

Whole cohort - 'Come and join the celebration' song as parents come in.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pMqG5M76tFE>

(Larch) Kayani : Welcome to our Year 4 performance! We will be sharing the story of Christmas. This is where we celebrate the birth of Jesus. What are the clues that Christmas isn't far away?

(Oak) Aizah: The decorating of trees! *(holds up a small tree – Miss Holder has one!)*

(Beech) Antonia: The eating of advent calendars! *(holds up an advent calendar!)*

(Larch) Safa: And the wrapping of presents for loved ones! *(holds up a wrapped present!)*

(Oak) Nicole: This is an important celebration for Christians all around the world. The story starts with a pregnant woman and her husband travelling to Bethlehem.

Whole cohort – O Little Town of Bethlehem

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sI7_TGZaOIE

While this plays, Larch shows their tableaux.

Tableau 1 (Larch) – Mary (Umme Hafsa) and Joseph (Issa) travelling to Bethlehem. Mary, Joseph, Donkey (Anas), other people travelling (Simrah, Amanat, Zach, Ishanvi)

(Larch) Fahad: Christians believe that over 2000 years ago, a young woman named Mary was pregnant with the son of God.

Mustafa: The journey to Bethlehem would not have been easy: days were hot, nights were cold, and donkeys are not known for their speed.

Jayden: The route could be dangerous too. Mary and Joseph must have felt great anxiety and would have been very pleased to see Bethlehem appearing in the distance.

Larch sings 'Are Borequito (Spanish)'

While this plays, Beech shows their tableaux.

Tableau 2 (Beech) – Jesus born. Mary, Joseph, baby doll, Angel, animals.

(Beech) Aadya: Upon their arrival in Bethlehem, Mary and Joseph needed to find somewhere to stay. They sought shelter all over town, but it was very busy and all of the inns were full.

Isa: Eventually, a kindly innkeeper took pity on them. He led them to his stable, and offered them shelter with his animals.

Zaaina: That night, amidst the straw of the animals ...

the lowing of the ox ...

the braying of the donkey ...

the baaing of the sheep ...

baby Jesus was born.

They wrapped him in cloths and placed him in the manger.

Beech sings 'Mary did you know?'

Tableau 3 (Oak) – Three Wise Men arrive. Mary (Harmini), Joseph (Nathan), baby doll, animals (Habib, Uerda, Dorian), 3 wise men (Brooklyn, Zayna, Dacian).

(Oak) Kia: Far away in the east, three wise men had observed a bright star in the sky and knew it represented the newborn king. They set out on their camels and travelled to Jerusalem.

Chloe: Upon arrival, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshipped him. They were overwhelmed!

Isabella: Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

Oak sings 'We Three Kings'

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nc6BWlFvhWA>

(Larch) Safwa: Just as the wise men brought gifts to Jesus, so we are reminded of how the events of his birth continue to influence our own lives and actions at Christmastime: giving and receiving presents, making journeys to see loved ones, finding joy and happiness as we celebrate with friends and family.

(Oak) Momen: Let us make this Christmas a very special one: one that remembers those who are less fortunate than we are, one that puts the needs of others first, and one that delights in the small acts of kindness which continue to make it the most wonderful time of the year.

(Beech) Narrator: Thank you for joining us today for our Christmas celebration. We will end by singing our opening song, 'Come and join the celebration'!

Whole cohort - *'Come and join the celebration'* song.

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