

Spontaneous Melodrama – The Christmas Story Edition

This no-rehearsal skit is a super fun way engage your family and friends with the story of Jesus' birth! This year, they won't be just listening to the Scriptures being read, but they'll be acting it out as you narrate.

3 SIMPLE INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Explain what will be happening
2. Assign each person one or more characters (depending on how many are participating)
 - [Augustus](#)
 - [All/Everyone](#) (have everyone present play this part)
 - [Joseph](#)
 - [Mary](#)
 - [Jesus](#)
 - [Shepherds](#) (select 2 or more)
 - [Sheep](#) (select 2 or more)
 - [An Angel of the Lord](#)
 - [Army of Heaven](#) (select a bunch of people)
3. Begin Narrating the story one verse at a time (as the Narrator, add crazy verbs and silly things to say/do... i.e. – you could read verse 1, “At that time the Roman emperor, [Augustus](#), decreed that a census should be taken throughout the Roman Empire.” [after Augustus repeats his line, you say “he decreed it by screaming” after Augustus screams his line, you say “now he whispered the decree” then “now he said it normal but with a British accent”]. Also, you could have the shepherds pet the sheep, feed the sheep cookies, or play rock, paper, scissors with the sheep.)

Be sure to have someone videotape!

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The Birth of Jesus - Luke 2:1-7 (NLT)

- 1 At that time the Roman emperor, [Augustus](#), decreed that a census should be taken throughout the Roman Empire.
- 2 (This was the first census taken when Quirinius was governor of Syria.)
- 3 [All](#) returned to their own ancestral towns to register for this census.
- 4 And because [Joseph](#) was a descendant of King David, [he](#) had to go to Bethlehem in Judea, David's ancient home. [He](#) traveled there from the village of Nazareth in Galilee.
- 5 [He](#) took with [him](#) [Mary](#), to whom [he](#) was engaged, who was now expecting a child.
- 6 And while they were there, the time came for [her baby](#) to be born
- 7 [She](#) gave birth to [her firstborn son](#). [She](#) wrapped [him](#) snugly in strips of cloth and laid [him](#) in a manger, because there was no lodging available for them.

The Shepherds and Angels - Luke 2:8-20 (NLT)

- 8 That night there were [shepherds](#) staying in the fields nearby, guarding their flocks of [sheep](#).
- 9 Suddenly, [an angel of the Lord](#) appeared among [them](#), and the radiance of the Lord's glory surrounded [them](#).
[They](#) were terrified,
- 10 but the [angel](#) reassured [them](#). “Don't be afraid!” he said. “I bring you good news that will bring great joy to [all](#) people.
- 11 The Savior—yes, the Messiah, the Lord—has been born today in Bethlehem, the city of David!
- 12 And you will recognize him by this sign: You will find a baby wrapped snugly in strips of cloth, lying in a manger.”
- 13 Suddenly, the [angel](#) was joined by a vast host of others—the [armies of heaven](#)—praising God and saying,
- 14 “Glory to God in highest heaven, and peace on earth to those with whom God is pleased.”
- 15 When [the angels](#) had returned to heaven, the [shepherds](#) said to each other, “Let's go to Bethlehem! Let's see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.”
- 16 [They](#) hurried to the village and found [Mary](#) and [Joseph](#). And there was [the baby](#), lying in the manger.
- 17 After seeing him, the [shepherds](#) told [everyone](#) what had happened and what the angel had said to them about this child.
- 18 [All](#) who heard the shepherds' story were astonished,
- 19 but [Mary](#) kept all these things in her heart and thought about them often.
- 20 The [shepherds](#) went back to [their flocks](#), glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen. It was just as the [angel](#) had told them.