The Birth of Jesus  An Echo Story

*This is a great story for children under 7. The leader reads the phrases and the children provide actions and sounds.*

Joseph & Mary went on a lo...o...o...ng trip *(walk on the spot)*
They went to Bethlehem to be counted in a census *(count from one to five)*
There was no room in the inn. *(shake heads and fold arms and say “NO”)*
So they stayed in a stable. That night when all was quiet *(shhhhhhh)*, a baby boy was born to Mary *(cradle arms)*
Mary rocked the baby *(rock cradled arms from side to side)* as she sang a lullaby *(hum lullaby)*
Out in the field there were shepherds watching over their sheep *(baa baa)*
An angel came to them *(arms partially raised as if wings)*
There was a bright light *(shelter eyes)*
The shepherds were afraid *(look afraid, bite nails)*
The angel said, ‘Do not be afraid’ *(shake head and waggle pointer finger)*
‘Be Happy’ *(smile and in joyful voices say ‘be happy’)*
Today Jesus is born in Bethlehem. He is the Lord. Go and look for him *(point)*
He is lying in a manger. Suddenly many angels sang, ‘Glory to God in the highest’.
Peace on Earth, Good will to all people. The angels were gone *(look all around)*
The shepherds went to Bethlehem to look for Jesus *(walk on the spot)*
They walked fast *(increase pace)*
They found Joseph *(hold hand up high to indicate Joseph’s height)*
and Mary *(hold hand up a bit lower to indicate Joseph’s height point)*
and the baby *(cradle baby in arms)*
in the stable *(make a roof shape with fingers of both hands meeting in a V)*
They were happy to see baby Jesus. *(clapping)*