

# The Christmas Tree Nativity

SCRIPT (AGES 5 - 9)



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## FULL DETAILS

**Running Time (including music):** Approximately **35 minutes**.

**Number of songs:** 7

**Cast: 31 speaking parts** (easily adaptable to approximately **22 - 42**).

The cast can also be expanded further with **non-speaking parts**; suggestions for expanding or reducing the cast are provided in your Play Pack. For further information, take a look at the cast list available on our website.

## SCENE 1: WELCOME TO OUR SHOW!



### Track 1: MEDLEY (OPTIONAL)

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*Time to get ready for the start of the show! The instrumental Medley welcomes the audience as the cast assemble, ready to begin the performance...*

## SCENE 2: OUTSIDE IN THE SNOW

*The stage is bare except for a colourful Christmas tree sitting to one side. Underneath the tree are several brightly-wrapped presents.*

**Narrator 1:** This is the story of a magic tree...

**Narrator 2:** A tree that taught us all about Christmas...

*Four Children (**Jed, Pogo, Scoot and Ziggy**) run on stage excitedly, from the opposite side to where the tree is standing.*

**Jed:** *(To Pogo, Scoot and Ziggy)* Hurry up - we'll be late for lunch!

**Kat:** *(Rubbing tummy hungrily)* And I'm STARVING!

*Pogo suddenly notices the tree on the other side of the stage, and stops.*

**Pogo:** *(Pointing to the tree)* Wow! A Christmas tree!

*Jed, Pogo and Ziggy gather excitedly round the tree. Scoot runs back to the side of the stage from where they had entered.*

**Scoot:** *(Calling off-stage)* Hey! Come and see what WE'VE found!

*Four more Children (**Kat, Chip, Buddy and Doodle**) run on stage excitedly, and everyone crowds round the tree, jostling to take a look.*

**Ziggy:** *(Sarcastically, rather unimpressed)* It's JUST a Christmas tree!

*Suddenly, **Elves** appear beside the tree.*

**Elf 1:** It's a MAGICAL Christmas tree!

**Everyone:** *(Impressed)* Ooooo!



*Doodle excitedly tears off the paper, and holds up a book called "THE STORY OF CHRISTMAS".*

**Doodle:** *(Reading from the cover of the book, intrigued) The Story Of Christmas...*

**Everyone:** *(Impressed) Ooooo!*

*Doodle opens the book and reads from it:*

**Doodle:** Open the gifts that are under the tree to find out the meaning of Christmas.

*The **Elves** exit, giggling. The **Children** turn to each other and shrug, confused by what's happening. **Buddy** peers under the tree, picks up the next present, and reads the label.*

**Buddy:** *(Surprised) This one's for ME!*

***Buddy** excitedly tears off the wrapping paper, and holds up a map.*

**Buddy:** *(Disappointed) It's a map!*

**Everyone:** *(Confused) What's THAT got to do with Christmas?!*

## SCENE 3: ON THE ROAD TO BETHLEHEM

*Jed, Pogo, Scoot, Ziggy, Kat, Chip, Buddy and Doodle look surprised as Mary and Joseph suddenly appear on the stage. Joseph crosses to the Children and takes the map from Buddy.*

**Joseph:** I've been looking EVERYWHERE for that!

**Chip:** Who are YOU?!

**Mary:** It's a LONG story.

**Ziggy:** *(Grumpily)* I hope it's not TOO long - we'll be in BIG trouble with \_\_\_\_\_ *[insert the name of your Head Teacher]*.

**Jed:** *(Concerned)* AND we'll be late for lunch.

**Kat:** *(Rubbing tummy hungrily)* And I'm STARVING!

**Everyone:** *(To Jed and Kat)* Shhhh!

**Mary:** I'm Mary...

**Joseph:** And I'm Joseph...

**Mary:** We need the map to get to Bethlehem.

**Joseph:** Mary's having a baby, so we have to go now.

**Buddy:** How will you get there?

**Everyone:** Look under the tree!

*Scoot crosses to the Christmas tree, picks up a present, and reads the label.*

**Scoot:** This one's for ME!

*Scoot excitedly tears off the wrapping paper, and holds up a bunch of hay.*



**Everyone:**           *(Confused)* What's THAT got to do with Christmas?!

**Mary:**                It's hay for our donkey's dinner.

*Suddenly, the **Donkey** pops into view and waves excitedly at the audience.*

**Donkey:**            *(Hungrily)* Did someone say DINNER?!

*The **Donkey** crosses to **Scot** and takes the hay.*

**Donkey:**            *(Rubbing tummy and licking lips appreciatively)* Mmmmm,  
THAT looks tasty!

**Narrator 3:**        It's time to set off on their way,  
To Bethlehem, so far away...

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♪ **Track 3: I'M A LITTLE DONKEY**

**Verse 1**        I'm a little donkey. Ee-or! Ee-or!  
I'm a little donkey. Ee-or! Ee-or!  
I clip, clip, clop till my feet get sore,  
Come on ev'rybody say ee-or!

I'm a little donkey. Ee-or! Ee-or!  
I'm a little donkey. Ee-or! Ee-or!  
I clip, clip, clop till my feet get sore,  
Ev'rybody say ee-or!

**Verse 2**        **Repeat Verse 1**

Ev'rybody say ee-or!  
Ev'rybody say ee-or!

Ee-or!

← On each "Ee-or!" hold hands up to head as imaginary ears, and flop them forward then back again!



**Track 4: ON OFF MUSIC**

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*Mary, Joseph and the Donkey exit.*

## SCENE 4: NO ROOM AT THE INN

*Jed and Kat cross to the Christmas tree.*

**Kat:** What happens next?

**Everyone:** Look under the tree!

**Jed:** *(Concerned)* We'll be late for lunch...

**Kat:** *(Rubbing tummy hungrily)* And I'm STARVING!

**Everyone:** *(To Jed and Kat)* Shhhh!

*They peer under the tree; Kat picks up a present and reads the label.*

**Kat:** This one's for ME!

*Kat excitedly tears off the wrapping paper, and holds up a sign reading "NO VACANCIES!"*

**Everyone:** *(Confused)* What's THAT got to do with Christmas?!

*Suddenly, Innkeeper 1 marches up and takes the sign out of Kat's hands.*

**Innkeeper 1:** That's mine, thank you!

*Surprised, all the Children rush off stage. More Innkeepers enter, and all stand in a row across the stage.*

**Narrator 4:** Mary and Joseph arrive in Bethlehem.  
But there's no room at the inn.

*Mary, Joseph and the Donkey enter wearily.*



## Track 5: KNOCK! KNOCK! KNOCK!

**Verse 1** Knock! Knock! Knock! Who's there?  
Can we have a room?  
Knock! Knock! Knock! Who's there?  
Can we have a room?

Knock! Knock! Knock! Who's there?  
Can we have a room?  
We just need a place to stay,  
Can we have a room?



On each "Knock!" pretend to knock a door.  
On "Can we have a room?" hold hands out to the sides in confusion.

**Verse 2** Knock! Knock! Knock! Who's there?  
Can you squeeze us in?  
Knock! Knock! Knock! Who's there?  
Can you squeeze us in?

Knock! Knock! Knock! Who's there?  
Can you squeeze us in?  
We just need a place to stay,  
Can you squeeze us in?



On "Can you squeeze us in?" hold arms up tight to body.

**Verse 3** Knock! Knock! Knock! Who's there?  
What else can we do?  
Knock! Knock! Knock! Who's there?  
What else can we do?

Knock! Knock! Knock! Who's there?  
What else can we do?  
We just need a place to stay,  
What else can we do?



On "What else can we do?" shrug shoulders.

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*Joseph crosses to the first Innkeeper in the line - Innkeeper 3.*

**Joseph:** Have you got a room?

**Innkeeper 3:** Sorry, we're full up. Try next door.

*Joseph moves on to Innkeeper 2.*

**Joseph:** Have YOU got a room?

**Innkeeper 2:** Sorry, we're full up. Try next door.

*Joseph moves on to Innkeeper 1.*

**Joseph:** Have YOU got a room?

**Innkeeper 1:** *(Grumpily, holding up the "NO VACANCIES!" sign)* Read the sign!

**Joseph:** *(Frustrated)* I KNEW we should have booked online!

**Mary:** We'll try next door!

**Innkeeper 1:** *(Horrorified)* Next door is the stable! Do you want to sleep with the ANIMALS...?!



## **Track 6: ON OFF MUSIC**

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