



You will need...

- Ppt – images provided by: Sweet Publishing <http://sweetpublishing.com>
- Wedding jacket and wedding music
- Star on a stick
- Cut out of crowned man
- Cut out of life ring
- Cut out of Crown
- Crown wrapped up as a present

The story

Character/Actions	Lines
1. Meet the People	<p>In the Bible story of that first Christmas, there was a crowd of people. Many of you are dressed up as people from the Nativity. We will look at some of the Bible verses from Matthew and Luke's accounts of that first Christmas. We can find out from those Bible verses what those people were like.</p>
a, Angel ["brought good news" on p/p]	<p>There are a lot of angels in the Christmas story. They're like God's postman. They came with messages from God. Here is the message they brought to the shepherds</p> <p>'Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all people....' (Luke 2:10)</p> <p>The Angels brought Good news They wanted everyone to know.</p>



<p>b, Mary ["trusted" on p/p]</p>	<p>The Angel visited Mary. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favour with God. You will be with child and give birth to a son"</p> <p>Mary was only young- probably 14 or 15 years old. God was about to completely change her life. About to have a baby. Not married. Everyone would find out.</p> <p>'I am the Lord's servant,' Mary answered, 'May it be to me as you have said' (Luke 1:38)</p> <p>Mary trusted God. She knew God would take care of her.</p>
<p>c, Joseph ["obeyed" on p/p]</p> <p>Put on Wedding Jacket with Wedding music</p>	<p>Joseph had a huge problem. The woman he was about to marry was going to have a baby. He wasn't the Dad. He didn't know what to do. But then...</p> <p>Angel said to Joseph, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because her baby is God's son"</p> <p>'He did what the angel of the Lord commanded him and took Mary home as his wife' (Matthew 1: 23)</p> <p>Joseph obeyed God. He married Mary.</p>



<p>d, Shepherds ["told everyone" on p/p]</p> <p>Hubbub of voices as they tell of the good news</p>	<p>There were shepherds out in the fields near Bethlehem where Jesus had been born. They were looking after their sheep. Suddenly...</p> <p>Angel said, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of Bethlehem a Saviour has been to you; he is Christ the Lord"</p> <p>You know what they did?</p> <p>'They hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child' (Luke 2:16-17)</p> <p>The shepherds told everyone. Because they've seen the baby that the angels had told them about. It was true! He was real! He had come.</p>
<p>e, Wise men [worshipped on p/p]</p> <p>Angel steps up and slowly moves the star-on-a-stick.</p>	<p>The wise men travelled so far.</p> <p>Following the star that led them to where Jesus was. Then we read what they did when they arrived.</p> <p>'On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother, and they bowed down and worshipped him.' (Matthew 2:10-11)</p> <p>The Wise men worshipped.</p> <p>You know what "worship" is? It's when you tell someone that you think they're great. They mean everything to you. They're the best. The Wise men knew when they met Jesus.</p>
<p>f, Herod [hated on p/p]</p>	<p>'He gave orders to kill all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity who were two years old and under.' (Matthew 2:16)</p>



<p>2. Meet Baby Jesus Hold up baby in manger.</p>	<p>If we listen carefully to what the angels said, we can find out about this baby. The angel told different people different clues about who this baby was. Must be true- because we're listening to what God told the angel to say.</p>
<p>a, Jesus; God with us Hold up cut out of crowned man</p>	<p>Told to Joseph 'The virgin shall be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel' - which means 'God with us'. (Matthew 1:23)</p> <p>Jesus is God with us. He looked like an ordinary man. To meet him you wouldn't think he was anyone special. But this was God. He had been there when the world was made. He was in charge of every tiny thing that ever happened. And here he was as a boy. Played football with God. Went to God's Birthday party. God lent you his scooter.</p>
<p>b, Jesus our Saviour Hold up cut out of Life ring</p>	<p>Told to Joseph 'you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins' (Matthew 1:21)</p> <p>This baby was born as a rescuer. Just like when you go to the swimming pool.</p>
<p>c, Jesus our King Hold up cut out of Crown</p>	<p>'...and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever; his kingdom will never end' (Luke 1:33)</p>
<p>3. Unwrap the present! Unwrap crown wrapped up.</p>	