Puppet Script
(PCC007)

Hope is born

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PUPPET SCRIPT: “HOPE IS BORN”  
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Aim of script: The aim of the script is to encourage people to explore who the baby is, who was born in Bethlehem and laid in a manger.

Use of Script: This script works well in a Carol Service. Alternatively it could be used in a Christmas or Epiphany All Age service.

In an All age Worship service setting it could come after an opening short talk asking the question: “Who is this baby born in Bethlehem?”

The script could be followed by reading Matthew 2:1-12, followed by a short talk explaining what the Bible says about who Jesus is. Alternatively, the script could be followed by a time of worshipping Jesus.

Main themes: Incarnation, Son of God, Hope, Epiphany

Biblical references: Matthew 2:1-12, Isaiah 9:7, Micah 5:2, Isaiah 53

Characters: The script is a dialogue between a male camel puppet called “Cameron,” who is rather grumpy, and his wife, a female camel puppet called “Camilla.” Each puppet is operated by one person from behind a screen and so it is essential that the voices are heard; radio-microphones are ideal. Puppets and puppet screens can be purchased from many sources including http://www.onewayuk.com/

Enter Cameron
Cameron: (in a grumpy voice) Camilla, Camilla…..oh where is that camel when I want to talk to her? She seems to spend hours talking with other camels and donkeys and ……

Enter Camilla
Camilla: Was that my beloved’s voice calling me? It sounded rather grumpy….not like him at all!

Cameron: Oh, quit the sarcasm Camilla.

Camilla: Sorry Cameron. Are you okay, all by yourself in that camel shed?

Cameron: I’m rather lonely actually Camilla.

Camilla: I thought you would be glad of a break from my “constant chattering” as you so often tell me.

Cameron: Well, I’m missing you

Camilla: Aaah…that’s nice
Cameron: …and I’m cold as well…..it’s not the same sleeping on your own in a cold dark shed.

Camilla: No, it must be hard……but you do understand why you are having to self-isolate don’t you?

Cameron: Of course I do…..that stupid camel, Camelot spreading his bugs all around…..he should have known that he had the Persian flu and not spread it to the rest of us.

Camilla: That’s a bit harsh Cameron…..Camelot didn’t even know that he had the virus until he became really ill.

Cameron: Well I don’t know how much longer I can stand staying in this cold dark shed here in Jerusalem….. all by myself with these same 4 walls. I hate it, I hate it, I hate it.

Camilla: Poor Cameron. I know it is hard for you now, but you only have a couple more days left in isolation before we can be on our journey again. I am so excited about who we are going to see in Bethlehem…..

Cameron: Well I’m not…..hmmmph

Camilla: But a new king has been born Cameron…..and we are going to see him.

Cameron: He’ll probably be the same as all the other kings Camilla…..dripping with money and jewels….power crazy with hundreds of servants seeing to his every whim.

Camilla: I don’t think so Cameron…..I have been talking with Humphrey.

Cameron: I knew it….the moment I’m on my own, you are off smooching with other camels.

Camilla: I was not smooching Cameron….I was talking….there is a difference.

Cameron: It makes me want to spit…..aaaaahhhhh

Camilla: Well if you are going to do that, I’m off….

Cameron: No, don’t go Camilla. I’m sorry….I’m sorry. Go on, tell me….what did Humphrey say to you?

Camilla: Humphrey said that he had heard some servants talking at the back of Herod’s palace….

Cameron: And?

Camilla: Please be patient Cameron…..

Cameron: Well spit it out……what did the servants say?
Camilla: They said that there is an ancient prophecy that says that God’s King is going to be born in Bethlehem. He is going to rule with justice and righteousness…

Cameron: That will be different……I hate the way that King Herod rules here in Jerusalem. He is so cruel and greedy and lazy. I can’t wait to leave these stables.

Camilla: It will be more than different Cameron if this baby is God’s King.

Cameron: “If” being the important word in that sentence Camilla.

Camilla: Well think about it for a moment…..we have been travelling for months now, following a star in the sky. Have we ever done that before Cameron, in all of the journeys that we have made together?

Cameron: No, I suppose we haven’t.

Camilla: Our masters are also bringing gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh…..

Cameron: And don’t I know it….my poor back is still hurting from the weight of all of those gifts.

Camilla: But don’t you think that they are rather unusual gifts to give to a baby Cameron?

Cameron: Now you have mentioned it, you are right there, old girl.

Camilla: Enough of the “old”, Cameron.

Cameron: But you are going rather grey and a bit plump around the waist and…

Camilla: I think I’ll go and talk with Humphrey

Cameron: No, no, I didn’t mean it….come on Camilla….this is really interesting. I mean bringing gold is a sensible gift for a king isn’t it?

Camilla: It is.

Cameron: But incense? Why would our masters bring incense, because that is burnt when people worship God?

Camilla: Well from the ancient prophecies I am hearing, I’m starting to wonder if this new King might be God.

Cameron: Oh Camilla, don’t get too carried away.

Camilla: I’m not Cameron….I just have that feeling in my humps that this baby is going to be someone truly wonderful.

Cameron: Maybe, but God, Camilla…..God coming to earth as a baby? Don’t be ridiculous.

Camilla: Well you explain the gift of myrrh then clever clogs if you know everything.
Cameron: It is the smell of death Camilla…we all know that smell when we pass by the tombs on our way into this city. They cover dead bodies with it.

Camilla: So why give myrrh to a baby Cameron?

Cameron: I don’t know. Perhaps our masters have made a mistake.

Camilla: Perhaps….but they packed the bags really carefully.

Cameron: So, this baby is going to die Camilla, like the rest of the humans eventually die.

Camilla: But it doesn’t explain why you would give myrrh as a gift does it? Camelot told me…….

Cameron: Oh, you’ve not been talking with him, have you?

Camilla: Just a little Cameron…..at the beginning of our journey.

Cameron: Hmmm…well, what did Camelot tell you?

Camilla: He told me that his master had heard that this new king will suffer for the sake of other people, but that his kingdom will be a wonderful place that will last for ever.

Cameron: And you believe all of that Camilla?

Camilla: It makes sense of all of the facts and all the prophecies I have been hearing about. That is why I am so excited about going to Bethlehem.

Cameron: So, let me get this right. This baby king we are going to see in Bethlehem could actually be God in the flesh?

Camilla: Yes Cameron

Cameron: Well that would be amazing Camilla

Camilla: Absolutely Cameron…..so we’re not simply going to see a baby king, but we are going to see hope born in Bethlehem.

*Exit Cameron and Camilla*