

The camels bring gifts for baby Jesus

Cast:

Cameron and Kylie the camels (puppets or costumes)

Wiseman

Props:

Presents of frankincense and myrrh

Gold chocolate coins

Water pistol or garden spray - if using costumes this will need to be hidden

Silly string

Confetti stars

Story:

If possible perform the play after some worship, during which a song mentioning angels has been sung.

Cameron	Comes in spraying, looks at worship leader Hey! I'm not very happy about those songs!
Kylie	Cameron, Cameron what is your problem? Why are you having a go at insert name ?
Cameron	Well those songs about angels wind me up
Kylie	Cameron that's not very nice is it?
Cameron	Well I'm not feeling very nice and when I'm not feeling very nice, I spit sprays water
Kylie	But I don't understand what's making you so mad? Angels are great things, they appeared to Mary, and Joseph and the Shepherds
Cameron	Exactly, but where are the angels appearing to us eh? Is anybody mentioning Camels? Why do we always get left out in the sand? It really gives me the hump
Kylie	Now Cameron jokes like that are enough to make me spit! gets mouth ready- pause but I'm far too much of a lady...
Cameron	Let me do it for you then sprays water
Kylie	The thing is angels give messages from God but he has lots of other ways of talking to people, so maybe he'll do something different for us.
Cameron	Well I wish he'd hurry up I want to go and see the baby everyone is talking about.
Kylie	Listen, I overheard the wise men talking and I think they know where he is

Cameron	Wise men? Huh! Last time we set off on a long journey, they mistook a piece of sandpaper for a map of the desert and we wandered round for days. That made me really cross I could have... move mouth
Kylie	Yes, but remember, you were really dry because we'd been in the desert so long
Cameron	Oh yes! I had to improvise with the wise men's shaving foam squirt foam out
Kylie	Anyway, if you're going to be such a grump and keep spitting, they won't let you anywhere near the baby. You need to think carefully how to control that anger.
Cameron	Fair point, I'll try, Ooh shush, here comes one of the wise men now. wiseman comes along with presents and puts on camels . Have you seen the presents he just put in our saddle bags for the baby?
Kylie	Yes, I've got Frankincense
Cameron	That's expensive isn't it? It goes up every year.
Kylie	Are you trying to be funny Cameron?
Cameron	What do you mean?
Kylie	Incense ...Goes up? Anyway, this baby we're going to see is a child from God, so we're taking Frankincense to show we understand how special he is. Frankincense is pretty special itself you know, the tree it comes from can grow in really awkward places even out of solid rock ooh - maybe there's something in that...
Cameron	The second present is gold. I don't see how giving a baby expensive presents, is a good idea. They can't appreciate them. Even when they're adults they can be ungrateful, do you remember what King Herod said when they gave him presents last birthday?
Kylie	I'm sure you'll remind me...
Cameron	For your birthday presents, I thank you, one and all. For the big ones many thanks, And fewer thanks for the small.
Kylie	Can you give it a rest, we have to take gold, because this baby is going to be a King
Cameron	Well I don't mind saying so those are pretty impressive presents for a new born baby, the wise men must think he's really important.
Kylie	I know he is, I've been looking back over the Bible and it's very clear in quite a few of the Books of the Prophets that this baby is the Messiah, the one we've been waiting for, who will save the world from its sin.
Cameron	Wow, that is special. Have they got him anything else?

Kylie	One last thing Myrrh.
Cameron	Myrrh? Isn't that what they use for embalming dead bodies? That's not very nice for a new born baby is it? How cheerful. Gold's shiny so I can see how a baby would like that, but myrrh, what will they think of us? We'd better stop them. I know, let's unload the presents, that'll delay them. Start with the gold... throw chocolate coins out
Kylie	Cameron that is enough! I know it sounds strange, but if you look in Isaiah, it shows that to save the world, this baby will have to take all its sins upon himself and as we all know, sin leads to death, so he's going to have to show he can beat death.
Cameron	Beat death? No one can do that.
Kylie	That's why this baby is so special - he is actually God himself, come to be with us.
Cameron	Wow that's amazing, well let's get ready to see him. We'll be back in a minute!
	<i>Cameron and Kylie come back up, Cameron in a donkey mask</i>
Kylie	Cameron why are you in a donkey mask?
Cameron	Well, remember how I was cross about the angels not appearing to us? You aren't the only one who can read the Bible you know, and I have found a bit where an angel appears to a donkey so...
Kylie	Cameron don't be ridiculous it's like Katie Price dressing as a man.
Cameron	What the long eyelashes give it away?
Kylie	No - you can't hide the humps... anyway the wise men are going to take us to see the baby, so we don't need an angel. More importantly have you managed to curb your enthusiasm yet? I heard the men saying they couldn't take you while you got angry so quickly.
Cameron	I've been to anger management classes, but it's one step at a time, so I'm going for a friendlier approach. Whenever I feel angry, I resist the urge to spray everyone with spit and use spray out silly string silly string instead.....
Kylie	I'm still not sure the parents will want that near a new born....
Cameron	Well I have a special trick that I'll use just for him. I was inspired by a beautiful star that has shown up in the sky, stand back Kylie, this is my grand finale throw out star confetti and go down