We Three Kings

(A sketch for four players)

Enter singing “We three kings”

K3: Why do we always go about singing that song?

K1: Well we are three kings.

K1: Yes?

K2: From the East.

K3: Well yes.

K1: And we have come a long way bearing gifts.

K3: Ok, Ok you’ve made your point.

K2: Speaking of gifts, can I just ask you one thing? What on earth possessed you to get myrrh? I mean, I’ve got gold for the new king, K1 has frankincense for holiness and religious rituals, and what do you get? Funeral spices, that’s what!

K3: I was running late, so I sent the boy out for something.

K1: And why has he come along?

K3: It was take your grandson to work week. Anyway, I thought it would be good for him to go on a quest, and the Holy Grail hasn’t been invented yet.

Boy: Are we there yet?

K3: Not yet, we’re following that bright star. We don’t know where it’s going, or how long it will take. That’s what questing’s all about.

K2: So which way are we going?

K1: You remember that star we saw?

K3: Oh yes, it came upon the midnight clear.

K2: Yes that’s the one. It seems to be westward leading, still proceeding, so it looks like we are going to King Herod’s court in Jerusalem. If there is a new baby king in Israel, it will be there.

Boy: Are we there yet?

K3: No but at least we know where we are going now.

K1: Oh look, Jerusalem has just appeared over the hill. Let’s go and find the king.

K3: Here’s the palace. (Knocks) Hello, we’re here to see the baby.

Exit

Slide saying something like “Some time later”.

Enter

K1: Did you see King Herod’s face when we told him about the new king? I’ve never seen anybody that colour before!

K3: And did you hear him? “A prince?” he said, “in Jewry?”

K1: At least he told us where to go once he calmed down.

K3: And he wanted directions so he could go and see the baby for himself.

K2: Oooh I’ve eaten too much! Do camels have to walk like this? I feel sick.

K1: I’m not surprised the amount you tucked away. From now on I’m going to think of you as burger king.

K3: Come on then, let’s go to Bethlehem.

K2: I hope we get there soon. This camel’s giving me the right hump!

K3: Eh? Mine’s only got a front and back hump.

K1: Can’t you two stop it? Let’s have a bit more silent night.

Boy: Are we there yet?

K3: Not yet, but we’re not that far from Bethlehem.

K1: Have you got the map?

K3: It’s right here. (Looking at map) Oh, little town of Bethlehem, where are you?

K1: Never mind the map, look at the star. It looks as if it has stopped.

K3: That’s good. According to the map we would have needed a boat soon.

K2: It looks like it has stopped over that stable, but we’re looking for a king. Surely a newborn king wouldn’t be in a stable?

Edge across, looking into the stable

K3: There He is - See Him, lying on a bed of straw?

K2: Oh yes, all meanly wrapped in swaddling bands, and in a manger laid.

K1: Oh come, let us adore Him.

K2: Oh come, let us adore Him.

K3: Oh come, let us adore Him.

Boy: Christ the Lord!

Exit