

Christmas Skit

Divide the group into four smaller groups and assign each group one of the words listed below. Read the story. After each of the words is read pause for the group to sing the first line of the song.

MANGER: Away in a Manger

ANGEL: Hark the Herald Angels Sing

BABY: What Child it This

BETHLEHEM: Oh Little Town of Bethlehem

Narrator: This is Mary, a girl of Galilee. She lived long years ago, but such a wonderful thing happened to her that we remember and love her still.

One day an **ANGEL**___ appeared to Mary.

Angel: You are blessed among women, for you shall have a son, whom you shall name Jesus. He shall be called the Son of God, and his kingdom shall never end.

Mary: I am glad to serve the Lord, May it be as you have said.

Narrator: Then the **ANGEL**___ left her.

Mary married a good man from Nazareth. His name was Joseph, and he was a carpenter by trade. Joseph had to go from Nazareth up to **BETHLEHEM**__ .

He had to go there to pay taxes. Mary went with him. It was a long, weary journey for her as she was expecting a **BABY**__.

When they reached **BETHLEHEM**__ it was crowded. All the inns were full.

Though Joseph asked shelter only for his wife, every innkeeper turned them away. At last one innkeeper, seeing that Mary was weary and expecting a **BABY**__

Showed them to a stable full of warm, sweet hay. Joseph cleaned the animals' food out of a **MANGER**__ then he filled it with straw for the **BABY**__ to sleep in.

There in **BETHLEHEM**__ in the animal stable Mary gave birth to a **BABY**__ . She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in the **MANGER**__ .

There were in that same country shepherds in the field, keeping watch over their flocks by night. An **ANGEL**__ of the Lord appeared to them in shining glory, They were all afraid.

Angel: There is nothing to fear, I come to bring you news of great joy which shall come to all people. For a child is born this day in **BETHLEHEM**__ a Saviour who is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign to you. You shall find the **BABY**__ wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a **MANGER**__ .

Narrator: Suddenly the sky was full of **ANGELS**__, praising God and saying. Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

When the **ANGELS**__ disappeared into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, Let us go to **BETHLEHEM**__ and see this thing which the Lord has made known to us.

They hurried to the town of **BETHLEHEM**__ and found Mary and Joseph, and the **BABY**__ lying in the **MANGER**__. Afterwards the shepherds told everyone they met about the child.

The **BABY**__ was called Jesus, the name given by the **ANGEL**__ before he was born. And the child grew and became strong in spirit and full of wisdom. And the grace of God was upon him.

Now you hurry out and tell everyone you meet about the **BABY**__ lying in a **MANGER**__ in **BETHLEHEM**__ .

Kids sing: Go Tell It on the Mountain