



“THREE WISE MEN” CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

Scripts for “Three Wise Men” Christmas Celebration.

WEEK #1

Props: Pulpit and chairs are removed. Only the manger and microphones are on the stage.

SONG BY CHOIR.

CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTMAS SONG BY CHOIR (Note: the congregation remains seated.) On verse 2 Mary and Joseph enter from the back of the auditorium with the baby Jesus wrapped in swaddling clothes. They place the baby in the manger then kneel on each side of the manger near the microphones.

Next Song: for men in the choir only: “We 3 Kings of Orient Are” – The men will *sing verses 1 and 2 only* since these verses are the subject of the sermon. The wise men will enter at the beginning of the song from the back of the auditorium bearing their gifts. The choir will finish verse 2 then be seated.

(Gaspar steps forward from the other magi.)

Gaspar: Where is he that is born the King of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the east and we have come to this little place call Bethlehem in order to worship him!

Joseph (points to the manger baby): This is Jesus, the King of the Jews. An angel said to us, he will be great and will be called the son of the highest. The Lord God will give to him the throne of His father David and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever. His Kingdom shall never end. We do not understand this but here in this manger lies the King of the Jews.

Gaspar steps to the manger, kneels, and presents his gift of gold to the parents: My name is Gaspar. I have brought to this King a gift which highly honors him. My special gift is gold.

Mary: Gold! But gold is reserved only for Kings and princes.

Gaspar: And, Young Mother, that is exactly what you have here: the King of the Jews and the King someday of the entire earth. Of His Kingdom there shall be no end! The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform His promise! May the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob bless you and care for this child.

(Gaspar presents the gift, kisses the child, and then all of the wise men exit as the men in the choir sing verse 5 of WE THREE KINGS OF ORIENT ARE.)

Message: The Purpose of the Gold

WEEK #2

Props: Pulpit and chairs are removed. Only the manger and microphones are on the stage.

SONG BY CHOIR.

CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTMAS SONG BY CHOIR (Note: the congregation remains seated.) On verse 2 Mary and Joseph enter from the back of the auditorium with the baby Jesus wrapped in swaddling clothes. They place the baby in the manger then kneel on each side of the manger near the microphones.

Next Song: for men in the choir only: "WE 3 KINGS OF ORIENT ARE" – The men will *sing verses 1 and 3 only* since these verses are the subject of the sermon. The wise men will enter at the beginning of the song from the back of the auditorium bearing their gifts. The choir will finish verse 3 then be seated.

(Melchior steps forward from the other magi.)

Melchior: Where is he that is born the King of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the east and we have come to this little place call Bethlehem in order to worship him!

Joseph (points to the manger baby): Here is the King of the Jews for though He is small among the tribes of Judah yet out of Bethlehem Ephrathah shall he come forth who is to be the ruler over Israel, whose beginnings are from of old, from everlasting.

Melchior steps to the manger, kneels, and presents his gift of frankincense to the parents.

Melchior: My name is Melchior. I have brought to this King a gift which highly honors him. My special gift is frankincense.

Mary opens the bottle and smells the sweet aroma: Joseph, this is the sweetest perfume – the most expensive perfume which money can buy. This is a perfume which only Kings are able to buy! There is nothing anywhere which is sweeter than this!

Melchior: Young Mother, there is only one item which can be sweeter than this perfume. This is the life which your young child can live for he shall be sweeter than honey from out of the comb, he shall be fairer than lilies of rarest bloom, he shall be all that our hungering spirit needs, I say to you today that I'd rather have Jesus than have anything.

(Melchior presents the gift, kisses the child, (*wait on men to sing*) and then all wise men exit as the men in the choir sing "MY JESUS I LOVE THEE", verses 1 & 2.)

Message: The Purpose of the Frankincense

WEEK #3

Props: Pulpit and chairs are removed. Only the manger and microphones are on the stage.

SONG BY CHOIR.

CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTMAS SONG BY CHOIR (Note: The congregation remains seated.) On verse 2 Mary and Joseph enter from the back of the auditorium with the baby Jesus wrapped in swaddling clothes. They place the baby in the manger then kneel on each side of the manger near the microphones.

Next Song: for men in the choir only: “WE 3 KINGS OF ORIENT ARE” – The men will *sing verses 1 and 4 only* since these verses are the subject of the sermon. The wise men will enter at the beginning of the song from the back of the auditorium bearing their gifts. The choir will finish verse 4 then be seated.

(Balthasar steps forward from the other magi.)

Balthasar: Where is he that is born the King of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the east and we have come to this little place call Bethlehem in order to worship him!

Joseph (points to the manger baby): This is Jesus, the King of the Jews. I know he does not look like a King but this is what the angel told us. As you can tell, this stable is a rather bad place for a King to be born. But it is the best that we can do.

Balthasar: Yes, but something tells me that this King is headed for worse times than even this. We have heard in our own land the words of your prophet Isaiah: that your King is to be despised and rejected of men, a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief. Like one whom men choose to avoid, he is to be despised and esteemed not; furthermore, he will have no beauty or majesty that the people should desire him.

Mary weeps as Balthasar speaks the above words: And someone has even told us that a sword – yes, a sword, will pierce my own soul because of him.

Balthasar steps to the manger, kneels, and presents his gift of gold to the parents: My name is Balthasar. I have brought to this King a gift which tells us about his life and also about his death. My gift is the gift of Myrrh!

Joseph: You must be trying to tell us something because Myrrh is used as an embalming fluid. Myrrh is used to embalm the dead.

Balthasar: Yes, for so God has told us in his word. The truth is all we like sheep have gone astray, we have turned everyone to his own way and the Lord will lay upon this child the iniquity of us all.

Balthasar presents the gift, kisses the child, and then all of the wise men exit. As they exit the entire choir sings AT THE CROSS in the following arrangement:

- Men sing verse 1 without instruments – no chorus
- Ladies sing verse 2 without instruments –
- Everyone sings the chorus–
- Choir sings verses 3 & 4

Message: The Purpose of the Myrrh