

## Sounds of Salvation Simple Christmas Performance

Have one or more people read through the following verses from Luke and Matthew. Assign sounds to make for each of the highlighted words. These could be sounds made by instruments, voice or other means. Here are the words to assign sounds for:

*sixth month/three months, angel, David, Lord, blessed, troubled, salutation/saluted, fear, son, Jesus/Jesus Christ, went, child, babe, joy, Saviour, taxed/taxing, shepherds, watch, flock, king, star*

### Luke 1:26-38

**26** And in the **sixth month** the **angel** Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth,

**27** To a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of **David**; and the virgin's name was Mary.

**28** And the **angel** came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the **Lord** is with thee: **blessed** art thou among women.

**29** And when she saw him, she was **troubled** at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of **salutation** this should be.

**30** And the **angel** said unto her, **Fear** not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God.

**31** And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a **son**, and shalt call his name **JESUS**.

**32** He shall be great, and shall be called the **Son** of the Highest: and the **Lord** God shall give unto him the throne of his father **David**:

**33** And he shall reign over the house of Jacob forever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.

**34** Then said Mary unto the **angel**, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man?

**35** And the **angel** answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the **Son** of God.

**36** And, behold, thy cousin Elisabeth, she hath also conceived a **son** in her old age: and this is the **sixth month** with her, who was called barren.

**37** For with God nothing shall be impossible.

**38** And Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the **Lord**; be it unto me according to thy word. And the **angel** departed from her.

### Matthew 1:18-25

**18** Now the birth of **Jesus Christ** was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to

Joseph, before they came together, she was found with **child** of the Holy Ghost.

**19** Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a public example, was minded to put her away privily.

**20** But while he thought on these things, behold, the **angel** of the **Lord** appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou **son** of **David**, **fear** not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost.

**21** And she shall bring forth a **son**, and thou shalt call his name **JESUS**: for he shall save his people from their sins.

**22** Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the **Lord** by the prophet, saying,

**23** Behold, a virgin shall be with **child**, and shall bring forth a **son**, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.

**24** Then Joseph being raised from sleep did as the **angel** of the **Lord** had bidden him, and took unto him his wife:

**25** And knew her not till she had brought forth her firstborn **son**: and he called his name **JESUS**.

### **Luke 1:39-56**

**39** And Mary arose in those days, and **went** into the hill country with haste, into a city of Juda;

**40** And entered into the house of Zacharias, and **saluted** Elisabeth.

**41** And it came to pass, that, when Elisabeth heard the **salutation** of Mary, the **babe** leaped in her womb; and Elisabeth was filled with the Holy Ghost:

**42** And she spake out with a loud voice, and said, **Blessed** art thou among women, and **blessed** is the fruit of thy womb.

**43** And whence is this to me, that the mother of my **Lord** should come to me?

**44** For, lo, as soon as the voice of thy **salutation** sounded in mine ears, the **babe** leaped in my womb for **joy**.

**45** And **blessed** is she that believed: for there shall be a performance of those things which were told her from the **Lord**.

**46** And Mary said, My soul doth magnify the **Lord**,

**47** And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my **Saviour**.

**48** For he hath regarded the low estate of his handmaiden: for, behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me **blessed**.

**49** For he that is mighty hath done to me great things; and holy is his name.

**50** And his mercy is on them that **fear** him from generation to generation.

**51** He hath shewed strength with his arm; he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

**52** He hath put down the mighty from their seats, and exalted them of low degree.

**53** He hath filled the hungry with good things; and the rich he hath sent empty away.

**54** He hath holpen his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy;

**55** As he spake to our fathers, to Abraham, and to his seed for ever.

**56** And Mary abode with her about **three months**, and returned to her own house.

## **Luke 2:1-20**

**1** And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Cæsar Augustus, that all the world should be **taxed**.

**2** (And this **taxing** was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.)

**3** And all **went** to be **taxed**, every one into his own city.

**4** And Joseph also **went** up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judæa, unto the city of **David**, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of **David**;)

**5** To be **taxed** with Mary his espoused wife, being great with **child**.

**6** And so it was that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.

**7** And she brought forth her firstborn **son**, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

**8** And there were in the same country **shepherds** abiding in the field, keeping **watch** over their **flock** by night.

**9** And, lo, the **angel** of the **Lord** came upon them, and the glory of the **Lord** shone round about them: and they were sore **afraid**.

**10** And the **angel** said unto them, **Fear** not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great **joy**, which shall be to all people.

**11** For unto you is born this day in the city of **David** a **Saviour**, which is **Christ** the **Lord**.

**12** And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the **babe** wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

**13** And suddenly there was with the **angel** a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

**14** Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

**15** And it came to pass, as the **angels** were gone away from them into heaven, the **shepherds** said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the **Lord** hath made known unto us.

**16** And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the **babe** lying in a manger.

**17** And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this **child**.

**18** And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the **shepherds**.

**19** But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart.

**20** And the **shepherds** returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

**Matt 2:1-12**

1 Now when **Jesus** was born in Bethlehem of Judæa in the days of Herod the **king**, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem,

2 Saying, Where is he that is born **King** of the Jews? for we have seen his **star** in the east, and are come to worship him.

3 When Herod the **king** had heard these things, he was **troubled**, and all Jerusalem with him.

4 And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where **Christ** should be born.

5 And they said unto him, In Bethlehem of Judæa: for thus it is written by the prophet,

6 And thou Bethlehem, in the land of Juda, art not the least among the princes of Juda: for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel.

7 Then Herod, when he had privily called the wise men, inquired of them diligently what time the **star** appeared.

8 And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, Go and search diligently for the young **child**; and when ye have found him, bring me word again, that I may come and worship him also.

9 When they had heard the **king**, they **departed**; and, lo, the **star**, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young **child** was.

10 When they saw the **star**, they rejoiced with exceeding great **joy**.

11 And when they were come into the house, they saw the young **child** with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh.

12 And being warned of God in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they **departed** into their own country another way.