

Christmas

References

Luke 1-2, Matt 1-2, John 1, Julian of Norwich

Additional materials:

- Baby
- Candle (real or LED)
- Bundle of gold yarn
- Precious stones or other treasures



Words	Actions (storyteller's perspective)
This is a story about what Christians believe happened at Christmas.	Place candle in centre. Make horseshoe of 8 discs around candle, and one extra disc at top.
God is light and God is love. God is closer than our breath.	Light candle. Place fleece heart above candle. Hand on chest, breath in, breath out.
Mary and Joseph were ordinary people like you and me. Mary was expecting a baby.	Add 2 discs at 6 o'clock near edge, add Mary and Joseph. Walk Mary and Joseph to middle discs.
God was close to them, closer than their breath.	Hand on chest, breath in, breath out.
God said their baby would be called 'God with us'. When the baby was born, Mary laid him in a manger, an animal's food box.	Hold baby in hands. Place baby on heart.
There were shepherds nearby. They were sleeping outside with their sheep.	Add 3 discs at 3 o'clock near edge, add 3 shepherds.
They heard the voices of angels.	Move bundle of gold yarn above shepherds.
God was close to them, closer than their breath.	Hand on chest, breath in, breath out.
They went to see the baby called Prince of Peace.	Walk shepherds to middle discs.
Magi, which means wise people, lived far away in a distant land.	Add 3 discs at 9 o'clock near edge, add 3 magi (use travelling people)
They did not look or speak or think like other people, but God was close to them, closer than their breath.	Hand on chest, breath in, breath out.
They came to find the baby called King of Kings. They brought precious gifts.	Walk magi to middle discs. (NB this leaves one disc unoccupied.) Add three treasures.
Many people come and meet the baby called God with us, Prince of Peace, King of Kings, Jesus.	Indicate groups as you say the names. Pause before Jesus. End with hands encircling inner ring.
God is light and God is love. The love became human and lived with us, closer than our breath.	Open arms to include everyone. Hand on chest, breath in, breath out.