



You will need...

- Birthday Cake
- Paper crown,
- Two twigs,
- Re-lighting Candle

The story

Character/Actions	Lines
Come in singing with birthday cake point around room point up	Happy Birthday to.... ... HIM!
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	Happy Birthday dear... Jesus, Happy Birthday to you!
	At Christmas we remember and celebrate Jesus' birthday.
deep breaths	Right now stand back... I'm going to blow out the candles...
	But wait! There are no candles. That's because at Christmas we remember when Jesus was first born; it wasn't his first birthday or second birthday like I know some of you have had. No, it was his 0 th birthday, so 0 th birthday means no candles!



Open cake	That's a shame isn't it; this talk could fall a bit flat. But wait! If we look inside the cake we'll see there's some clues as to who this Jesus is.
Take out crown Look again Take out sticks	What have we got here... oh a crown. You see Jesus is a king, God's king, who came to rule. Oh what else have we got here? Two sticks. You see he is not only God's king, but God's king who was born to die. Well I don't want to spoil this party but talking about such matters, let's have a last look in to see if there is anything else...
Bring out candle Light candle	Oh yes there is... there is a candle after all. It's never quite the same to have a birthday cake without candles is it, shall I light it?
Get one of children to blow it out	Who'd like to blow it out? Happy Birthday Jesus!
Blow	Oh... what's happening... it's come alight again. Maybe your breath was a bit too sweet, let's see if my (dog) breath will do the trick.
Stand holding burning candle aloft	Oh dear. You see at Christmas we remember Jesus being born into the world; we celebrate his 0 th birthday, the king who was born to die. And this candle here reminds us that like it or not, Jesus simply won't go away. I know for some here that's wonderful news, but others... well I guess the question this Christmas then is to ask what you will do with this King who simply won't go away?
	Shall we end by singing Happy Birthday Jesus together?