

Sin: ADAM and EVE

Item: animal fur

Adam: Oh hello, My name is Adam

Eve: and My name is Eve

Adam: and We have walked with God...we actually used to walk with the creator of.....

Eve: Well every-thing.

Adam: And it was all good, all the time. Me, My wife and God. We lived in a place called Eden, a paradise. We never had to plant or work the ground, all we had to do was harvest what we needed.

Eve: God gave us everything, everything except one tree, one fruit bearing tree.

Adam: He commanded us to never eat from the tree or we would die. So we never did

Eve: until that day.

Adam: We had a choice and that day we chose for ourselves what we thought was right and wrong.

Eve: We decided God was wrong and we second guessed God's commands.....God's (*dramatic pause*) love

Adam: So we ate the fruit of this forbidden tree and we...

Eve: We were afraid for the first time. We felt ashamed. What had I done? There can be only one truth in which right and wrong are based. And it was not ours.

Adam: We wanted to run, we wanted to hide, but where can you hide from God.

Eve: With sadness God made for us proper coverings for our nakedness. Coverings that were made of animal skin and fur. These animals died to temporarily cover our shame. Now every day we feel these coverings and it reminds us that God did not give up on us, but he made a way for us.

Adam: Feel the fur and let it remind you that God has not given up on you.

(Adam and eve exit)

Angel

(Angel enters the room)

Angel: Hello travelers, I am here to guide you on the next part your journey, please, follow me

(leads into the next room)

Many years have passed since the time of Adam and Eve, many generations have followed in the footsteps of Adam and Eve, some sought to follow God and some sought to follow their own way, but God never abandoned his people. He is a God who loves his people, and He is a God who keeps his promises. God made a promise to redeem his people, he promised to send a savior to rescue them from sin and eternal separation from him. This is why I am here!! I am on my way to announce his coming to the least suspecting of people. ***(Mary enters room and Mary appears afraid)***

Angel and Mary

Angel: Fear not Mary, for thou hast found favor with God.

Mary: Who? Me?

Angel: Do not be afraid, Mary, behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name JESUS. ³² He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. ³³ And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end.”

Mary: “How can this be, since I do not know a man?”

Angel: “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God. For with God nothing will be impossible.”

Mary: “Behold the maidservant of the Lord! Let it be to me according to your word.”

(Mary exits the room and the angel sends the travelers along on their journey)

Angel: Right this way travelers

Birth of a King

Mary: Nine months have passed since my encounter with the angel of the Lord.

(raises and moves toward the crowd)

My first born...laying in a manger. Not only my first born, but also divinely of God. When the angel came to me...I didn't know what would come. This is not a place for my baby boy and even more than that...this is no place for a divine child of God...

I was engaged when the angel came to me...he gave me a message from God. The angel called me blessed

...what did I do to be so honored by God?

I was to be the mother of a child conceived by the Holy Spirit

and now the day is here. We traveled to my husband's home town for the census, and there was no place for us to stay. That is how we ended up here.

And so here we are with the miracle child of God laying in a manger.

"Emmanuel" which means God With us. God has come and has traded the honor and glory of his throne for this lowly manger, built to feed the animals. No place for a king....no place for any child....

My first born, I love you son. You deserve much more than this..., but God has arranged this, and again I say

'be to your servant Lord according to your ways'

Sometimes God's intervention in our lives looks strange and seems uncomfortable.

God's will is not for us to be comfortable but to save us and to show his Glory.

Have you ever thought God had forgotten about you because you were uncomfortable?

(starts stepping backward towards manger as next lines are said)

Maybe you lost some material things or a situation didn't work out the way you had hoped, and you thought God had abandoned you.

(looks at baby while saying final lines)

A minor view of a master plan will lead you astray.

'be to your servant Lord according to your ways'

(begins singing to the baby again)

Groups get lights before walking down the hallway of Jesus pictures. Banner talking about the light of the world.

Jesus' ministry

Jesus: Good evening travelers, you just caught me on my way to Bethany to check up on my friend Lazarus and his sisters. Come, follow me...

(Jesus leads in the room)

Martha: Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you.”

Jesus: Your brother will rise again.

Martha: I know that he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day.

Jesus: I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?

Martha: Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world.”

(...cross room to the tomb)

Jesus: Remove the stone

Martha: But Lord it has been four days, he stinketh

Jesus: (in a loud voice) Lazarus, come forth

(Lazarus comes out of the tomb, Martha embraces him and starts unbinding him.)

Jesus: come, we must keep moving on

NICODEMUS

Nicodemus; Rabbi, Rabbi

Jesus: Ah, Shalom Nicodemus, a pleasure to see you this evening

Nicodemus: Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him.”

Jesus: Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.”

Nicodemus: How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?

Jesus: Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.

Nicodemus: How can these things be?

Jesus: Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things?

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Nicodemus walks away frustrated

JESUS: Come travelers, follow me

CRIPPLED BEGGAR and Religious leaders

Religious Leaders: Shalom Rabbi, it is good to see you at the synagogue this beautiful Sabbath day.

(Jesus looks agitated and shakes his head. Then turns and looks at the crippled man)

Jesus: You, Come here.

Crippled man stands and walks to Jesus. Jesus looks toward the Religious leaders

Jesus: Is it lawful on the Sabbath to do good or to do harm,....

(looks around grieved and angry) TO SAVE LIFE OR TO KILL?

Jesus calms down and turns to the crippled man

Jesus: Stretch out your hand.

(Cripple slowly opens hand and gets excited about being healed.)

(Religious leader becomes angry and storms out of the room.)

Jesus: My time has come and I must to spend some time speaking to the father. Peace be with you travelers.

(Jesus leaves room.)

Jesus' Teaching

Religious Leader: Ah welcome travelers, maybe you can come and help us talk some sense into these confused people. They insist on following the teachings of a homeless carpenter from Nazareth who acts like a Rabbi. This man...Jesus. He teaches against our customs. He is destroying our people. Leading them into destruction. He will cause our people to perish.
(extinguish 1st candle)

Crowd Member: No, that's not true, he heals and teaches the people the commands of God.

Religious Leader: He heals in the power of Satan. Evil obeys him because he is evil. His lies have swayed the people to reject God's law. **(extinguish 2nd candle)**

Crowd Member: He gave glory to God for those healings and claimed they were the testimony of God for his authority.

Religious Leader: Then why did he break the Law of Moses and refuse to keep the Sabbath holy.
(Ex. 3rd)

Crowd Member: How is healing not keeping the Sabbath Holy? He only violated your traditions that you added to the Law.

Religious Leader: How dare you question me!! A Pharisee of Pharisees, can you not see how I uphold every teaching, I pray and fast, ...Look at me you filthy gentile, I am a descendent of Abraham. I am of the Tribe of Levi and you dare question ME.

(silent, return to a calmer tone)

Back to this Jesus of Nazareth, our final charge is the most condemning one of all. Blas-phemy... He claims to have the power to forgive sins and he claims to be God.

(laughing in mockery) God I tell you. He claims to be The Lord God Almighty.

This man claims to be God....**(ex 4th)**

Crowd Member: But what if he is. Just look at the evidence. All the....

Religious Leader: ENOUGH!! You know nothing at all. Nor do you understand that it is better for you that one man should die for the people, not that the whole nation should perish.

(ex. Last candle)

(All stage lights off and darkness)

(sinister tone) Besides, we have no king, but Caesar

Jesus' Arrest/ Judas' regret:

Judas:

What have I done? I have sinned by betraying innocent blood. My teacher, my master, my friend.

30 pieces of silver...this bag of money is what I exchanged for innocent blood.

I led them to Jesus, to the garden where he would take us to retreat from the crowds.

How could I have been so misled...these so called men of God....the priest....the high priest

We came to the garden with a detachment of troops and others....

We carried lanterns and torches and...weapons!

To arrest a miracle worker and teacher....As if he was a common criminal.

They led him away, he never ever fought back, never cried out for help. Just surrendered peacefully.

Now they have delivered him to Pilot demanding crucifixion. The brutal execution for the worst offenders.

What have I done....Have I just betrayed God for money

My old teacher once said "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also"

Travelers, where is your treasure? What are you betraying God for?

Unfortunately, I must be off....I have some.... business to attend to. Take care travelers.

(Judas leaves or moves out of view)

The death of Jesus:

My job is to execute criminals, bring justice to the wicked. But this Jesus was different. His execution had more fanfare than the usual execution. The Jews were ruthless in their taunting...they must have hated him.

The execution was going just like every other, until about the sixth hour, the brightest...darkness fell on the land. Like the moment after a lamp burns out. darkness ...

After three hours of darkness, this Jesus cried out unto his God, then yielded his life. Instead of gasping and fighting for his next breath, he just breathed out as if he was surrendering his life and he died.

...the moment he died...the veil...the temple curtain...you know the one that divides the area where God's presence dwells from the other parts of the temple.... The one that covers the room that only the high priest gets to go into once a year. That curtain ripped in half ...from top to bottom. Almost like God had done it himself and the Inner room was exposed to everyone. It was like God was inviting us to come in.... Think of it, a world where you could meet directly with God. ...No more temple, no more sacrifices. ... imagine that...

There was something different about this Jesus, Truly this was the Son of God.

But as for now, we are left in darkness. Please turn off your light and place them in the basket as you continue your journey.

Items: Cross, hammers nails, extra stones incase people lost their stone.

Transition from Jesus being dead, to now his resurrection state.

Hello travelers, I am Jesus the Christ. The Son of God. Tonight, you have journeyed through the story of my redeeming plan for my fallen creation. This cross symbolizes how I died. How I gave my life as a sacrifice for yours. Executed like a criminal, I gave up my life so that you may have eternal life.

Early in your journey you learned about how Sin entered humanity through the choices of Adam and Eve. Like Adam and Eve, you too have sinned and rebelled against me. The Wages of your sinful choices is eternal death, eternal separation from me, the one true God.

But I stand here today offering you a free gift, the gift of eternal life, the gift of reconnecting with me, reconciling our broken relationship. My sacrifice has made a way for you to become right with God, but to receive this free gift you must:

Believe that I lived, died and was raised again by the power of God and

Confess me as the Lord of your life, turning from all the things separated us.

As a symbol of this gift, I offer you one of these Nails. Take a piece of paper and write a sin you are struggling with. Then, nail your paper into the cross to symbolize my payment for your sins. There is nothing you can do to earn this exchange, all you must do is surrender and receive my gift. Come now.