph receive their mics)

Man at table 1: Taxes, taxes, taxes. You know every nation that ever fell, fell because of taxes?

Man 2: That's the truth. Remember Assyria? Taxes.

Other men murmur in agreement

Man 3: And Babylon? Taxes.

Other men murmur in agreement

Man 1: Jerusalem after Solomon's reign? Taxes.

Joseph: We need to get started. This will be a difficult trip with you in your condition. What timing! If only you could have had the baby first. I suppose Jehovah knows what He is doing though.

Mary: We'll be fine Joseph. Surely Jehovah will be with us.

All:

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[End of Scene 1]

LIGHTS OUT

Mics OFF: ALL

LIGHTS ON

Mics ON: 1,4

Scene 2: Journeying to Bethlehem

Joseph: "Dear, you know, I doubt whether we'll find a place at the hotel tonight for you."

Mary: "Joseph, have you noticed that Star hanging yonder? It seems to be the prettiest star that I have ever seen in all my life. It seems to light up all the village of Bethlehem. Since the sun went down I've noticed that star, and It seems to have followed us."

Joseph: "Yes, dear, I do see something peculiar, for it seems to be the brightest star in all the heavens."

Mary: "Joseph, we are both aware that all this is mysterious. We just can't understand it. But both of us being believers, we know that Jehovah has something in store, and that He has chosen us; and has chosen me above the women of the world today to have this Message concealed in my heart."

Joseph: "Come dear, we must finish our journey"

[End of Scene 2]

LIGHTS OUT

Mics OFF: 1,4

LIGHTS ON FOR CHASE SCENE

Mics ON: Cello

LIGHTS OUT - PROP CHANGE

Mics OFF: Cello

LIGHTS ON

MICS ON: 1,2,3,5, Piano

Scene 3: Wise Men in India

Wise Man 2: "Behold! A new star in the West!"

Wise Man 1: [excitedly] "This is very important!"

Smaller Wise Man: "Oh, I see it. Why is it so important?"

Wise Man 1: [Very Knowledgeably] "Before God does anything on earth, He always shows it in heaven first."

Smaller Wise Man: "Ooooh... what is going to happen?"

Wise Man 2: "I do not know. We must look to God for revelation. All I know is, God is showing us something"

Wise Man 2: "Oh One True and Living God, we have seen your sign, and we now ask that you would reveal to us its meaning."

Wise Man 1: "It says here in the prophecy of Daniel that There would be a Stone cut out of the mountain, without hands. – Very interesting"

Wise Man 2: Yes, certainly you do not feel it means a physical stone.

Smaller Wise Man: Do you think it is a type or shadow of something to come?

Wise Man 1: Very good young wise one.

Wise Man 2: Oh True and Living God, we thank you for your presence with us!!

Wise Man 2: "Brothers! Brothers! I have had a dream! "There'll be a Star of Jacob rise. And somewhere across among the Jews, there's a baby King that's to be born. And that Light that you see now will bring you to the perfect Light that will light the journey for every man that seeks for Light"

Wise Man 1: Well, we should journey to see this new king!

Smaller Wise Man: Whoa whoa whoa! That's a LONG way to travel! The land of the Jews is VERY far away! No way am I going that far!

Wise Man 1: "Young man, you do not have to come. It is you who must choose this journey to see the King. No one can make you. I tell you however, the journey may be hard, but I know it will be worth it to meet this King of kings"

Smaller Wise Man: I will go.

Wife: Balthazar, where are you going?

Wise Man 1: I'm going to worship the Lord

Wife: How do you know where you're going? You don't even have your compass.

Wise Man 1: I don't need my compass, dear.

Wife: Don't need it? How you going to get there?

Wise Man 1: I'm going God's provided way.

Wise Man 1 Song

[End of Scene 3]

LIGHTS OUT

Mics Off: ALL

LIGHTS ON FOR CHASE SCENE

Mics ON: Cello

LIGHTS OUT - PROP CHANGE

Mics OFF: Cello

LIGHTS ON

MICS ON: ALL, Piano, Violin

Scene 4: Bethlehem

(All townspeople)

Bethlehem! Bethlehem!

The House of God's Bread

(8 beat interlude)

Baker 1:

Wheat, rye, pumpernickle
sour dough, Foccacia

(All townspeople)

We've got bread, we've got bread in Bethlehem!

Baker 2:

Challah, pita, cornbread
Baguette, borodinsky

(All townspeople)

We've got bread, we've got bread in Bethlehem!

Baker 3:

Flatbread, hoecake, Lefse
Bagel and Ciabatta

(All townspeople)

We've got bread, we've got bread in Bethlehem!

Bethlehem! Bethlehem!

The House of God's Bread

Baker 3: Fresh bread! Get your fresh bread! So many people in town, buy it before it's out!

Joseph: Come Mary, I will ask this inn keeper if she may have a room. Ma'am, do you have a room for tonight? My wife is with child, we must find a room."

Inn Keeper 1: "Huh?!? I haven't had a room for days! I'm sorry sir, we're full up! But I can spare a loaf of bread for you."

Joseph: "Thank you for the bread"

Inn Keeper 1: "Thank you for the bread"

Joseph: "Ma'am do you have a room for tonight? My wife is with child, we MUST find a room"

Inn Keeper 2: "I'm very sorry. We do not have a room. I do not even have any extra bread I can give you."

Joseph: "That is ok. We have been given some bread at the last inn. Thank you for the bread ma'am"

Inn Keeper 2: "Thank you for the bread"

Inn Keeper 3: "Sir, I see you and your wife need a place to stay. The city has been full for days! But come, I have a stable that you may rest in."

Joseph: "Thank you ma'am. That is most gracious."

Joseph: "Thank you for the bread, and for the room"

Inn Keeper 3: "Thank you for the bread"

LIGHTS OFF

MICS OFF: 2,3,5,6

LIGHTS ON: LEFT

MICS ON: 2,3,5,6

Angel 1: Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. "

Angel 2: "And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger."

Angel 1 & 2 " Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

Shepherd 1: Wow! We must journey to see this child the Angels have spoken of!

LIGHTS BROUGHT UP FULL - QUICK UNDIM?

Shepherd 2: Angels of God have told us to come see the child that was born!

All Shepherds: (individually) "Thank you for the Bread"

Shepherds run through audience "The bread of life is here!"

[Townspeople]

Bethlehem! Bethlehem!
The House of God's Breeeeeaaaaaad
[End of Scene 4]

LIGHTS OUT

MICS OFF

LIGHTS ON FOR CHASE SCENE

Mics ON: Cello

LIGHTS OUT - PROP CHANGE

Mics OFF: Cello

LIGHTS ON

MICS ON: ALL, Piano, Violin

Scene 5: Jerusalem

Wise Men:
We are marching over to Jerusalem
We are marching over to Jerusalem
Jerusalem, Jerusalem
Jerusalem, Jerusalem

Jerusalem Townpeople:

My hooome sweet home, Jerusalem is my home
My hooome sweet home, Jerusalem is my home.

Repeat We are marching and my home choruses

Priests:

Jerusalem, Jerusalem Shalom.
Jerusalem, Jerusalem Shalom
Jerusalem, Jerusalem Shalom
Jerusalem, Jerusalem Jerusalem Shalom.

Wise Man 1: "Where is He that is born King of the Jews? We have seen his star in the east. And we have come to worship him"

Priest 1: "Say, sirs, you must've listened to a bunch of fanatics somewhere."

Priest 2: "You must be listening to somebody's petty theology."

Wise Man 2: "No, sir. We saw it in operation. We know that it's real. And it's led us this far. But we can't find it no more, and this is the city of the king."

Herod: "Call the Sanhedrin Court"

Herod: "Read the Scriptures. Where is this Messiah to be born?"

Priest 2: "I've found it! Here. Here it is. In Micah's prophecy. "Thou, Bethlehem of Judaea, aren't you the littlest among all the princes of Judah? Aren't you the holy-roller? Aren't you the smallest of all of them? But out of thee shall come the Governor of My people."

Wise Man 1: Woo! Glory! We're on the right track now!

Wise Man 2: Hallelujah! We left that cold formal organized bunch up there in Jerusalem!

Smaller Wise Man: Soon and very soon, we're going to see the king!

[End of Scene 6]

LIGHTS OUT

MICS OFF: ALL

LIGHTS ON FOR CHASE SCENE

Mics ON: Cello

LIGHTS OUT - PROP CHANGE

Mics OFF: Cello

LIGHTS ON

MICS ON: ALL, Piano, Violin

Scene 7: Bethlehem Reprise:

(All townspeople)

Bethlehem! Bethlehem!

The House of God's Bread

(8 beat interlude)

(Baker/shopkeeper)

Wheat, rye, pumpernickle
sour dough, Foccacia

(All townspeople)
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Bethlehem! Bethlehem!
The House of God's Bread

Wise Man 1: Come my brothers. I believe our journey to find the king is almost over. Knock on the door young wise man.

Smaller Wise man: A carpenter shop?

Joseph: May I help you?

Wise Man 2: Sir, for the last 2 years we have journeyed. We have been following a star that the True God put in the sky. I have asked this over and over again, I ask you now. Where is He, that is born, King of the Jews"

Joseph: Mary? Bring Jesus please.

LIGHTS OUT

LIGHTS ON: (After all kids are on stage – except Soliders/Beggar)

MICS ON: 1

Wise Man 1: So, as wise men do, we must learn from what we have seen. Truly God has given us His Son, the bread of life. What do you journey for? For wealth? Fame? Money? Popularity? Take it from a wise man, all these things will pass away. I invite you, to take a journey. A journey to find, and to travel with, the King of Kings.