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| A Christmas story with actions |
| **Try using audience participation as you tell the story. People participate as someone holds up each of the key words.** **Angel Glory to God [wave hands in the air]Sing Hallelujah [like Handel’s messiah]Noisy ‘Hello everyone it’s me!’ [wave one hand]Manger It’s time to go [point]Now No! [cup hand round mouth and shout]** **During the story there is a point when we sang O come let us adore him – all sing twice****\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*****I want you to imagine that you are in heaven. There is a large group of angels [Glory to God] getting ready for a great big celebration. In fact it is the greatest and biggest celebration that has ever happened in the whole history of the world.The angels [Glory to God] had to learn to fly in formation and then they had to practice a new song to sing. [Hallelujah]Gabriel was the chief angel [Glory to God] and he made sure they were all in tune and knew the words. All the angels [Glory to God] were very well behaved as they learned to sing, [Hallelujah] except one. This angel [Glory to God] was not really naughty, not really rebellious, but he was rather noisy. [Hello everyone it’s me!]Whatever the angels [Glory to God] were doing, Noisy [Hello everyone it’s me!] was always there as well, making a disturbance because he was so excited.The important thing that the angels [Glory to God] had to practice was knowing when they had to begin this great elebration. Gabriel told them that they had to wait until they heard him say the word ‘manger’. [Its time to go!]This was rather difficult to get right. They had to learn to fly, and to sing, [Hallelujah] and to go but only when they heard the word ‘manger’. [Its time to go!] Of course, every time they practiced this, Noisy [Hello everyone it’s me!] seemed to get it wrong.****Eventually, the great day arrived; actually it was not a day, but a night. All the angels [Glory to God] in heaven watched Gabriel fly down to earth. He had to get the attention of the shepherds on the hillside. I think he rather overdid it. There was a brilliant light as he appeared, and those poor men were absolutely terrified. Gabriel had a great speech worked out and up in heaven everyone listened for the right moment.‘Don’t be afraid,’ Gabriel said.Noisy [Hello everyone it’s me!] asked, ‘Now?’ [No]‘Good news of great joy,’ Gabriel said.Noisy [Hello everyone it’s me!] asked, ‘Now?’ [No]‘Today in the town of David’ … ‘Now?’ [No]‘A baby wrapped in cloth’ … ‘Now?’ [No]‘Lying in a manger.’ (‘It’s time to go!’)The angels [Glory to God] began to sing [Hallelujah]and sing [Hallelujah] and sing…[Hallelujah]O come let us adore him** **Let us sing their song ……………‘O come let us adore himO come let us adore himO come let us adore him , Christ the Lord’****So then the angels [Glory to God] left and flew back to heaven in backwards formation, except for one. Noisy [Hello everyone it’s me!] swooped over the shepherds and followed them down the hill into Bethlehem.When they went into a stable, he ducked in behind them and he went very quiet and said - ‘He is born he is born Let us all rejoice and be glad For Jesus Christ is born’** |