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Good News! A Preschool News Report

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Good News! A Preschool News Report

A Simple, Fun Christmas Skit for Little Ones

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Turn your preschoolers into adorable “news reporters” as they cover the biggest breaking story in history—the birth of Jesus! In **Good News! A Preschool News Report**, children step into a playful newsroom setting with toy microphones, simple costumes, and easy call-and-response lines that even the youngest performers can enjoy.

SCRIPT

As the “Good News Network” goes live to Nazareth, Bethlehem, the shepherds’ fields, and the wise men’s long journey, your preschool cast helps tell the real Christmas story through short phrases like **“Good news!”**, **“Jesus is born!”**, **“Follow the star!”**, and **“Glory to God!”** Light narration from a leader or older child keeps everything moving smoothly while the little ones act, move, and cheer.

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Why This Skit Works So Well

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- **Perfect for Preschoolers**
  - Super-short lines and repeated phrases
  - Lots of movement: walking, kneeling, pointing, praising
  - Roles can be doubled or simplified based on your group size
- **Low-Stress for Leaders & Parents**
  - Clear narration carries the story
  - Flexible casting (6–10 preschoolers, plus optional older narrator)
  - Easy to rehearse in just a few short practices
- **Engaging for the Whole Church**
  - Built-in audience responses: “Good news!” / “Jesus is born!”
  - A sweet “living nativity” tableau at the manger
  - Simple gospel focus: Jesus is God’s gift of love

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Program Details

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- **Length:** ~20 minutes
- **Ideal Ages:** Preschool / early childhood (ages 3–6)
- **Cast Size:** 6–10 preschoolers (anchors, reporters, Mary, Joseph, shepherds, angels, wise men) + 1–2 older narrators or leaders
- **Setting:** Church service, children’s ministry program, school chapel, or family Christmas event

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What You Need

- Toy microphones (real or pretend)
- Simple costumes: scarves, robes, halos, crowns
- Large star on a stick
- Manger with baby doll
- Optional: simple cardboard “news desk” and “camera”

Good News! A Preschool News Report is a joyful, low-pressure way to let your youngest children share the true Christmas story. It keeps them moving, gives them words they can remember, and fills your service with laughter, cheers of **“Merry Christmas!”**, and the clear message:

Good news… Jesus is born!

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An Interactive Christmas Skit for Young Children

CAST

Narrator – older child, teen, or adult who guides the story.

Anchor 1 – preschool “news anchor.”

Anchor 2 – preschool “news anchor.”

Field Reporter 1 – preschooler, can also play Mary.

Field Reporter 2 – preschooler, can also play Joseph.

Shepherd 1 – preschooler.

Shepherd 2 – preschooler.

Angel 1 – preschooler.

Angel 2 – optional preschooler.

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Wise Man 1 – preschooler.

Wise Man 2 – preschooler.

Extra Preschoolers – can be camera helpers, extra shepherds, extra angels, or part of the "studio audience."

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Toy microphones (real or pretend).

Simple news desk or small table for the anchors.

Cardboard "TV camera" or camera sign.

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Large star on a stick.

Simple costumes: scarves for Mary, robe for Joseph, tea towels for shepherds, halos or wings for angels, crowns for wise men.

Manger with baby doll.

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NOTE FOR DIRECTOR

This script is written with very short lines for preschoolers, lots of repetition, and room for movement. Feel free to skip or shorten lines for younger children and to add simple songs such as "Away in a Manger," "Joy to the World," or "Go Tell It on the Mountain" between scenes.

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SCENE 1 – NEWSROOM INTRO

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(Lights up on a simple "newsroom." **ANCHOR 1** and **ANCHOR 2** sit or stand behind a small table. A sign reads "GOOD NEWS NETWORK." **NARRATOR** stands to one side.)

NARRATOR:

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Welcome to the Good News Network!

Tonight, our preschool reporters will share the biggest story ever told.

It is not about toys.

It is not about candy.

It is not about snow.

It is the true story of the very first Christmas.

NARRATOR:

Please help me welcome our news team!

(**ANCHOR 1** and **ANCHOR 2** wave happily. Encourage them to smile big.)

ANCHOR 1:

Hello, everybody!

ANCHOR 2:

Welcome to the Good News Network!

ANCHOR 1:

I am your news anchor, Anchor One.

ANCHOR 2:

And I am your news anchor, Anchor Two.

ANCHOR 1:

Tonight's top story is… (dramatic pause) Good news!

ANCHOR 2:

God has sent His Son, Jesus!

ANCHOR 1:

Every time we say, "Good news!" you shout, "Jesus is born!" and clap.

ANCHOR 2:

Let's practice!

ANCHOR 1:

Good news!

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ALL (kids and audience):

Jesus is born! (clap, cheer)

ANCHOR 2:

Very good!

ANCHOR 1:

We have reporters all across Bethlehem and the nearby fields.

ANCHOR 2:

They will bring us breaking news about Mary, Joseph, shepherds, angels, and wise men.

ANCHOR 1:

Let's check in with our first reporter in a town called Nazareth.

ANCHOR 2:

Field Reporter One, are you there?

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SCENE 2 – BREAKING NEWS IN NAZARETH

(**NARRATOR** motions to the other side of the stage, set up like a simple home. **FIELD REPORTER 1** holds a toy microphone and stands next to **MARY**. **MARY** wears a simple scarf.)

FIELD REPORTER 1:

This is Field Reporter One.

MARY:

(quiet wave)

FIELD REPORTER 1:

I am here in Nazareth with a girl named Mary.

NARRATOR:

Mary loved God with all her heart.

One day, God sent an angel to Mary with a wonderful message.

(**ANGEL 1** enters, wearing halo or wings, standing near **MARY**.)

FIELD REPORTER 1:

Angel, what is your message?

ANGEL 1:

Do not be afraid.

FIELD REPORTER 1:

Can you say it again for everyone?

ANGEL 1:

Do not be afraid.

NARRATOR:

The angel told Mary that she would have a baby.

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FIELD REPORTER 1:

Not just any baby.

ANGEL 1:

God's Son.

NARRATOR:

His name would be Jesus.

FIELD REPORTER 1:

Mary, what did you say to God?

(**MARY** puts hand on heart.)

MARY:

Yes.

FIELD REPORTER 1:

Let us all help Mary say "Yes" to God.

When I say, "Mary said," you say, "Yes!"

FIELD REPORTER 1:

Mary said…

ALL:

Yes!

FIELD REPORTER 1:

Back to you in the studio!

(**MARY** and **ANGEL 1** hold hands or stand quietly as lights shift back to the "news desk.")

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SCENE 3 – TRAVEL ALERT: HEADING TO BETHLEHEM

(Back at the news desk.)

ANCHOR 2:

Thank you, Field Reporter One.

ANCHOR 1:

Wow. Mary said “Yes” to God.

ANCHOR 2:

Now we have a travel alert.

Mary must take a long trip with a man named Joseph.

ANCHOR 1:

Field Reporter Two, can you tell us more?

(**NARRATOR** moves to another part of the stage where **JOSEPH** and **MARY** stand together. **FIELD REPORTER 2**holds a microphone.)

FIELD REPORTER 2:

This is Field Reporter Two.

I am here with Mary and Joseph.

JOSEPH:

(quiet wave)

FIELD REPORTER 2:

Mary and Joseph are traveling to a town called Bethlehem.

NARRATOR:

It was a long trip.

No car.

No bus.

No airplane.

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FIELD REPORTER 2:

Just walking.

NARRATOR:

Maybe a donkey.

FIELD REPORTER 2:

Mary, Joseph, can you walk in place?

(**MARY** and **JOSEPH** walk in place, slowly, as if tired.)

FIELD REPORTER 2:

Let's all walk in place with them.

(**ALL** kids and even audience stomp feet gently for a few seconds.)

FIELD REPORTER 2:

This trip is slow.

JOSEPH:

Very slow.

NARRATOR:

But Mary and Joseph kept going.

They trusted God to take care of them.

FIELD REPORTER 2:

Let us all say, "God is with us."

ALL:

God is with us.

FIELD REPORTER 2:

Back to the studio!

(**MARY** and **JOSEPH** move toward the manger area and pause there, as if arriving in Bethlehem.)

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SCENE 4 – NO ROOM, BUT GOOD NEWS

(Back to the news desk.)

ANCHOR 1:

Thank you, Field Reporter Two.

ANCHOR 2:

We are getting breaking news from Bethlehem.

ANCHOR 1:

The town is very busy.

Many people.

Many animals.

No empty rooms.

ANCHOR 2:

But Mary's baby is almost here.

ANCHOR 1:

Field Reporter Two, what is happening now?

(**FIELD REPORTER 2** moves closer to **MARY**, **JOSEPH**, and an **INNKEEPER**, who is an extra preschooler or older child.)

FIELD REPORTER 2:

This is Field Reporter Two in Bethlehem.

FIELD REPORTER 2:

Mary and Joseph are looking for a place to stay.

(**MARY** and **JOSEPH** pretend to knock on an invisible door. **INNKEEPER** appears.)

FIELD REPORTER 2:

Excuse me, Innkeeper.

Do you have any room?

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INNKEEPER:

(shakes head) No room.

ALL:

(gasp)

FIELD REPORTER 2:

No room?

INNKEEPER:

No room.

But…

You can stay with the animals.

NARRATOR:

It was not fancy.

It may have been smelly.

But it was a safe place.

(**MARY** and **JOSEPH** move to the manger.)

FIELD REPORTER 2:

Mary and Joseph are in the stable now.

The baby is coming soon!

NARRATOR:

And there, in that quiet place, Mary had her baby.

(**MARY** gently picks up the baby doll or pretends to receive it.)

FIELD REPORTER 2:

This just in:

Baby Jesus is born!

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FIELD REPORTER 2:

Good news!

ALL:

Jesus is born! (clap and cheer)

NARRATOR:

Mary wrapped Him in cloths and laid Him in a manger.

(**MARY** sets baby in the manger. **JOSEPH** stands beside her, looking down.)

FIELD REPORTER 2:

Back to you, anchors!

SCENE 5 – ANGELS IN THE NIGHT

(Back at the news desk.)

ANCHOR 2:

Thank you, Reporter Two.

ANCHOR 1:

Our next story takes us to some fields outside Bethlehem.

ANCHOR 2:

Some shepherds are watching their sheep.

ANCHOR 1:

Let's go live to Field Reporter One.

(**NARRATOR** moves to the "field" side of the stage. **SHEPHERD 1** and **SHEPHERD 2** sit on the floor or on small stools. Extra preschoolers can be **SHEEP**, on all fours or sitting.)

FIELD REPORTER 1:

This is Field Reporter One in the fields.

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FIELD REPORTER 1:

It is very dark.

NARRATOR:

The shepherds are tired.

FIELD REPORTER 1:

Shepherds, can you yawn?

(**SHEPHERD 1** and **SHEPHERD 2** yawn.)

FIELD REPORTER 1:

Their sheep are quiet.

NARRATOR:

Everything seems calm.

(**ANGEL 1** and **ANGEL 2** enter and stand behind the shepherds with arms raised.)

FIELD REPORTER 1:

Wait!

Something is happening!

FIELD REPORTER 1:

Bright light!

Angels!

Everywhere!

FIELD REPORTER 1:

Angel, what are you saying?

ANGEL 1:

Do not be afraid.

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ANGEL 2:

Good news!

FIELD REPORTER 1:

Good news?

ANGEL 1:

A Savior is born.

ANGEL 2:

In Bethlehem.

FIELD REPORTER 1:

Who is He?

ANGEL 1:

Jesus.

ANGEL 2:

God's Son.

NARRATOR:

Many angels filled the sky, praising God.

FIELD REPORTER 1:

Angels, can you spin slowly and say, "Glory to God"?

(**ANGELS** spin slowly.)

ANGELS:

Glory to God!

FIELD REPORTER 1:

Let us all say, "Glory to God."

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ALL:

Glory to God!

NARRATOR:

The angels told the shepherds where to find Jesus:

Wrapped in cloths.

Lying in a manger.

FIELD REPORTER 1:

Shepherds, what will you do now?

SHEPHERD 1:

Go!

SHEPHERD 2:

See Jesus!

FIELD REPORTER 1:

Let us all say, “Go see Jesus!”

ALL:

Go see Jesus!

FIELD REPORTER 1:

Back to the studio!

(**SHEPHERDS** and **SHEEP** begin walking toward the manger but pause halfway as the scene shifts.)

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SCENE 6 – SHEPHERDS AT THE STABLE

(Back at the news desk.)

ANCHOR 1:

Thank you, Field Reporter One.

ANCHOR 2:

The shepherds are on the move.

ANCHOR 1:

They are hurrying to see baby Jesus.

ANCHOR 2:

Let's go back to Bethlehem now.

(**NARRATOR** stands near the manger with **MARY**, **JOSEPH**, and baby. **SHEPHERDS** and **SHEEP** arrive.)

FIELD REPORTER 1:

This is Field Reporter One at the stable.

FIELD REPORTER 1:

Mary and Joseph are here.

Baby Jesus is here.

And now the shepherds are here too!

NARRATOR:

The shepherds knelt down.

FIELD REPORTER 1:

Shepherds, can you kneel by the manger?

(**SHEPHERD 1** and **SHEPHERD 2** kneel. **SHEEP** sit near them.)

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NARRATOR:

They had no fancy gifts.

They did not bring gold or perfume.

FIELD REPORTER 1:

They brought their hearts.

SHEPHERD 1:

(looking at baby) Thank You, Jesus.

SHEPHERD 2:

We praise You, Jesus.

FIELD REPORTER 1:

Let us all say, “Thank You, Jesus.”

ALL:

Thank You, Jesus.

NARRATOR:

The shepherds were so happy.

They went back to their fields and told everyone.

FIELD REPORTER 1:

Shepherds, can you stand and wave your arms, like you are telling your friends?

(**SHEPHERDS** stand and wave.)

SHEPHERD 1:

Jesus is born!

SHEPHERD 2:

Jesus is born!

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FIELD REPORTER 1:

Good news!

ALL:

Jesus is born! (clap)

FIELD REPORTER 1:

Back to you, anchors!

SCENE 7 – A STAR IN THE SKY

(Back at the news desk.)

ANCHOR 2:

Wow. Shepherds, angels, a baby in a manger.

ANCHOR 1:

But our news story is not finished yet.

ANCHOR 2:

We have new information from far away lands.

ANCHOR 1:

Some wise men are watching the sky.

ANCHOR 2:

They see a very special star.

ANCHOR 1:

Field Reporter Two, can you tell us more?

(**NARRATOR** moves to another area. **WISE MAN 1** and **WISE MAN 2** stand looking up. A **STAR HOLDER** holds the large star high.)

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FIELD REPORTER 2:

This is Field Reporter Two.

FIELD REPORTER 2:

I am here with wise men from the east.

FIELD REPORTER 2:

Wise men, what do you see?

WISE MAN 1:

A star.

WISE MAN 2:

A special star.

FIELD REPORTER 2:

What does it mean?

NARRATOR:

They knew the star meant a special King had been born.

WISE MAN 1:

God's King.

WISE MAN 2:

We will find Him.

FIELD REPORTER 2:

How will you find Him?

WISE MAN 1:

Follow the star.

FIELD REPORTER 2:

Let us all say, "Follow the star."

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ALL:

Follow the star.

FIELD REPORTER 2:

Wise men, can you walk slowly behind the star?

(**STAR HOLDER** walks slowly toward the manger. **WISE MEN** follow.)

NARRATOR:

The journey was long.

Their feet got tired.

But they kept going.

FIELD REPORTER 2:

Wise men, say, “We keep going.”

WISE MEN:

We keep going.

FIELD REPORTER 2:

Back to you in the studio while they travel.

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SCENE 8 – WISE MEN WITH THEIR GIFTS

(Back at the news desk briefly.)

ANCHOR 1:

The wise men are still on the way.

ANCHOR 2:

They are bringing gifts for the King.

ANCHOR 1:

Gold.

ANCHOR 2:

Frankincense.

ANCHOR 1:

Myrrh.

ANCHOR 2:

Let's see what happens when they arrive.

(**NARRATOR** returns to the manger. **WISE MEN** and **STAR HOLDER** arrive and stop near the manger.)

FIELD REPORTER 2:

This is Field Reporter Two at the stable again.

FIELD REPORTER 2:

The wise men have followed the star all the way here.

FIELD REPORTER 2:

Wise men, what do you see?

WISE MAN 1:

Mary.

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WISE MAN 2:

Joseph.

WISE MAN 1:

Baby Jesus.

FIELD REPORTER 2:

What will you do?

WISE MAN 2:

Bow down.

NARRATOR:

The wise men bowed and worshiped Jesus.

FIELD REPORTER 2:

Wise men, can you kneel and hold out your gifts?

(**WISE MEN** kneel and hold out small boxes.)

FIELD REPORTER 2:

They gave their gifts to Jesus.

But more important, they gave Him their hearts.

NARRATOR:

They knew He was more than a small baby.

He was the Savior and King.

FIELD REPORTER 2:

Let us all say, “We love You, Jesus.”

ALL:

We love You, Jesus.

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FIELD REPORTER 2:

Back to you, anchors!

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SCENE 9 – NEWSROOM WRAP-UP

(Back at the news desk. All preschoolers sit or kneel around the manger in a “living nativity” while the anchors speak.)

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ANCHOR 1:

What an amazing news night!

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We have covered a lot of breaking news.

ANCHOR 1:

Let’s review our top stories.

ANCHOR 2:

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Story one:

An angel brought good news to Mary.

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She said, “Yes” to God.

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Story two:

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Mary and Joseph traveled to Bethlehem.

ANCHOR 1:

Baby Jesus was born in a manger.

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ANCHOR 2:

Story three:

Angels sang to shepherds.

ANCHOR 1:

The shepherds went to see Jesus.

ANCHOR 2:

Story four:

Wise men followed a star.

ANCHOR 1:

They brought gifts and worshiped Jesus.

ANCHOR 2:

What is the biggest news of all?

ANCHOR 1:

Jesus came to be with us.

ANCHOR 2:

God's Son came into our world.

ANCHOR 1:

That is why we celebrate Christmas.

ANCHOR 2:

Let us say our big news line together.

ANCHOR 1:

We will say, "Good news!" and you say, "Jesus is born!"

ANCHOR 2:

Ready?

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ANCHOR 1:

Good news!

ALL:

Jesus is born! (clap)

ANCHOR 2:

Again!

ANCHOR 1:

Good news!

ALL:

Jesus is born! (cheer)

NARRATOR:

Jesus did not stay a baby.

He grew up, loved people, healed people, and taught about God's kingdom.

He died on the cross, rose again, and is alive today.

But tonight we remember how His story on earth began.

With a young girl who said "Yes."

With a long trip.

With a quiet stable.

With angels, shepherds, and wise men.

With a tiny baby named Jesus.

ANCHOR 1:

We are almost ready to sign off.

ANCHOR 2:

But first, we want to say "Merry Christmas!"

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ANCHOR 1:

When we count to three, all our preschool reporters will turn to you and shout, “Merry Christmas!”

ANCHOR 2:

You can shout “Merry Christmas!” back and clap for them.

ANCHOR 1:

Ready, news team?

ALL PRESCHOOLERS:

(ready position)

ANCHOR 2:

One… two… three!

ALL PRESCHOOLERS:

Merry Christmas!

AUDIENCE:

Merry Christmas! (clap and cheer)

NARRATOR:

Let’s end with a short prayer.

You can fold your hands or just sit quietly.

(**NARRATOR** bows head. Children may bow their heads too.)

NARRATOR:

Dear God, thank You for sending Jesus.

Thank You for Mary and Joseph.

Thank You for angels and shepherds and wise men.

Thank You for every child and family here tonight.

Help us remember that Christmas is really about Jesus, Your Son.

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We love You.

In Jesus' name we pray, amen.

ALL:

Amen.

ANCHOR 1:

From the Good News Network—

ANCHOR 2:

This has been your Preschool News Report.

ANCHOR 1:

Good news!

ALL:

Jesus is born!

ANCHOR 2:

Merry Christmas, everyone!

(All children wave as a simple carol plays and lights slowly fade.)

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SCENE 10 – MOVEMENT REVIEW: ACTING OUT THE GOOD NEWS

(**NARRATOR** steps forward while children remain around the manger.)

NARRATOR:

Before we finish, let's use our bodies to remember the story.

NARRATOR:

When I say "Mary," put your hand on your heart and say, "Yes, God."

When I say "Joseph," march your feet and say, "We obey."

When I say "Shepherds," cup your hands to your ears and say, "We heard!"

When I say "Angels," lift your arms high and say, "Glory to God!"

When I say "Wise men," take one tiny step and say, "We follow."

When I say "Jesus," point to the manger and say, "Thank You, God!"

NARRATOR:

Let's try it.

NARRATOR:

Mary!

KIDS:

(hand on heart) Yes, God.

NARRATOR:

Joseph!

KIDS:

(marching) We obey.

NARRATOR:

Shepherds!

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KIDS:

(hands by ears) We heard!

NARRATOR:

Angels!

KIDS:

(arms up) Glory to God!

NARRATOR:

Wise men!

KIDS:

(step) We follow.

NARRATOR:

Jesus!

KIDS:

(point to manger) Thank You, God!

NARRATOR:

These motions help us remember:

Mary said “Yes.”

Joseph obeyed.

Shepherds listened.

Angels praised.

Wise men followed.

And we all say, “Thank You, God, for Jesus.”

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SCENE 11 – CREDITS AND THANK YOUS

(Children sit or kneel again around the manger.)

NARRATOR:

When a news show ends, they show the credits.

Tonight we want to say “thank you.”

NARRATOR:

Preschool reporters, clap for the parents and helpers who brought you and helped you get ready.

(**CHILDREN** clap for the grown-ups.)

NARRATOR:

Now, grown-ups and guests, clap for these children who helped tell the story of Jesus.

(**Audience** claps for the children.)

NARRATOR:

Thank you to everyone who helped with costumes, lights, music, props, microphones, the star, the manger, and the set.

NARRATOR:

Most of all, we thank God.

For His love.

For His Son.

For this story that is true.

NARRATOR:

As you go home, you can be reporters too.

Tell others, “Good news, Jesus is born!”

Show God’s love by being kind, sharing, and praying for people.

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NARRATOR:

From all of us here on the Good News Network, we pray that your Christmas will be full of joy, peace, and the love of Jesus.

Good night, and Merry Christmas!

(All children wave one more time as music plays and the lights fade to a glow on the manger.)

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