

# Director's Notes

## SUMMARY

We all make journeys at Christmas! This retelling of the Nativity story follows the journeys of its characters as they travel to Bethlehem, all needing a little help on their way. The show opens with a song about present day Christmas journeys, and then we follow Mary and Joseph towards Bethlehem, where Jesus is born. Next, angels lead a group of shepherds, running, skipping and bouncing all the way to Bethlehem! The three wise men follow a star to find the baby, with Superstar Camel carrying the heavy gold. Finally everyone reaches the stable, and all sing to celebrate the birth of baby Jesus.

## CAST LIST

Narrator 1, 2 & 3 (more if required)

Joseph

Mary

Farmer

Donkey

Innkeeper

Angels 1, 2 & 3 (more if required)

Shepherds & Sheep

Wise Man 1, 2 & 3

Star

Old Camel, Weak Camel and Superstar Camel

Page 1, 2 & 3

Chorus - as many as required (Group 1, 2 & 3 taken from Chorus)

## PROPS

Signs: No room at the inn ♦ You can't stay here ♦ All our rooms are full ♦ Stable to let ♦

Doll to represent baby Jesus

Gold - a box of books wrapped/painted gold, rope/strap attached

Manger

Frankincense - a fancy jar, labelled

Chairs for Mary and Joseph

Myrrh - another fancy jar, labelled

Lamb soft toy

Walking stick for Old Camel

Shepherds crooks

Sling for Weak Camel

Bethlehem star

Sunglasses for Superstar Camel (optional - for all Chorus)

## COSTUMES

Costumes are as required for any conventional nativity (i.e. dressing gowns, tea towels, angel robes, animal headgear, three wise men) plus Santa, postman etc.

## STAGING SUGGESTIONS

Choir situated on 2 sides of the stable setup. It may be helpful that the wise men start at one side and travel in, shepherds from the opposite and travel to the centre.

All children sing the songs.

# Director's Overview

**Song** CHRISTMAS JOURNEYS ◉ Track 1 / 12

Mary and Joseph have to get to Bethlehem, but how can they get there? A friendly farmer offers to lend them his donkey. Now they just need to find the way.

**Song** WHICH WAY TO BETHLEHEM? ◉ Track 2 / 13

Mary and Joseph travel to Bethlehem arriving very tired, but there is no-where for them to stay until an innkeeper offers them his stable. It's here that Baby Jesus is born.

**Song** AWAY IN A MANGER ◉ Track 3 / 14

Angels appear to some shepherds watching their sheep outside Bethlehem, telling them that a special baby has been born.

**Incidental** SHEPHERD MUSIC ◉ Track 4 / 15

**Incidental** ANGEL MUSIC ◉ Track 5 / 16

The Shepherds hurry to see Baby Jesus, following the angels to the stable.

**Song** WE'RE GONNA RUN ◉ Track 6 / 17

**Incidental** STAR MUSIC ◉ Track 7 / 18

The three wise men see a star and realise it means a special baby has been born. They decide to visit him and take gifts, but whose camel is strong enough to carry the gold?

**Song** SUPERSTAR CAMEL ◉ Track 8 / 19

**Incidental** WISE MEN TRAVELLING MUSIC ◉ Track 9 / 20

The wise men arrive in Bethlehem and present their gifts of Myrrh, Frankincense and Gold. Everyone celebrates the first Christmas.

**Incidental** STABLE MUSIC ◉ Track 10 / 21

**Song** THIS WAY TO BETHLEHEM ◉ Track 11 / 22

## Enhanced CD contains:

- Audio tracks - demos & backings
- Pupil Script
- Narrative Versions  
(Teacher & Pupil scripts)
- Lyric Sheets
- Programme Template
- Colouring Sheets (as shown to right)

