

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 (shhhhhh), 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*)