Nativity Christmas Program

1. Each part of the Nativity is represented and I put figures in a shiny Christmas bag with tissue paper.
2. Each of the parts should be run off on their own individual sheet of paper. I used Christmas letter type of paper.
3. I lower the lighting by using lamps, to give the effect of a living room. (It seems when I do this my class knows to come in a little more reverently.)
4. Give instructions to those you ask to read, when they come to the front of the room with their bag.
    a. Let them know that there is nothing in between reading and music and that the music will keep playing as they read.
    b. I started playing the piano (the song that would be sung after their part) music softly as each youth came to the front to read their part.
    c. They would put their part of the nativity on the table around the X (that I had placed with masking tape) for Baby Jesus to go on.
5. As one youth finished, I would start playing the next song, for the next one to come up and read.
6. You can copy music for each if you don't think they know the word to all the songs.
7. I hung a little spotlight to shine exactly on the spot (X) where Jesus would be laid. When they started singing Silent Night (the last song) I turned it on.

PROGRAM:

#1 And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Ceasar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. And all went to be taxed, everyone into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; because he was of the house and lineage of David: to be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. 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 in..

Sing Children's Song #41

#2 And in the sixth moth the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, to a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou among women. And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in they womb, and bring forth a son, and shall call his name JESUS. 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: And he shall reign over the house of Jacob forever: and of his kingdom there shall be no end. And Mary said, Behold the handmaiden of the Lord. My soul doth magnify the Lord. And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.

Sing Hymn #205

#3 When Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost. Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a public example, was minded to put her away privily. But while he thought on these things, 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. And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save the people form their sins. Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, 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. They Joseph being raised from sleep did as the angel of the Lord had bidden him, and took unto him his wife.

Sing Children's Song #38

#4 And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them unto heaven, the shepherd 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. And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the tings that they had heard and see, as it was told unto them.

Sing Hymn #204

#5 And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. 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. And the angel said unto them, fear not for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, good will toward men.

Sing Hymn #206

#6 Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the King, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, 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." Whey Herod the king had heard these things, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born. Andy they said unto him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for this it is written by the prophet.

Sing Hymn #210 verses 1&2

#7 Them Herod, when had had privily called the wise men, inquired of them diligently what time the star appeared. 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. Whey 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. When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy.

Sing Hymn #208

#8 And when they were come into the house, they saw they 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. And being warned of God in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country and other way. And when they were departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeareth to Joseph in a dream, saying, Arise, and take the young child and His mother, and flee into Egypt, and be thou there until I bring thee word: for Herod will seek the young child to destroy Him. When he arose, he took the young child and His mother by night and departed into Egypt. And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom: and the grace of God was upon him.

Sing Hymn #202