

Staging: When we did this play at [Good News Fellowship](#) we projected all the words on the screen using the same overhead projection system we use for our songs. This took the pressure off the 4-11 year old kids who were performing, they didn't have to memorize anything. We dressed each kid in an oversized white shirt that looked kind of like a choir robe (we pulled the shirts out of the back the closets of several adults). We hung a large sign around each kids' neck to identify him or her (e.g. "Angel" "Father" "Holy Spirit"). This eliminated the need for costumes.

Act 1:

Narr.: In the beginning was God: the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. [*The three members of the Trinity walk on stage, stand next to each other, and link arms.*] God said:

Father: Let's create people to be my children.

Son: Let's make them in our image.

Holy Spirit: That way we can adopt them into our life forever.

Father: How will we adopt them into our life?

Son: I will become human like them so that they can become one with us.

Holy Spirit [to the Son]: Then they will be children of the Father forever, just like you.

Narr.: [*Show image of created things on overhead projection.*] So the Father created everything through the Son and with the Holy Spirit: the stars, the earth, the angels, the animals, and every person. God made Adam and Eve in his image and placed them in the Garden of Eden.

[*Adam and Even stand together in front of Satan. Satan stands behind and speaks to them while they look at the audience. The Trinity stands behind Satan and observes.*]

Satan: You can't trust your Father in heaven.

Adam: I don't trust him.

Satan: Your Father in heaven doesn't love you.

Eve: Our Father doesn't love us.

[*Eve picks up the apple and pretends to take a bite, then hands it to Adam who also pretends to take a bite. Satan laughs maniacally and runs off stage. Adam and Eve sink to their knees and hang their heads.*]

Father: They've sinned.

Son: Now when I become one of them it will hurt.

Holy Spirit: You'll do it anyway, we want them to live with us forever.

Act 2

Narr.: When the time was right, the Father sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, to a young woman named Mary.

Angel: Mary, I have good news. The Son of God will become human by being born as your baby.

Mary: I can't have a baby! I'm not married yet.

Angel: Don't be afraid, it will be a miracle of the Holy Spirit.

Joseph: I can't get married now, Mary is going to have a baby.

Angel: Don't worry, Joseph, her baby is a miracle of the Holy Spirit. Name the baby Jesus because he will save everyone.

Joseph: Y-y-yes ma'am!

Narr.: *[During this narration Joseph and Mary walk across the room, in front of the stage, enter stage right and cross the stage. They then kneel and Joseph helps Mary remove the doll representing the baby Jesus from under her shirt. They wrap him in a blanket.]*

In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. And everyone went to his own town to register. So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary. While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

Narr.: And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.

Angel: Do not be afraid. I bring good news for everyone. Christ the Lord has been born!

Shepherds: Let's go to Bethlehem and see what's happened!

Narr.: *[During this narration, Joseph and Mary exit the stage and hand the baby Jesus off to the Father and the Holy Spirit.]*

So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them.

*[Father and Holy Spirit come on stage, with the Spirit carrying the baby Jesus in his arms. Once on stage they link arms and continuing holding Jesus.]*

Father: Now humanity has been born again, they will be my children forever through Jesus my Son.

Holy Spirit: When Jesus returns to us here in heaven he will bring humanity with him and they will live with us forever.

~The End of the Beginning~