

“A Strange Night to be a Shepherd”

by
John McFadden

- What:** This skit, is the firsthand account of Christ’s birth from two of the Bethlehem shepherds. (Theme: Holidays, Worship, Holiness)
- Who:** Shepherd 1 Shepherd 2
- When:** Biblical times
- Why:** Luke 2:8-20
- Wear (Props):** The shepherds should wear Biblical period clothing such as flowing robes and sandals.
- How:** The shepherds tell of their part in the Nativity story with energy and excitement. They are describing a life-changing event for them. The humor that they express toward each other is always gentle, never harsh. Their good-natured kidding helps the audience relate to them.
- Audience:** Big Church or High School
- Time:** Approximately 5-7 minutes



*The **Shepherds** enter together and make their way to center stage.
Lights come up on them as they reach center stage.*

Shepherd 1: I remember it just like it happened yesterday!
Nothing like it had ever happened before that
night, and nothing like it has ever happened since!

Shepherd 2: That's exactly right. I think about it sometimes,
and it is so incredible that I can hardly believe it
happened, and I was there!

Shepherd 1: It started out like a thousand other nights.
Everything looked secure. We had begun to settle
down into our shift rotation.

Shepherd 2: Out of nowhere came this blinding, bright light. It
took a few seconds to realize that someone was
talking to us from the light. We were scared out of
our minds.

Shepherd 1: Yes, I remember that you took off running like my
little sister.

Shepherd 2: And I remember that I was two steps behind you!
We both ran a short distance before we realized
who the speaker was.

Shepherd 1: It was a heavenly being, an angel, who was
delivering a message from God.

Shepherd 2: The message started with, "Do not be afraid!" That
was definitely a message we needed to hear! We
were scared to death!

Shepherd 1: Well, I wouldn't say, "scared to death". I would
say, "really startled".

Shepherd 2: You were screaming like my little brother!



- Shepherd 1:** Yes, but your little brother's scream is very calming!
- Shepherd 2:** Nonetheless, the words slowly began to sink in, and we stood frozen in place. "Do not be afraid! I have good news for you, which will make everyone happy. This very day in King David's hometown a Savior was born for you. He is Christ the Lord. You will know who He is, because you will find Him wrapped in cloths and lying in a feeding trough."
- Shepherd 1:** What a message! The Savior, the Christ, the long-awaited Messiah had been born... in Bethlehem? And wrapped in cloths and lying in a... feeding trough? The newborn Messiah was where animals ate! That couldn't be right!
- Shepherd 2:** As we were trying to understand the angel's message, all at once the entire sky lit up! Two minutes before, I had never seen an angel. Now, there were angels filling the sky like stars on a clear night!
- Shepherd 1:** And the sound! They were saying: "Glory to God! Praise God in heaven! Peace on earth to everyone who pleases God!"
- Shepherd 2:** And just as suddenly as they had come, they were gone! Into thin air, in the blink of an eye, without a trace, gone!
- Shepherd 1:** None of us said anything for a while! We were all scared that no one else had seen what we had seen! We just stood for a few minutes, trying to figure out how to ask the question.
- Shepherd 2:** Finally, I said...

