

## Hey Parents, Christmas is going to be different this year at Friendship Baptist Church and we want your kids to be a part of it.

Yes, it's another one of those "due to Covid-19" letters but this one is different. It is a new and exciting opportunity for your children to do something that they will really love.

I have attached our Christmas play script at the end of this letter, and we want you to record your child reading it. We want you to choose the place and the time. Dress your child in their (or your) favorite Christmas outfit and hit record. That's right! You are the camera operator. The kids can read all of the script or a couple of portions. If you have non-reading preschoolers the sections in red are phrases that you can say and they can repeat with all the excitement and enthusiasm they can muster up.

### Here are some guidelines;

- Only record in LANDSCAPE mode. Portrait mode videos will not be used.
- Pay attention to what is in the background of the video. Maybe record in front of the Christmas tree.
- If your child is not a strong reader encourage them to focus on one or two sections of the script and record those sections.
- We want every child to participate, if you know other families who might enjoy being a part of this incredibly special project please share this email with them.

### How will the videos be used?

Upon completing the video we want you to upload it at [www.friendshipsturgis.com/christmas](http://www.friendshipsturgis.com/christmas). Our amazing media team will then take all the submitted videos and "piece" them together into one movie that will be shown during our Christmas Eve service.

**REMEMBER: RECORD YOUR VIDEO IN LANDSCAPE NOT PORTRAIT!**

8 If you have any questions, please feel free to email or call me.

I look forward to seeing your creativity, and your children's videos.

I love you guys,

*Bro. Trevor  
Student Minister  
Friendship Baptist*

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## The Birth of Jesus (Emphasis and Creative License Added)

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that the whole empire should be registered. This first registration took place while Quirinius was governing Syria. So everyone went to be registered, each to his own town.

And Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family line of David, to be registered along with Mary, who was engaged to him and was pregnant.

While they were there, the time came for her to give birth. Then she gave birth to her firstborn Son, and she wrapped Him snugly in cloth and laid Him in a feeding trough

(A what?)

a manger—because there was

no room

for them at the inn.

In the same region, shepherds were staying out in the fields and keeping watch at night over their flock. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. (Record your child's best "Home Alone After Shave Reaction") But the angel said to them, "Don't be afraid, for look, I proclaim to you good news(!) of great joy(!) that will be for all the people: today a Savior, who is Messiah the Lord, was born for you in the city of David. This will be the sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped snugly in cloth and lying in a manger."

Suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host with the angel, praising God and saying: **Glory to God in the highest** heaven, and peace on earth to people He favors!

When the angels had left them and returned to heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go straight to Bethlehem and see what has happened, which the Lord has made known to us."

They hurried off and found both Mary and Joseph, and the baby who was lying in the feeding trough.

"Jesus is born"

After seeing [them], they reported the message they were told about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them.

But Mary was treasuring up all these things in her heart and meditating on them. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had seen and heard, just as they had been told.

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem.

the star they had seen in the east went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. (Hooray!)

On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh.

And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

The End?

No, it's just the beginning

But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law,

Why?

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

Merry Christmas!

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