Scene 3: The Stable

Narrator #1:

During the journey, Mary was nearly ready to give birth to her baby. Although tired and weary, they were grateful for somewhere for the baby to be born.

Narrator #2:

While they were in Bethlehem, the time came for Mary to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger.

Scene: Barn

Mary is holding the baby and rocking him. Joseph is smiling looking towards Mary. Gabriel looks "down" at Mary & Joseph

Gabriel *Smiling:* It's a boy!!

Joseph Proudly: Jesus.

Mary puts baby into a "manger"

A Christmas Story Part 1: Leonhardt Family home video

Clop, clop, clop went the donkey's feet. Clop, clop, clop down the stoney street. Nod, nod, nod went Mary's head. She was tired she needed a bed.

A Christmas Story Part 2: Shafer Family home video

Knock, knock, knock went Joseph at the door. Do you have room for one more? No, no, no the innkeeper said, We don't even have one more bed.

A Christmas Story Part 3: Incaudo Family home video

Wait, wait, wait! The innkeeper said. You can use my stable for a bed. Sh, sh, sh, what is that I hear? The cry of baby Jesus oh so dear.

Narrator #1:

The angel said Jesus would be called Son of the Most High. This was a very difficult place to bring a baby into the world. I'm not sure if this was what they expected. But as Mary looked at the sleeping baby in the manger, she knew that he was a precious gift.

Narrator #2:

Meanwhile, in some fields nearby, a group of sheep were grazing.