Perfect for a family Christmas Eve service! Use this script to share the Christmas story in an interactive way that gets the whole family involved and keeps even the youngest engaged. Words written in bold should be read aloud.

**One of my favorite things to do when reading the Bible is to imagine what it would have been like to be there. What did it look like? What was the weather like? What did it smell like? What did it sound like? Today, to make the Bible come alive, YOU get to help us tell the story!**

**We’re going to read the story and with your participation, we’re going to experience it in a whole new way!**

Assign the following parts. Then say each word one at a time to let the groups practice.

* ***City* –** everyone clap
* ***Joseph* –** boys say “O Holy Night” in a deep voice
* ***Mary* –** girls rock a baby and say “aww”
* ***Baby* –** adult women make crying noises
* ***Angels* –** everyoneflap angel wings and say “Hallelujah!”
* ***Shepherds* –** adult menbaa like a sheep

Instruct your congregation to perform their parts after their words are read in the following story.

**This story is from the book of Luke, Chapter 2:**

**Joseph (pause) went to the city (pause) of David called Bethlehem, to be registered with Mary (pause). Mary (pause) was engaged to Joseph (pause), and she was expecting a baby (pause). While they were in the city (pause) of Bethlehem, the time came for the baby (pause) to be born. And Mary (pause) gave birth to her first baby (pause). It was a boy, and she wrapped him in strips of cloth and laid him in a manger because there was no place for them in the inn.**

**There were shepherds (pause) in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks by night. Then an angel (pause) of the Lord stood before the shepherds (pause), and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and the shepherds (pause) were terrified. But the angel (pause) said to them, “Do not be afraid; I bring you good news of great joy for all the people. To you this day is born in the city (pause) of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord.**

**This will be a sign for you: You will find a baby (pause) wrapped in strips of cloth and lying in a manger.” And suddenly there was with the angel (pause) a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying “Glory to God in the highest! On earth peace to those with whom he is pleased.**

**When the angels (pause) had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds (pause) said to one another, “Let us go now to the city (pause) of Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.”**

**So they went with haste and found Mary (pause) and Joseph (pause), and the baby (pause) lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this baby (pause); and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds (pause) told them. But Mary (pause) treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart.**

Congratulate the congregation on helping you tell the story, then end in prayer.