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SUMMARY

It's Christmas Eve. Mum and Dad tell the children that it's time for bed, but they want to be told a story first! They want 'A Little Nativity'. The story is told in the songs, with the children asking 'What happened next?' after each one, until eventually it really is time for bed!

CAST

Speaking Parts:

Dad and Mum
Children

May be children or adults.
The entire chorus. (Option: you may even involve the entire audience / congregation, using prompt cards.)

Solo singing:

Mary; Angel Gabriel; Innkeeper 3

Group singing:

Mary & Joseph; Angels

Non-Speaking Parts *(not essential, but children may feature as these characters during songs)*

Song 2	Mary, Angel Gabriel & Angels
Song 3	Mary, Joseph, Donkey
Song 4	Mary, Joseph, Donkey, Innkeeper 1/2/3
Song 5	Mary, Joseph
Song 6	Shepherds, Sheep, Angels, Stars
Song 7	Three Wise Men, Mary, Joseph
Song 8	Mary, Joseph, Three Wise Men, Shepherds (ideally 4), Angels (ideally 5) Optional: Cows, Donkeys, Sheep, Hens.

STAGING

No special staging required.

COSTUMES

Traditional nativity costumes for nativity actors.
Children might be in pyjamas, as it's bedtime.
Mum & Dad as appropriate.

PROPS

Chair for Mary, Song 2, and again in Song 5. Crooks for shepherds. Manger.

DIRECTOR'S OVERVIEW

SCENE 1 Time For A Story

SONG A LITTLE NATIVITY ◉ Track 1 / 13

SCENE 2 The Angel Gabriel Brings News To Mary

SONG MARY, MARY, WHAT A SURPRISE ◉ Track 2 / 14

SCENE 3 Mary & Joseph Go To Bethlehem

SONG *SUCH A LONG WAY ◉ Track 3 / 15

SCENE 4 No Room At The Inn

SONG BETHLEHEM IS FULL ◉ Track 4 / 16

SCENE 5 Jesus Is Born

SONG *IN THE STABLE ◉ Track 5 / 17

SCENE 6 Shepherds Hear The News

SONG A LITTLE MUSIC (optional instrumental) ◉ Track 6 / 18

SONG ON THAT NIGHT ◉ Track 7 / 19

SCENE 7 Three Wise Men Follow A Star

SONG *ONCE THERE WERE THREE WISE MEN ◉ Track 8 / 20

SCENE 8 Celebration In The Stable

SONG A LITTLE MUSIC (optional instrumental) ◉ Track 9 / 21

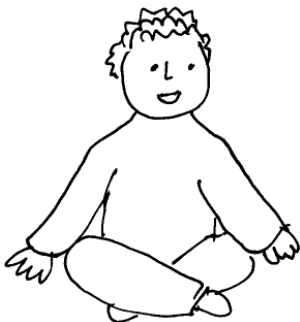
SONG ONE LITTLE BOY IN THE STRAW ◉ Track 10 / 22

SCENE 9 Time For Bed!

SONG A LITTLE NATIVITY (reprise) ◉ Track 11 / 23

OPTIONAL FINAL SCENE - Happy Christmas

SONG *WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS ◉ Track 12 / 24



* If you are short of preparation time, one or more of the asterisked songs above may be omitted without losing the thread of the story.