



## It's a Boy! Sketch

*“For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger” (Luke 2:11-12).*

**[Please provide:** two actresses, one sign-carrying announcer (Sign is on the last page of the sketch.), and three copies of the sketch for the actresses and announcer.]

**Sketch notes:** Use this sketch as part of a Gifts from the Heart collection for a local pregnancy resource center, food pantry, or shelter. Baby shower invitations could be sent to the women at church or a shower invitation might be extended in whatever way your church communicates. Ingathering suggestions could be to gather diapers, baby wipes, blankets, clothing, or other baby items.

**Cast:** Maggie  
Lizzie  
Sign-carrying announcer

**Props:** Two woven baskets (one each for Maggie and Lizzie to carry), several oranges and pomegranates (or other Bible fruits) placed in Lizzie's basket.

**Setting:** On a road on the way to the market.

[**Maggie** walks toward **Lizzie**, who is moving toward **Maggie**. Both women carry woven baskets. **Lizzie's** basket is filled with fruit as she returns from the market.]

**Maggie:** Hello, Lizzie. [Peers into **Lizzie's** basket.] It looks like you got some good bargains at the market today.

**Lizzie:** Well, hello to you, Maggie. Yes, I certainly did.

**Maggie:** By the way, did you get the baby shower invitation for Mary, our niece?

**Lizzie:** I got the invitation, but I'm not sure I'm going to go.

**Maggie:** Why not?

**Lizzie:** Because of all the scandal of course! It's so embarrassing with Mary getting pregnant before she actually married Joseph. [Whispers.] Rumor has it that it is not even Joseph's baby. My word! [Fans herself as if she is going to faint.]

**Maggie:** Do you **really** believe that our lovely niece Mary has done such horrible things?

**Lizzie:** The facts speak for themselves, don't they?

**Maggie:** Hmmmmm ... I don't know. It just doesn't seem like our Mary. She loves the Lord so much and has always been a faithful servant of God.

**Lizzie:** Well, what do you think about Mary saying she's still a virgin? She was obviously pregnant when she came back from Elizabeth's home **and** she says she **knows** the baby is a boy and he will be named Jesus! What kind of name is that? It's not even a family name. Besides, no one really knows if they are having a boy or a girl until it's born.

**Maggie:** Well, I've been thinking about all of that. If we believe what the Scriptures say, it seems to fit.

**Lizzie:** What do you mean?

**Maggie:** In Isaiah 7:14b it says, "*Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.*"

**Lizzie:** So?

**Maggie:** That would explain Mary saying she is a virgin.

**Lizzie:** I guess.

**Maggie:** Then, in Micah 5:2, it says, *But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days.*

**Lizzie:** So what does Bethlehem have to do with Mary? We all live here in Nazareth.

**Maggie:** Don't Mary and Joseph need to travel to Bethlehem for the census soon? Unfortunately, she will probably deliver in Bethlehem or even on the journey.

**Lizzie:** You do make some good points.

**Maggie:** Well, I'm going to the shower. They will need many things for the journey and for their first baby. Do you want to come with me? We can sit together.

**Lizzie:** I don't know ... Oh, all right, I guess I'll be there too.

**Maggie:** I'm so happy. You'll see. You won't regret it.

[**Maggie** and **Lizzie** exit. **Sign-carrying announcer** walks across stage area as she holds the sign, "Two Months Later," for audience to see. **Sign-carrying announcer** reads the words out loud.]

[**Maggie** and **Lizzie** enter, without baskets. They walk together arm-in-arm. They stop walking and partially face the audience as they speak.]

**Lizzie:** Did you hear that Mary had a healthy boy and that they named him Jesus? What a blessing they made it to Bethlehem just in the nick of time.

**Maggie:** How do you know this?

**Lizzie:** Twitter ... uh, I mean, my husband's cousin twice removed has an uncle on his mother's side who is a shepherd in the hills around Bethlehem. Anyway, he was working the

night shift – you know, dusk to dawn. He said it was a quiet night until BAM!!! All of a sudden the sky was really bright like the morning. He thought he might have fallen asleep and it **was** morning.

**Maggie:** Really?

**Lizzie:** Yes, but the brightness was from an angel that talked to them!

**Maggie:** A real angel? Come on, you're pulling my leg. Besides, how did they know it was a real angel?

**Lizzie:** I guess you just know! Anyway, this angel tells them to go to Bethlehem to see a newborn baby. The angel said this baby is *a Savior, who is Christ the Lord* (Luke 2:11).

**Maggie:** So what did they do?

**Lizzie:** *They went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger* (Luke 2:16). The baby was wrapped in swaddling cloths just like the angel had told them he would be.

**Maggie:** Wow!

**Lizzie:** Indeed! The shepherds told Mary and Joseph all that the angel had said to them. *Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart* (Luke 2:19).

**Maggie:** This must be a lot for Mary to take in.

**Lizzie:** No kidding! After the shepherds saw Mary's baby, they told everyone they saw the wonderful news. I found out about it all from my husband's cousin.

**Maggie:** I'm just so thrilled everyone is happy and healthy.

**Lizzie:** Me too.

**Maggie:** [Seriously.] You don't sound embarrassed anymore about Mary.

**Lizzie:** I'm not. I thought a lot about what you said, about the Scriptures and the prophecy of our long-awaited Savior's birth, and I think you are right.

**Maggie:** Really?

**Lizzie:** Yes, it all fits. What a special gift to be here at this time and place as witnesses of our Savior's birth.

**Maggie:** God's gift of Jesus' birth is amazing. How awesome for our Mary to give birth to her own Savior and our Savior. This gift is so much better than any we gave Mary at her shower!

**Lizzie:** You can say that again!

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