

When Joseph Went to Bethlehem

Sing & Act Skit

Act out the sweet scene evoked by this song as you sing When Joseph Went to Bethlehem in primary.

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When Joseph Went to Bethlehem Script

**Play an instrumental introduction to When Joseph Went to Bethlehem as Joseph enters.*

Joseph enters with keys in his pocket.

**Boys Sing: "When Joseph went to Bethlehem, I think he took great care to place his tools and close his shop and leave no shavings there."*

Joseph walks over to the table and places the tools in a toolbox. He places the toolbox on the floor and sweeps the floor. He removes the wood shavings from the table and ensures that the table is organized. He pulls the keys from his pocket and pretends to lock the door.

**Girls Sing: "He urged the donkey forward then, with Mary on its back and carried bread and goat cheese in a little linen sack."*

Mary enters, holding a fabric bag with bread and cheese. The donkey kneels next to her, and **Joseph** and **Mary** begin walking toward the stable.

**Boys Sing: "And close beside the manger bed, he dimmed the lantern's light and held the little Jesus close upon that holy night."*

Mary quietly sits near the cradle while **Joseph** turns on the lantern. **Joseph** gently holds **baby Jesus**.

**Girls Sing: "I think there at the busy inn that he was meek and mild and awed to be the guardian of Mary's sacred child."*

Joseph stands and clears away the hay while **Mary** holds **baby Jesus**.

**All Children Sing: "Perhaps all through the chilly hours he smoothed the swaddling bands, and Jesus felt the quiet strength of Joseph's gentle hands."*

Joseph and **Mary** hold **baby Jesus** together and smile. When the music ends, **Joseph** shares his testimony.



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