

Birth of the Messiah

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CHARACTERS

Three Kings

Mary

Mary kneels by a manger at stage right. The Three Kings enter stage left.

KING 1: Look! The star is just over our heads!

KING 2: Is this the place?

KING 3: It must be. Look over there. The child is born already, sleeping beside his blessed mother.

KING 1: At last, the Messiah has come to save his people. Come, let us offer him our gifts, and our praise.

The Kings walk over to Mary.

MARY: Oh, hello there.

KING 3: Excuse us, ma'am. Is this the one? The chosen one?

MARY: That's what the angel told me.

KING 2: Then you are the mother of the Messiah?

MARY: Yes, I am.

KING 1: We have come from the East, bearing gifts. May we see him?

MARY: Of course.

The Kings kneel at the manger.

KING 1: Hail, chosen one! Hail, Messiah! Hail, deliverer!

KING 2: Hail to him on whom the people place their hopes. May you grow in wisdom and rule your people with justice.

KING 3: We offer you our love and loyalty.

Each king opens his gift before the baby.

KING 1: And some gold.

KING 2: And frankincense.

KING 3: And myrrh.

MARY: Can you believe it? All this is for you, Jesus.

KING 2: Jesus? Did you say Jesus?

MARY: Yes.

The kings all sigh, close their gift boxes and stand to leave. They start to walk off, then King 3 turns around.

KING 3: We, uh, thought it was Barack Obama.

The Kings exit.