

## Mary, Joe and the Angel

A simple telling of the Christmas story. A narrator reads the rhyming text while a group of actors do the actions, some of which occur several times.

Feel free to change any of them or add your own as best suits your group.

Once there was an angel, (Say 'Flap flap' and flap arms)  
And a girl called Mary. (Smile and wave at the audience)  
The angel came to see her, (Say 'Flap flap' and flap arms)  
And it was all a bit scary. (Look scared)

Mary was in the kitchen (Smile and wave at the audience)  
Having a cup of tea, (Mime drinking, say 'Slurp!')  
When the angel appeared and said, (Say 'Flap flap' and flap arms)  
'Don't be scared, it's only me!' (Look scared)

Mary nearly fell over (Wobble a bit)  
She was so surprised! (Look amazed)  
The angel smiled and said, 'Mary – (Say 'Flap flap' and flap arms)  
You can believe your eyes.' (Rub eyes)

'You're going to have a baby! (Hold baby)  
You're going to be a mum. (Push out tummy and pat it, as if pregnant)  
And this is good news for everyone, (Thumbs up)  
So don't look so scared and glum.' (Look scared)

The angel then appeared in a dream (Sleep and make snoring noise)  
To Mary's boyfriend Joe. (Wave)  
And told him not to be scared, (Look scared)  
'Go and marry Mary – hurry up! Go!' (Point as if saying 'Go!')

A few months went by and then, (Look at watch on wrist, and tap it)  
Mary and her husband Joe, (Wave)  
Went to register in Bethlehem (Mime writing an X in the air)  
It was a long, long way to go. (Walk on the spot and wipe brow as if tired)

They walked a hundred miles (Walk faster on the spot and wipe brow lots of times)  
And got very very weary. (Yawn)  
And some time after they arrived (Look at watch on wrist, and tap it)  
Mary had her baby! (Hold baby)

More angels came and sang (Say 'Flap flap' and flap arms)  
And they lit up the night sky. (Look amazed)  
Some shepherds saw and heard them (Listen with hand to ear)  
So they just had to come and say, 'Hi!' (Wave at the audience and smile)

They worshipped this new baby (Kneel down)  
And thought that he was great. (Stand and put thumbs up looking happy)  
One day he would be king (Mime putting a crown on your head)  
But till then, they'd have to wait. (Look at watch on wrist and tap it)

## Christmas Crowd Story

Suitable for an outdoor or large event, the responses are fairly noisy, like those in a pantomime.

**Baby** – Divide audience in two (1&2): 1. "Gurgle, gurgle,"  
2. "Howl, howl," 1. "Gurgle, gurgle," 2. "Howl, howl."

**Camels** – All say "Brrrr" and make lips vibrate for camel sounds

**Shepherds** – "Baaa!" **Kings** – Salute and bow quickly **Stable** – Animal noises

This is the story of Christmas  
2000 years ago,  
With **camels** and **kings** and **shepherds**,  
But no sign of any snow.

Come back with me to Palestine  
Back to the Middle East,  
With **camels** and **kings** and **shepherds**  
And the ancient Prince of Peace.

Late one dark, dark night  
Some **shepherds** came to town,  
They came upon a house  
And nearly broke the front door down.

They'd come to see the **baby**  
The one out in the **stable**,  
They'd heard that he was special  
And didn't think it was a made-up fable.

They went around the back  
To the **stable** and the hay  
And there amongst the cow dung  
A tiny **baby** lay.

Later on some rich folk  
Came riding on their travels,  
They were **kings** and wise men  
And they all rode on **camels**.

They'd come to see the **baby**  
Those **kings** were pretty clever  
"We won't forget this child," they said,  
"And you should call him Trevor."

They didn't call him Trevor  
But they were right about one thing,  
No one forgot the child that night -  
He turned out to be a **king**.

And his name was... (wait for all to shout) **JESUS!**