

**CHILDREN** (Shocked) Aliens!

**ALIENS** (Shocked) Humans!

**ALIEN 1** The thing is... our spaceship has broken down and we sort of landed here by accident.

**ALIEN 2** We thought we might look around.

**CHILD 1** Well, you're welcome to come to school with us. We are rehearsing for our Christmas play today.

**ALIEN 3** Christmas? What's Christmas?

**CHILD 2** What's Christmas? You haven't heard of Christmas? Christmas is when we celebrate Jesus' birthday.

*The aliens look at one another puzzled, shrugging their shoulders.*

**CHILD 3** I think you had better come along. *(Leads aliens and children into school)*

*The children show the aliens to some seats at the side of the stage, from where they are visible to the audience. (If spaceship has been centrestage, move offstage until later.) Teacher enters.*

**TEACHER** Right everybody.

**CHILD 1** Excuse me Miss/Sir, is it ok if our friends watch our play?

**TEACHER** *(Startled by their appearance)* Oh... yes, of course. Right everybody, we've got an audience. *(Aside)* I'll never understand modern fashion.

OK everyone, from the top ... *(S/he sits down next to the aliens to watch the rehearsal)*

**NARRATOR 1** Our story begins in Nazareth with Mary and Joseph. Joseph was a carpenter and he and Mary were going to get married.

**ALIEN 2** Ah, a love story. How sweet.

**NARRATOR 2** One day, Mary was minding her own business tidying up the house when an angel with an important message came into the room.

**ANGEL GABRIEL** *(To Mary)* God has chosen you to be the mother of His Son. You will have a baby called Jesus and He will be King.

**MARY** What does this mean? Why would God choose someone like me?

**ANGEL GABRIEL** Don't be frightened Mary. You are special.

**MARY** Well I never!

**JOSEPH** Well I never!

**ALIENS** Well I never!