



NATIVITY STORY GAME

PART OF THE NATIVITY THEMED PROGRAMME



▶▶ GETTING INTO THE ACTIVITY

Explore the very first Christmas, with an energetic reminder of the Nativity story.

Split into two or more teams. Each team should have 4-8 children in where possible. Allocate each child one of the key words from the activity sheet. Where you have less children in a team, you can give some children a second word, or you can leave these words out.

The game can then be played in one of the following ways:

Obstacle Races: Sit each group at one end of the room. When their word comes up in the story, they should work their way through the obstacle course and back to their team as quick as possible. First team back gets a point. Alternatively, you can do this without obstacles, with children just racing to run to the end of the room and back again.

On the Spot / Virtual: Before playing decide on an appropriate action to complete when the words comes up in the story. This might be 10 star jumps, 5 seconds of dancing, stand up & sit down etc. Read the story out and let the children do their actions. First person to do the action each time gets a point.

✓✓ WHAT YOU'LL NEED

- 'Nativity Story Game' Activity Sheet
- Obstacles

! KEEPING EVERYONE SAFE

Maintain social distancing as required, this includes when sat in teams waiting for their turn. In smaller meeting spaces or larger groups, the on the spot version might be best.

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MARY was frightened at first when the **ANGEL** told her that she was going to have a **BABY**. **JOSEPH** was totally confused when he was told by the **ANGEL** that **MARY** was going to have a **BABY** who would be called **JESUS** the Saviour of the world. Unfortunately as the time for **JESUS** to be born came closer, the Roman Governor declared that there should be a census to count all the people in the land. This meant that **JOSEPH** and **MARY** would have to travel to **BETHLEHEM** as that was the birth place of **JOSEPH**'s ancestor, David. So they went from Nazareth to **BETHLEHEM** by donkey. They couldn't find anywhere to stay until an innkeeper said that they could stay in his **STABLE**. This is where **JESUS** was born. A little way away, **SHEPHERDS** who were on the hillside were startled when a group of **ANGELS** sang about the birth and the main **ANGEL** told them to go to **BETHLEHEM** and find the **BABY** in a **STABLE** and lying in a manger. The **SHEPHERDS** went straight away to visit the new born and found him, just like they were told. Elsewhere **WISE MEN** from the east saw a **STAR** which was so bright that they saw it as a sign that something very special had happened. So they followed it to Jerusalem where they went to King Herod as they thought that a king would be born in a palace. The **WISE MEN** were wrong and so they left Herod and saw that the **STAR** was still there, waiting to show them the way to **BETHLEHEM**, the correct place ... a **STABLE**. When the **WISE MEN** arrived then found **MARY** and **JOSEPH** and the **BABY JESUS** who was lying in the manger and they saw for themselves something very special ... and that is the story of the very first Christmas!

Key Words

BABY JESUS

WISE MEN

ANGEL

STABLE

MARY

SHEPHERDS / STAR

JOSEPH

BETHLEHEM