

Father's Full Name.

Characters:

Woman: officious registrar of Births deaths and marriages.

Joseph: Simple northerner with flat cap.

Props:

Desk and 2 chairs.

Sign saying: Registrar of births, deaths and marriages. - Bethlehem Office.

Sign saying: Closed.

small bell.

Paper for forms and clip board.

Pen.

Sound effect:

Opening bars of "Joy to the world" to be played over sound system.

A nativity scene has been formed at the front of the church before the drama begins.

There will need to be room for the drama to take place in front of the nativity scene.

Scene: A woman sitting behind a desk. She has a pile of papers, a pen, and a bell. Beside her is a sign saying: 'Registrar of births deaths and marriages - Bethlehem office'. There is also a "closed" sign somewhere that she can pick up and place on the desk.

Woman rings the bell

Woman: (officiously) Next please. (There is a pause - nothing happens. She rings the bell again sounding irritated) Next Please!. (Further pause. Woman sighs, bangs pen on desk, picks up bell and rings vigorously) (Almost shouting) Next Pl.....

(Enter Joseph looking very nervous and shy, Holding a cap and fingering it.
He walks up to the desk)

Woman: (Pauses to look Joseph up and down) (snappily) Yes?

Joe: Err.. ummmm.....

Woman: Oh spit it out man, I haven't got all day. What do you want.

Joe: I've err..... come to errr.... see someone about a err... about a baby.

Woman: (Holding her head in her hands) To see someone about a baby Well you'll have to be more specific than that. What about a baby? Have you found one? Have you lost one? have you got a spare one? Do you want one? Have you.....

Joe: Err no, I've err... just had one!

Woman: (Looks incredulous) Now look here ..err... what's your name?

Joe: Joseph, Joseph Jacobson.

Woman: Well, now look here Joseph Jacobson, it's been a long day, a very long day and I'm in no mood for jokes. I may not be a doctor or a midwife, I may not have had any babies myself, but from the little I do know about babies I do know that you ... MISTER Jacobson ... could not have had a baby!