



MUST KNOW BIBLE STORIES

stories worth exploring

The Christmas Story

Early Level: Rhymes and Circle Games for Christmas

1. Jesus Christ Was Born (sing to the tune of *"The Farmer in the Dell"*)

An angel came to Mary (choose a Mary to go into the middle of the circle)
 An angel came to Mary
 Eh, oh, at Christmas time,
 An angel came to Mary

(choose a Joseph and allow Mary and Joseph to travel around the circle as you sing)
 Mary and Joseph travelled far
 Mary and Joseph travelled far
 Eh, oh, at Christmas time,
 Mary and Joseph travelled far

Jesus Christ was born, (give Mary and Joseph a baby doll to cradle)
 Jesus Christ was born,
 Eh, oh, at Christmas time,
 Jesus Christ was born

Angels told of his birth, (choose several angels to join Mary and Joseph in the circle)
 Angels told of his birth,
 Eh, oh, at Christmas time,
 Angels told of his birth.

Shepherds left their flocks, (choose a few shepherds to visit the baby)
 Shepherds left their flocks,
 Eh, oh, at Christmas time,
 Shepherds left their flocks.

Wise men travelled far, (choose some wise men to visit the baby)
 Wise men travelled far,
 Eh, oh, at Christmas time,
 Wise men travelled far.

What a special night, (everyone clap)
 What a special night,
 Eh, oh, at Christmas time,
 What a special night

Reinforces the main points of the Christmas story.

2. **Here we go up to Bethlehem**

(sung to the tune 'Here we go round the Mulberry Bush')

Here we go up to Bethlehem, Bethlehem, Bethlehem **(walk on the spot)**

Here we go up to Bethlehem

On a cold and frosty morning

We've got to be counted in Bethlehem, Bethlehem, Bethlehem **(put up fingers one by one)**

We've got to be counted in Bethlehem

On a cold and frosty morning

Where shall we stay in Bethlehem, Bethlehem, Bethlehem **(shrug shoulders and put out arms as if asking a question)**

Where shall we stay in Bethlehem

On a cold and frosty morning

Stay in a stable in Bethlehem, Bethlehem, Bethlehem **(make a roof shape with your hands)**

Stay in a stable in Bethlehem

On a cold and frosty morning

Jesus was born in Bethlehem, Bethlehem, Bethlehem **(cradle the baby Jesus)**

Jesus was born in Bethlehem

On a cold and frosty morning

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3. **Baby, Baby, Jesus**

This is like duck, duck, goose, but instead they say Baby, Baby, Jesus

4. **Happy Birthday to Jesus**

Happy Birthday to you

Happy Birthday to you

Happy Birthday to Jesus

Happy Birthday to you

Why not make Jesus a birthday cake with candles.

Blow them out and have it for snack!

5. **Born in a Stable** (sing to the tune of Baa, Baa Black Sheep)

Born in a stable, *(make a roof with your hands)*
 A long way away, *(point to the distance)*
 A little tiny baby, *(cradle imaginary baby)*
 In a bed of hay. *(rock baby Jesus)*

His Mother was Mary, *(hands together in prayer)*
 And the Angels did sing, *(hand together in prayer)*
 "Glory to God!" *(hold up arms in praise)*
 For the birth of a King, *(hold up arms in praise)*

The shepherds came to see him *(make walking action with hands)*
 The saviour of the world
 The baby's name was Jesus, *(cradle imaginary baby)*
 He is the son of God, *(point up to ceiling)*

Some Kings came to see him, *(hands make a crown on head)*
 From lands far away, *(hand over eyes looking far away)*
 They followed the star, *(make a diamond shape with fingers)*
 To bring him gifts this day. *(offer gifts with hands)*

6. **J-E-S-U-S** (sing to the tune of Bobby BINGO)

The God above us sent us his son
 and Jesus was his name-o.
 J-E-S-U-S! J-E-S-U-S! J-E-S-U-S!
 And Jesus was his name-o.

A baby born on Christmas Day,
 And Jesus is His name-o.
 J-E-S-U-S, J-E-S-U-S, J-E-S-U-S,
 And Jesus is His name-o.

The shepherds came to visit him,
 And Jesus is His name-o.
 J-E-S-U-S, J-E-S-U-S, J-E-S-U-S,
 And Jesus is His name-o.

The Wise men gave their presents all,
 And Jesus is His name-o.
 J-E-S-U-S, J-E-S-U-S, J-E-S-U-S,
 And Jesus is His name-o.

7. Baby Jesus Song (sing to the tune of 'Frere Jacques')

Baby Jesus, Baby Jesus,
Please don't cry, Please don't cry
Born in a stable, born in a stable,
In the hay, in the hay

Baby Jesus, Baby Jesus,
Look who's here, look who's here.
A shepherd come to praise you, a shepherd come to praise you,
With his lamb, with his lamb.

Baby Jesus, Baby Jesus
Look who's here, look who's here
A King with lots of presents, a King with lots of presents
Just for you, just for you.

Baby Jesus, Baby Jesus,
Listen now, listen now,
Angel voices singing, angel voices singing,
We praise you, we praise you.

8. One little, two little, three little angels (sung to the tune of 10 little Indians)

One little, two little,
Three little angels,
Four little, five little,
Six little angels,
Seven little, eight little,
Nine little angels,
Ten little angels in the sky

Words and music unknown

9. Out of the Ark <https://www.outoftheark.co.uk> have a number of Christmas songs and nativity plays for age 3 – 7s.

Their song book 'It's Christmas' <https://www.outoftheark.co.uk/it-s-christmas.html> has a song called '**We'll sing the story of Christmas**' which is a great one for recapping the Christmas story.

Also, on the same website 'The Niki Davies Christmas Collection' for ages 3 – 6 <https://www.outoftheark.co.uk/the-niki-davies-christmas-collection.html> has a song called 'Down in Bethlehem' which has an easy, repetitive tune.