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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 him O come let us adore him O 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’** |