**Introduction by Ms. Patterson:** We all know the story of the Nativity...the story of Christ, the Son of God, born in a stable in Bethlehem. We know about the Shepherds who travelled to visit Him after seeing the Star over the City of Bethlehem. But the Baby Jesus had other visitors, who had also been waiting for His Birth.

**Joseph and Mary walk onto stage. Mary sits by the manger and Joseph stands behind her.**

**Narrator:** A long time ago, there were three Kings named Melchior, Bathazar and Caspar. These three Kings were very wise men who spent their days studying ancient writings, and their nights searching the stars for the sign of the birth of the King of the Jews!

**Narrator** Finally, one night, they see the very star that they had been looking for! So, the Three Kings set out on their journey to follow the star. Look! There they are!

(Narrator points to the back of the hall where the star and the 3 Kings are standing).

The Star leads the Three Kings up from back of the hall and up to the front of the stage where King Herod sits on his throne.
King Herod comes onto the stage and sits on his throne.

*Narrator:* On their way, the Kings stopped at King Herod’s palace. King Herod greeted them saying “Ah, I am so pleased to see you. I have heard you too have seen the star and have come to pay homage to the new King. Come in, we have many things to discuss. The wise men stayed in the palace as the King’s guests. For one night and then in the morning continued their journey.

The Star leads the Three Kings up from the front of the stage onto the stage.

The star stands behind the manger and the Three Kings stand in front of it.

Music Leaders and EVERYONE will sing one stanza and one refrain of “*We Three Kings*” from the program.

*Narrator:* The Kings introduced themselves to Mary and Joseph. They told them We have traveled many miles to visit the new king. We followed his star. We want to worship him. Is he here?

Mary lifts Jesus from the manger and holds him in her arms.

*Narrator:* Smiling, Mary said “This is Jesus.”

*Narrator:* The three wise men knelt down in front of Jesus and worshiped him.

The Three Kings kneel down in front of the manger.

*Narrator:* Each of the Kings had brought the Christ Child a gift.

Melchoir brought a jar of myrrh for Jesus. A gift to honor a great warrior and the life he will give for everyone.

Melchoir places his gift on the haybale in front of the manger.
Narrator: Balthazar brought a chest full of gold. A gift worthy of the new king of the world.

Balthazar places his gift on the haybale in front of the manger.

Narrator: Caspar brought a container of frankincense. A gift worthy of the Son of God.

Caspar places his gift on the haybale in front of the manger.

Narrator: The Three Kings then bid farewell to Jesus, Mary and Joseph and went to spend a night at the Inn in Bethlehem.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph leave the stage.

Inn backdrop is placed on stage.

The Three Wiseman unroll the blanket and lay down.

Narrator: During the night, each King had a dream in which they were warned not to go back and tell King Herod where to find the child. Herod wanted to hurt Jesus because he did not want Jesus to grow up to be the King of the Jews.

The Three Wiseman and all of the cast members line up on the stage.

Narrator: Back home, the three Kings told everyone about their journey following the star to worship the newborn King, Jesus.

Music Leaders and EVERYONE will sing the last stanza and one refrain of “We Three Kings” from the program.

All children will bow and carefully exit the stage going to their parent’s table.