

EYFS Christmas Story

with Story Actions



This is the Christmas story of when
Jesus was born.

Click the **highlighted** words to
reveal the action.

Each time you hear one of these words, do
the action to retell the Nativity story.



A long time ago, in a town called Nazareth, there lived a man called Joseph and a woman called Mary.



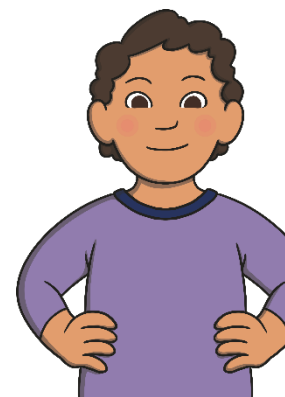
A long time ago

Tap your wrist with one finger as if you are pointing to your watch.



Joseph

Put your hands on your hips and smile.



Mary

Gently rest your hands on your tummy and smile.

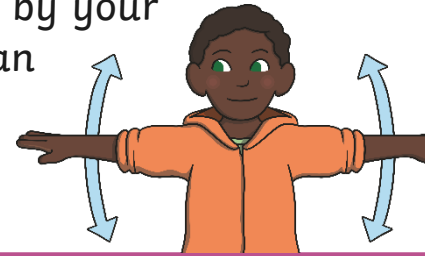


One day, **Angel** Gabriel came to visit **Mary** and he told her she was going to have a very special **baby**.



angel

Slowly raise and lower your arms by your sides like an angel's wings.



Mary

Gently rest your hands on your tummy and smile.



baby

Fold your arms in front of you and slowly rock them from side to side.



Joseph and Mary had to travel to a town called Bethlehem to register in a census. Mary travelled on a little donkey.



Joseph

Put your hands on your hips and smile.



Mary

Gently rest your hands on your tummy and smile.



donkey

Put your hands on your head like a donkey's ears.



A kind innkeeper let **Mary** and **Joseph** stay in a **stable**.



Mary

Gently rest your hands on your tummy and smile.



Joseph

Put your hands on your hips and smile.



stable

Put your hands above your head in a triangle shape as if you are making a roof.



That night, **baby** Jesus was born in the **stable**. They laid him in a **manger**.



baby

Fold your arms in front of you and slowly rock them from side to side.



stable

Put your hands above your head in a triangle shape as if you are making a roof.



manger

Hold your hands a slight distance apart as though holding a box.



When **baby** Jesus was born, an **angel** appeared in the sky and spoke to some **shepherds**.



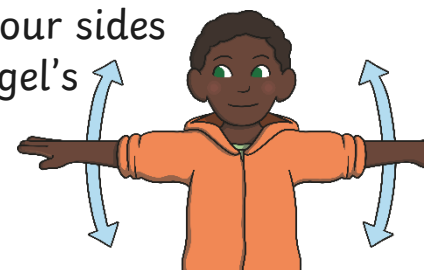
baby

Fold your arms in front of you and slowly rock them from side to side.



angel

Slowly raise and lower your arms by your sides like an angel's wings.



shepherds

Hold an open hand over your eyes as though looking for your sheep.



The **shepherds** walked to Bethlehem to visit **baby** Jesus in the **stable**.



shepherds

Hold an open hand over your eyes as though looking for your sheep.



baby

Fold your arms in front of you and slowly rock them from side to side.



stable

Put your hands above your head in a triangle shape as if you are making a roof.



Far away, Three **Wise Men** saw a bright **star** in the sky and knew it meant a new king had been born. They rode on camels to **follow** the star.



Wise Men

Hold closed hands in front of you and move them up and down as though holding the reins of a camel.



star

Hold one hand in the air and open and close your hand like a twinkling star.



follow

Point a finger in the air and look up towards the sky.



Soon, the **Wise Men** arrived at **King** Herod's palace. King Herod wanted to know where **baby** Jesus was.



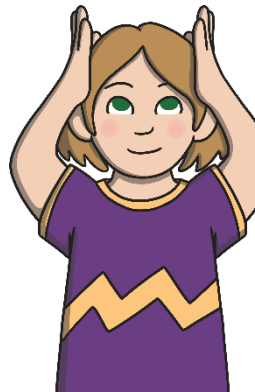
Wise Men

Hold closed hands in front of you and move them up and down as though holding the reins of a camel.



king

Hold your hands either side of your head as though you are wearing a crown.



baby

Fold your arms in front of you and slowly rock them from side to side.



When the **Wise Men** reached the **stable**, they gave Jesus **gifts** of gold, frankincense and myrrh.



Wise Men

Hold closed hands in front of you and move them up and down as though holding the reins of a camel.



stable

Put your hands above your head in a triangle shape as if you are making a roof.



gifts

Hold your hands out in front of you and move them forwards as though giving a present to someone.



That night, the **Wise Men** had a dream that warned them not to tell **King** Herod where Jesus was. They **did not** go back to the palace.



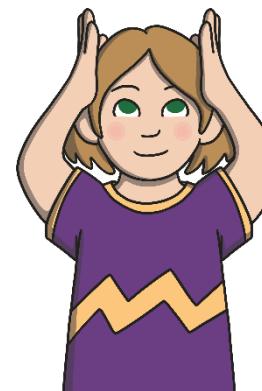
Wise Men

Hold closed hands in front of you and move them up and down as though holding the reins of a camel.



king

Hold your hands either side of head as though you are wearing a crown.

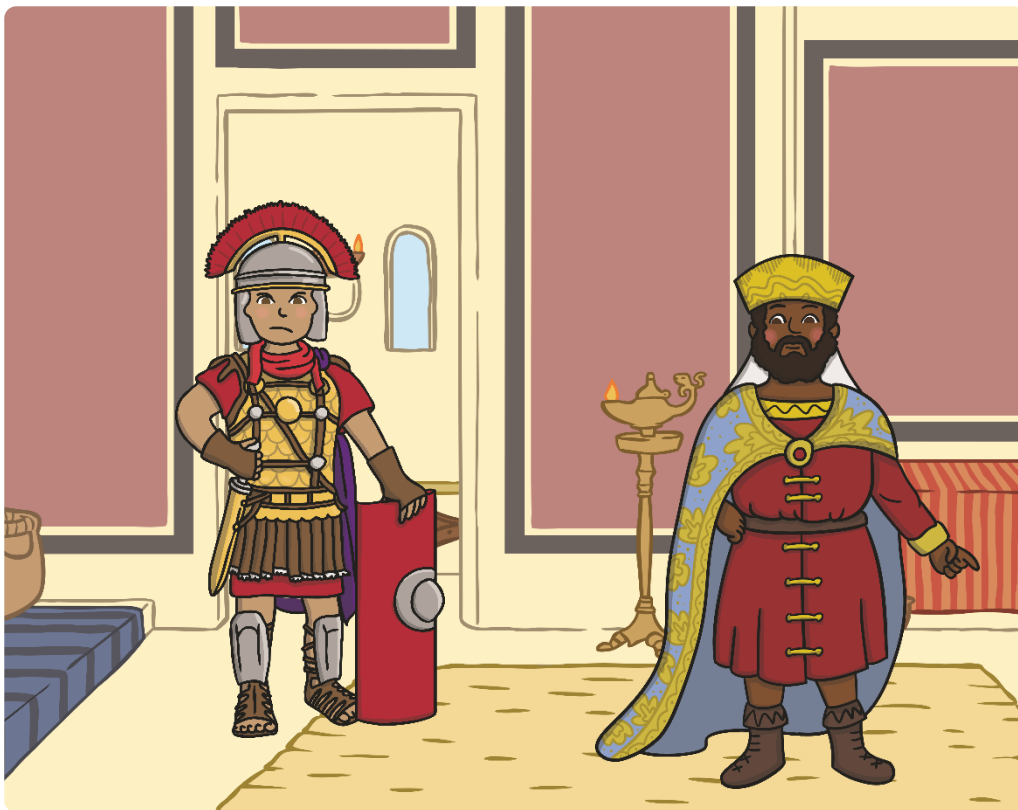


did not

Wave one finger from side to side and shake your head.

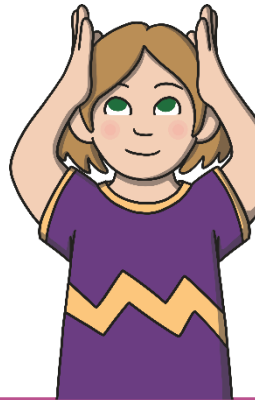


King Herod was very **cross**. He sent his **soldiers** to look for Jesus.



king

Hold your hands either side of head as though you are wearing a crown.



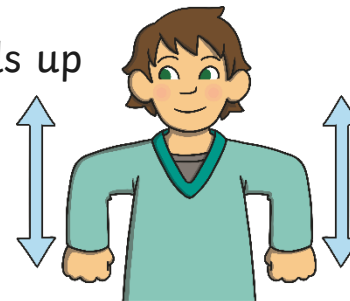
cross

Fold your arms and look cross.



soldiers

Lift your hands up and down as though you are marching.



Joseph had a dream where an **angel** told him to take **Mary** and Jesus to Egypt to keep safe.



Joseph

Put your hands on your hips and smile.



angel

Slowly raise and lower your arms by your sides like an angel's wings.



Mary

Gently rest your hands on your tummy and smile.



Mary and Joseph travelled to Egypt with baby Jesus and he was safe.



Mary

Gently rest your hands on your tummy and smile.



Joseph

Put your hands on your hips and smile.



baby

Fold your arms in front of you and slowly rock them from side to side.



