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## Single Activity Focus: The Annunciation Christmas Yr1

### Activity Overview

<b>Description</b>	Interactive story telling
<b>Year Group</b>	Year 1
<b>Why use it</b>	Having movement in storytelling is brilliant, especially for this age group. Kinaesthetic learning.
<b>Duration</b>	8 mins
<b>Size of group</b>	Any size, but for our session a whole year group.
<b>Resources</b>	Script below printed off, mic.
<b>More Information</b>	Have a volunteer adult helper (or two) the front doing the actions for everyone to follow. Don't worry if someone gets the actions wrong. Practise the actions first. Then have a run through (rehearsal) then do it 'for real'.
<b>Instructions</b>	<p>Read through the story and become familiar with it. This story is to be told with the children listening out for key words. When they hear the following words they can do the actions to that word. Make sure you are comfortable with the actions and if you wish and it won't excite the children too much add a sound. Be sensitive, if the class is likely to overreact reduce the amount of words they act out. The following actions are suggested, (possible sounds in brackets):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mary            Pretend to curl your hair and look shy</li> <li>• Joseph        Make the action of a saw cutting wood (Saw, Saw)</li> <li>• Angel          Wave hands like wings (Flap, Flap)</li> <li>• God            Point to the sky</li> <li>• Baby          Pretend to cradle baby in arms (Ahhh)</li> <li>• Jesus          Pretend to place a crown on your head</li> <li>• Good News    Stick thumbs up (Hurrah)</li> </ul> <p>Introduce this activity by telling the children that to tell this first bit of the Christmas Story you need their help to tell it, that every time you say one of the special words they need to do the special action.</p> <p><b>The Story:</b> In a land far from here, a long time ago, there was a young girl called <b>Mary</b> she lived in a town called Nazareth and she was engaged to <b>Joseph</b> who was a carpenter. One day <b>Mary</b> was in her house when an <b>Angel</b> appeared to her.</p>



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"Greetings", the **Angel** said, "my name is Gabriel and I bring you some **Good News**".

"**Good News?**" said **Mary**,

"Yes, **Good News**", said the **Angel**. "**God** has chosen you to have a special **Baby**, and this **Baby** is going to be a **Baby** boy and he is going to be the special king that people have been waiting for. You are to give him the name **Jesus**."

**Mary** couldn't really believe her ears, she was going to have a **Baby** and it was going to be **God's** son. But she was a little worried, because in those days if you had a **Baby** and weren't married, you could get into a lot of trouble.

"Don't worry" said the **Angel**, "**God** will look after you." And then the **Angel** left **Mary**.

Now, **Joseph** was a good man, and when he heard that **Mary** was going to have a **Baby**, he decided not to get her into trouble and tell others, but he also decided that they should not get married. However, one night when **Joseph** was asleep, **Joseph** had a dream; in the dream the **Angel** Gabriel came and said to him:

"**Joseph**, my name is the **Angel** Gabriel. The **Baby** that **Mary** is going to have is **God's** son, you need to look after **Mary** and the **Baby** and care for them and when the **Baby** is born he is to be called **Jesus**."

When **Joseph** woke up, he went and told **Mary** about his dream, and they got ready for the **Baby Jesus** to be born.