

Luminary Script for Storytellers

Storyteller #1: A prophet delivers the divine messages from God. Long before the birth of Jesus, a prophet declared a child would be born and he would be called Immanuel. Immanuel that God would be with us. Isaiah is a prophet of God. Isaiah 9:2, 6 “The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined.” (Instruct the children in the group in front of you to pick up a glow stick candle laid out in a basket. Ask them to “light it and listen”)

Verse 6 “For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulder; and he is named Wonderful counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Storyteller#2: 700 years pass and Isaiah’s words are passed down through the generations. Until one day the prophecy was fulfilled. Luke 1:26-31 “In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph of the house of David. The virgin’s name was Mary. And he came to her and said, “Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you.” But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus.”

Storyteller#3: Another angel of the lord appears to Joseph. Matthew 1: 19-21 Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this and angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus for he will save his people from their sins.”

Storyteller#4: Joseph and Mary both did what they had been told by the God and planned to welcome a son together. An order went out to all the land that all would need to register in the town of their family. Luke 2:4-5 “Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child.”

Storyteller#5: Once they were in Bethlehem, they could not find a place to stay the night because it was so full of people there for the census. Joseph and Mary found a stable that offered them shelter from the night. Luke 2:7 “And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in the manger because there was no place for them in the inn.”



Storyteller#6: On that same night in a field out of town there were shepherds. It felt like a normal night watch for the shepherd's on duty. In Luke 2:9-14 "Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see- I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord" This will be a sign for you; you will find a child wrapped in band of cloth and lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those he favors!" (if you have extra flash lights it would be neat to have extra people behind the story teller and they turn on their flashlights when the reader says "Suddenly". Like extra spot lights.)

Storyteller #7: The shepherds were frightened and then excited to go and see. Luke 2:15-20 "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us. So, they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made know what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told to them.

*The storyteller vignette should be everyone in the same family unit. You may want to divide lines up if there are multiple siblings that want to read in one storytelling vignette.

*The flashlights are to act as a kind of portable spot light and should be run by the reader's parents. Try having them stay off to the side. When the spot light is on them they read and when they are done reading the parent turns off the light. This highlights the reader and tells people when to move on to next.

*So that the children don't feel they have to memorize, print out their lines and put in a black folder. If they find it hard to read, you may need to get them a mini battery candle to hold as they read. Have a map of the Luminary trail in the folder and have it marked where that specific storytelling family should stand. (That way they don't have to come find you.)

*If it is too cold for the kids to just wear your Nativity costumes and they need to wear a coat, you could just have them wear the character's headdress.

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