

LONG, LONG AGO

(Christmas version) A musical drama!

Parts in italics are spoken. You could have a single narrator, or use a number of children to speak each line. As each chorus is sung the appropriate character stands or moves forward. Feel free to add or delete choruses to suit your needs.

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Tune: Sung to the tune of *There was a princess long ago*

You can find the tune on 'The Wiggles : Pop Goes The Wiggle Nursery Rhyme CD', track no. 21

<http://www.cduniverse.com/productinfo.asp?pid=7620933>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PBJL3pQrQDU&feature=related>

NARRATOR: Once upon a time, there was a young girl called Mary.

SING: Mary lived in Galilee, Galilee, Galilee,
Mary lived in Galilee,
Long, long ago.

NARRATOR: One day, an angel visited Mary.

SING: The angel's name was Gabriel, Gabriel, Gabriel
The angel's name was Gabriel,
Long, long ago.

NARRATOR: Gabriel told Mary she was going to have a baby, the Son of God. Mary was engaged to a man called Joseph. Mary and Joseph travelled to Bethlehem.

SING: A gentle donkey took them there, took them there, took them there
A gentle donkey took them there,
Long, long ago.

NARRATOR: Baby Jesus was born in a stable. Mary wrapped him in cloths and laid him in a manger.

SING: God's son was born in Bethlehem, Bethlehem, Bethlehem,
God's son was born in Bethlehem,
Long, long ago.

NARRATOR: News of the baby king's birth spread far and wide.

SING: Angels came and sang good news, sang good news, sang good news
Angels came and sang good news,
Long, long ago!

NARRATOR: Baby Jesus had lots of visitors.

SING: Some shepherds came to visit him, visit him, visit him,
Some shepherds came to visit him,
Long, long ago.

NARRATOR: Some wise men followed a star to find baby Jesus. They brought gifts.

SING: The wise men saw a shining star, shining star, shining star,
The wise men saw a shining star,
Long, long ago.

NARRATOR: There was a king, called Herod and he wasn't happy to hear about the new, baby king.

SING: King Herod was a bit upset, bit upset, bit upset,
King Herod was a bit upset,
Long, long ago.

NARRATOR: He told the wise men to find out where Jesus was and come back and tell him. But, he really wanted to get rid of him.

SING: King Herod was a horrid man, horrid man, horrid man,
King Herod was a horrid man,
Long, long ago.

NARRATOR: God warned the wise men not to tell Herod, so Baby Jesus was safe.

SING: Everybody's happy now, happy now, happy now,
Everybody's happy now,
Long, long ago!

NARRATOR: So, that was the story of the birth of Jesus, long, long ago. Jesus was God's gift to us, bringing peace, hope, joy and love to everyone.

SING: Jesus is God's gift to us, gift to us, gift to us,
Jesus is God's gift to us,
God's gift of love.

The end.