

Act Out Nativity Script

Kit List:

- Game 1: Blindfolds, cones (cones can be collected from Church Collective office)
- Game 2: Sheep cut out with with letters on and put around park (can be collected from Church Collective office)
- Game 3: Wrapping paper, scissors and sellotape
- General: Party blowers/party poppers, a doll baby, swaddling cloth.

People to bring:

- Picnic blanket, drinks, their own snacks, blindfolds if they have their own.

Instructions:

Orange text = instructions.

Black text = narrator or character to read

Bold text = for everyone to say

Songs and Games are optional.

Narrator 1	<p>Welcome everyone with words such as</p> <p>My name is (Narrator 1) and I will be narrating our story today and on the other side is my friend (Narrator 2).</p>
Narrator 1	<p>We want to create an action for each of our characters, so when you hear that character being called out, you can perform that action - even if you aren't that character, it doesn't matter.</p> <p>Step forward if you are a ... go through one by one as directed in the next 7 rows Mary, Joseph, Animal, Shepherd, Star, King, etc.</p>
Narrator 1	<p>Let's give a great big 'Blessed are you among women!' for _____, who will be leading our Marys.</p> <p>Everyone shouts 'Blessed are you among women'</p> <p>Decide on an action for Mary</p>

Narrator 2	<p>And let's give a great big 'No need to worry!' for _____, who will be leading our Josephs.</p> <p>Everyone shouts 'No need to worry'</p> <p>Decide on an action for Joseph</p>
Narrator 2	<p>And let's give a great big, 'MOO! BAAA! HEEHAW!' for _____, who will be leading our animals.</p> <p>Everyone shouts 'MOO! BAAA! HEEHAW!!'</p> <p>Decide on the actions for the animals</p>
Narrator 1	<p>And let's give a great big, 'Surprise! Don't be afraid!' for _____, who will be leading our angels.</p> <p>Everyone shouts 'Surprise! Don't be afraid'</p> <p>Decide on the action for the angels</p>
Narrator 1	<p>And let's give a great big, 'Don't be afraid? Are you baa-rmy' for _____, who will be leading our shepherds.</p> <p>Everyone shouts 'Don't be afraid? Are you baa-rmy'</p> <p>Decide on the action for the shepherds</p>
Narrator 2	<p>And let's give a great big, 'Safe travels, remember your carry on!' for _____, who will be leading our kings.</p> <p>Everyone shouts, 'Safe travels, remember your carry on!'</p> <p>Decide on the action for the kings.</p>
Narrator 2	<p>And, finally, let's give a great big, 'Twinkle Twinkle Little Star!' for _____, who will be the Star leading our Star-watchers.'</p> <p>Everyone shouts 'Twinkle Twinkle Little Star!'</p> <p>Decide on the action for the star</p>
SONG	O Come All Ye Faithful'
Narrator 1	<p>Everyone needs a party blower - every time that God does something AMAZING! we will be blow it. When I shout AMAZING, we blow it - lets practise.</p> <p>AMAZING</p>

Narrator 1	<p>Are we ready for our story? Well this story is totally AMAZING! And it starts with an Angel (perform agreed action) suddenly appearing to Mary (action).</p> <p>Get the Angels to jump out, and surprise any Mary's.</p>
Narrator 1	<p>Mary (action) was terrified, maybe it was the suddenness of his arrival. Maybe it was the shock of the surprise, or maybe because the Angel (action) said...</p>
Narrator 2 and Angels	<p>Hello, Favoured One! God is with you.</p>
Narrator 1	<p>Mary (action) was a young woman from a little town called Nazareth, in the region of Galilee. She had never expected anything like this to happen to her. What did the angel (action) mean? What was this all about? She was confused and troubled, (Mary to looks confused and troubled!) to say the least. And the angel (action), Gabriel, understood that.</p>
Narrator 2 and Angels	<p>Don't be afraid. This is a good thing! God is pleased with you and wants to do something amazing for you. So here is what's going to happen: You will give birth to a son called Jesus. He will be great. In fact, he will be called the Son of God.' AMAZING!</p>
Narrator 2 and the Mary's	<p>Then let him do this "impossible" thing for me. I will be his servant and do what he has asked.' AMAZING!</p>
Narrator 1	<p>Then, just as suddenly as the Angel (action) arrived, they disappeared. (Angels and Marys go back to their spaces)</p> <p>Joseph (action) heard the news (all the Josephs step forward). It was the last thing that Joseph (action) wanted to hear. Mary, (action) the woman he had promised to marry, was expecting a baby.</p> <p>And there was no way that the baby was his.</p> <p>All the Josephs shake their heads.</p> <p>What could Joseph (action) do?</p> <p>Joseph (action) went to bed still thinking about what he could do. He fell asleep (Joseph pretends to go to sleep) and then suddenly, AMAZING(LY)! an Angel (action) appeared to him and said: (Angels come out again)</p>

Narrator 2 and Angels	Joseph! (action) Don't be afraid to marry Mary (action). She has not been unfaithful to you. The baby she is expecting is there by the power of God's own Holy Spirit. She is going to give birth to a son. And God wants you to call him Jesus, for just as that name means, he will rescue his people from their sins!' AMAZING!
Narrator 1	When Joseph (action) woke up, (All the Josephs wake up) He did exactly what the angel (action) told him and took Mary (action) as his wife. (Mary and Josephs stand next to each other, looking happy!) They made their preparations to make a long journey as the Roman ruler, Augustus, wanted to find out how many people were in his vast empire. So he ordered everyone under his control to return to their hometown to be counted. So Mary and Joseph loaded their donkey and set off to Bethlehem. (Mary and Joseph pretend to go on a journey)
GAME	Get into teams and choose 1 person to be a donkey. Blind fold the donkey, set up cones in a circuit and then the other within the team direct the donkey around the 'circuit'. (Have multiple turns if their are multiple people want a go at being the donkey).
SONG	'O Little Town of Bethlehem'
Narrator 1	When they arrived they needed a place to stay, but so did all of Joseph's other relatives. And by the time they got to Bethlehem, all the nice upstairs rooms where families usually kept their guests, were full. They kept knocking (everyone pretend to knock on a door, in 2021 - Mary and Joseph go to everyones family units and pretend to knock) until they found a downstairs room to stay, where the animals were kept for the night. And it was there, among the animals and the straw, that Mary (action) gave birth to Jesus. So she wrapped him in cloths and laid him in a manger. AMAZING!
PRAYER	'Lord, help us be like Mary Who answered when you asked. Help us learn to give and serve No matter what the task.'
SONG	'Away in a Manger' / 'Silent Night'
Narrator 1	Nearby, in the hills outside of Bethlehem, there were shepherds, (action) guarding their flocks of sheep (action). The night was still. The stars were shining. All was quiet, apart from the odd sleepy baaaaa.

GAME	Go find all the hanging sheep around the park - they all have letters on them and you must find what the word says and come back and tell me.
Narrator 1	What is the word? AMAZING! And suddenly another AMAZING! thing happened. That angel (action) appeared again. (Angel jumps forward again) And the light that surrounded him surrounded the shepherds, (action) too. It turned the night bright as white. And gave those shepherds (action) an almighty fright! (Shepherds pretend to be scared)
Narrator 2 and the Angels	<p>‘Don’t be afraid! The news I bring you is good! And it will fill everyone who hears it with joy! Today, in Bethlehem, in David’s city, your saviour was born. That’s right. The Messiah, the One God promised you. The one you have been waiting for, year after year after year. He’s here!</p> <p>‘And this is the sign that points to him, so you will know for sure that you have found him: look for a baby, wrapped in cloths fit for a newborn, lying in a manger.’</p>
EVERYONE	‘Glory to God who reigns on high, and peace to those on earth who please him!’
SONG	‘Hark the Herald Angel Sing’
Narrator 1	So the shepherds (action) ran down the hill (shepherds run around the area), and found Mary, (action) Joseph (action) and Jesus just as the Angels had described. They enjoyed being with Jesus and then left praising God saying:
PRAYER	‘Thank you, Lord for angel songs, that shout aloud the Saviour’s birth. Show us how to live in ways, that sing again of peace on earth.’
Narrator 1	<p>A star had appeared in the sky AMAZING! and some star watchers, Kings, (action) Wise Men, saw the star and knew they were meant to follow the star to see where it would lead, and who it would lead to.</p> <p>(Every star twinkle)</p> <p>Before the Kings (action) left on their journey they had to prepare a gift - they had to wrap it up to give to Jesus.</p>
GAME	Get into a team/family unit. Wrap a person competition. The quickest and then the best wrapping of a person wins.
SONG	‘We three Kings’

Narrator 1	<p>The Kings, (action) went on a long journey, and it took a long time (Kings pretend to march and wipe their brows)</p> <p>By the time the Kings (action) arrived Jesus was no longer in the stable, but a toddler. They entered the house, fell down on their knees and worshipped Jesus. AMAZING! They then gave Him gifts of Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh.</p>
PRAYER	<p>Lord, help us be like Star-watchers Following your lead Looking for your guidance In every word and deed.</p>
Narrator 1	<p>That is the end of the nativity story, but it is not the end of the Jesus story. Jesus went on to do AMAZING! things in His life. He healed the sick. AMAZING! He gave the blind their sight. AMAZING! He fed people. AMAZING! Transformed people. AMAZING! Offered people eternal life. AMAZING! Loved people. AMAZING! And then He ultimately gave His life up for everyone, to take away our sins and make us pure and spotless in the eyes of God. AMAZING! And the Jesus story doesn't stop there, it carries on. It carries on today, as Jesus lives inside of us through the power of the Holy Spirit. And the Jesus story will continue on and on, until He comes again to judge the living and the dead and His Kingdom will have no end! AMAZING!</p> <p>If you want to find out more about this incredible story we have an Alpha course, a series of 10 sessions that explains the basics of the Christian faith. We are starting this in the new year and we would love you to join us if you want to. Let us know.</p> <p>And finally a blessing on us all. May the blessing of God almighty the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be upon us and remain with us always and at this Christmas time. Amen!</p> <p>Thanks for joining us!</p>