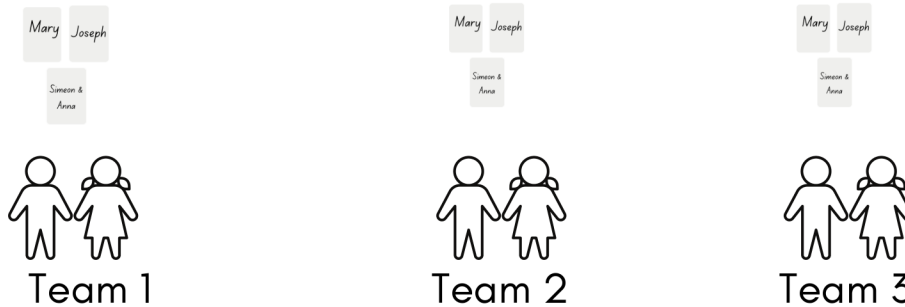


CHRISTMAS CAST OF CHARACTERS

Teacher Instructions:

Pre-Game Prep: You will need 3 bean bags or 3 pieces of paper crunched up into a ball! Print out 3 copies of the 6 character cards. Separate them into three piles and lay them out on the floor. Divide the class into three teams and instruct them to stand in a line 3-4 feet away from the character cards.



Game Time: Standing with their team, one child at a time will go to the front of their group while the teacher reads a clue about one of the character cards on the floor a few feet ahead of them. The child will attempt to throw the bean bag (or balled up paper) and land it on the correct character. One point is given for each correct response! Rotate through the team members so everyone gets a few chances to answer.

Teacher Tips: ****Before playing this game, be sure you have read Luke 2 together.**

Clues vary in difficulty. Try to determine which clues to read based on each child's understanding and previous knowledge of The Nativity Story. Set the scene by reminding kids that it's ok to miss a question, have fun trying to throw the bean bag/paper ball, you may not hit the correct answer!

CHARACTER CARDS 1-3

Mary



Joseph

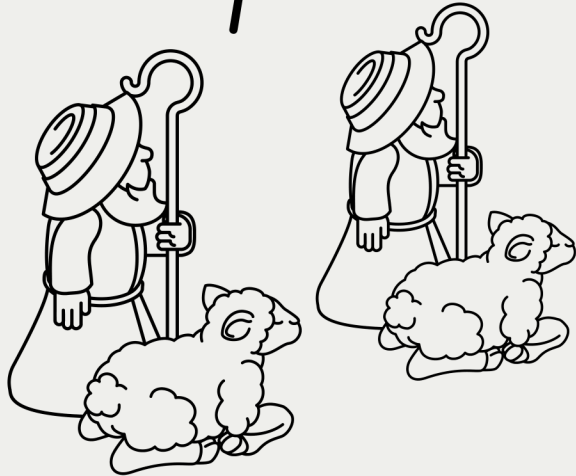


King
Herod



CHARACTER CARDS 4-6

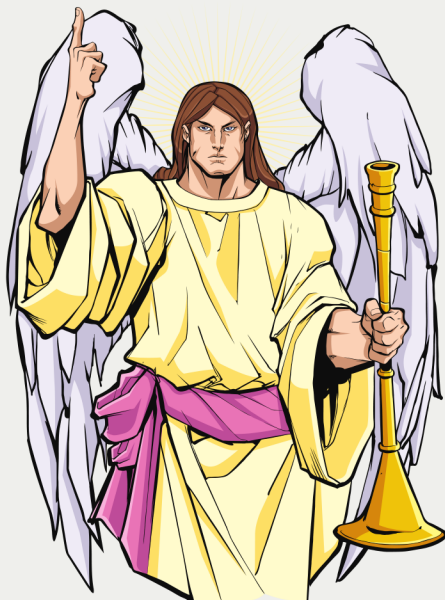
*The
Shepards*



*The Wise
Men*



An angel



CLUES:

- Was obedient in deciding to please God instead of men. ---> Joseph
- Asked the wise men to share where the star would be. ---> King Herod
- An angel of the Lord commanded him to take Mary as his wife. ----> Joseph
- Came from the East to worship a new born King. -----> The Wise Men
- Was upset in hearing a new King was born and called all the chief priests & scribes to find him.-----> King Herod
- Meditated and pondered God's intention ---> Mary
- Helped spread the word about the newborn Jesus by telling people the Good News!. ----> The Shepards
- Offered gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh to Jesus. ---> The Wise Men
- Told the wise men to tell him when they found Jesus. ----> King Herod
- Were warned in a dream not to tell Herod where Jesus was. ----> The wise men
- Was favored by God. ---> Mary
- Ordered all the male children in Bethlehem to be killed. ----> King Herod
- Told Joseph to take Jesus and Mary to Egypt. ---> An angel
- Was from Bethlehem and had to return there for a census. ----> Joseph
- An angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. ----> The Shepards
- Told Joseph to marry Mary and said Jesus would save his people from their sins.----> An angel
- Had her baby in a manger because there was no other place for her to go. ----> Mary
- Told Mary to call her son Jesus.----> An angel
- Were told by an angel that baby Jesus was wrapped in clothes in a manger. ----> The Shepards

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