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Nativity scene

**The Birth of Jesus**

**Author:** Many years ago there lived a man whose name was Joseph. One day the Angel of God came to him.

**Angel:** Hallo, Joseph. Don’t be afraid. I am to tell you very important news. Mary is to have a son; he is to be named Jesus.

**Joseph:** But why?

**Angel:** It means Saviour. He shall save his people from their sins.

**Joseph:** Oh, my God!

**Author:** Mary too had a visitor.

**Angel Gabriel** : Hallo, Mary!

**Maria:** Hallo. Who are you?

**Angel Gabriel** : I am angel Gabriel, one of God’s messengers.

**Maria:** What has happened? Why are you here?

**Angel Gabriel** : Don’t be afraid. God loves you dearly. You are going to be a mother of a son, and you will call him Jesus.

**Maria:** Oh, but I am not married.

**Angel Gabriel** : Don’t worry about it. Jesus will be great and will be known as the son of God. He will be King over Israel forever. His reign shall never end.

Звучит мелодия «Морская малышка»

**Author:** Joseph married Maria and they lived happily. It was time for Maria to have a baby, but one day Joseph got a letter.

**Joseph:** Maria, we must go to Bethlehem. The government ordered everyone to make a journey to the place of their birth to be counted and registered and to pay their taxes.

**Maria:** But how can I? Especially in my condition? Especially on a donkey?

**Joseph :** But we have nothing else.

Звучит мелодия «Морская малышка»

**Author:** So, here they are: on the way to Bethlehem.

**Joseph:** Mary, look! I can see the roofs of Bethlehem. Our journey will soon be over.

**Maria:** But where shall we stay? The town is so noisy and full of people.

**Joseph:** Oh, dear! I am afraid, we won’t be able to find any room. Every corner is full of visitors.

**Maria:** Oh, what shall we do?

**Joseph:** Don’t worry! We shall stay in this stable! There is an empty stall there. Sit down and have a rest.

Звучит мелодия «Морская малышка»

**Author:** God and his angels kept watching over the darkened stable. It was Christmas Eve. At this time out in the fields a wood fire was burning and the shepherds were sitting round the fire. Suddenly an Angel of Lord appeared among the startled shepherds.

**Shepherds:** Oh, what is it? Look! Look!

**Angel:**  Don’t be afraid! I bring good news. Today in Bethlehem a Savior has been born for you! He is Christ, The Lord and this is your sign – you will find a baby in a manger.

**Shepherds:** Oh, what was it? Did you see it, too?

Was it a dream?

How wonderful! A child in a manger?

Let’s go and see if it is true.

Звучит мелодия «Морская малышка»

**Author:** And they went to the stable….. All her life long Mary remembered these visitors. Soon dawn came to Bethlehem and then full day. There were no cards, no presents, no decorations, and no special food. But there was good news, singing and great joy and the birth of Jesus. It was a very happy Christmas.