

Director's Notes

SUMMARY

I-Spy Nativity tells the Christmas story through a game of I-spy where 'd' is for donkey, 'a' is for angel, etc. With just seven songs and simple, formulaic script in between, this is as easy as it gets!

CAST LIST

Speaking parts

Teacher	Main part, for confident child (or could be an adult)
Child 1, 2, 3, 4, 5	Take turns to be the person who does the 'I-Spy'
All Children	All speak to do the guessing; 'Is it a duck?' etc., using picture prompts Can take part all the time, dressed either as named role or as additional angels, animals, shepherds, etc.

Non-speaking parts (in order of appearance)

3 x innkeepers, Joseph, Mary, donkey, angels, shepherds, star, 3 x kings, camels (optional) stable animals

PROPS

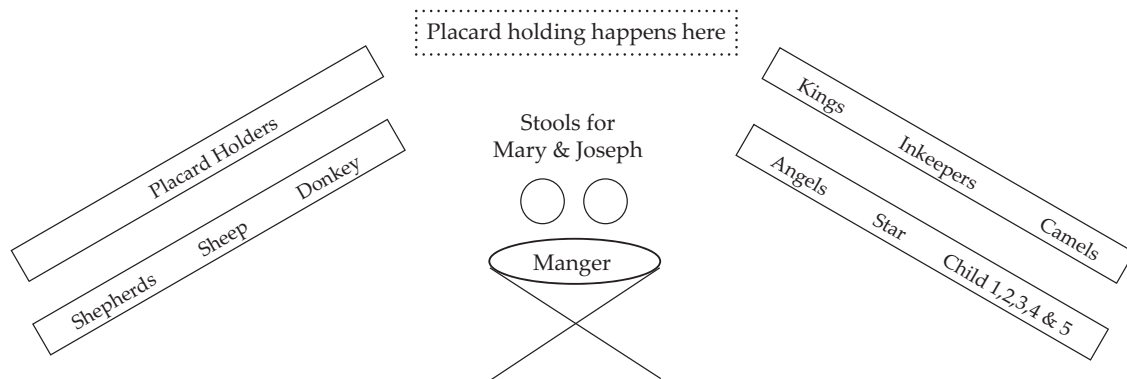
15 placards for children to hold up in I-Spy game (see adjoining page)

Traditional Nativity items

Manger and doll to represent baby Jesus; stool or small chair for Mary/Joseph.
Crooks for Shepherds (optional); gold, frankincense and myrrh for Three Kings.

STAGING

The manger is set Upstage Centre with two stools or chairs behind it. If possible, a stable backdrop of some kind would create a good setting. The children are all seated or stand as shown below.



Director's Overview

Incidental I-SPY CHRISTMAS

⦿ Track 1 / 9

The children want to play I Spy. Teacher chooses the first person to have a turn. Child 1 spies something beginning with 'd' - it's a donkey.

SONG IT'S A DONKEY

⦿ Track 2 / 10

The children play again. Teacher chooses the next person to have a turn. Child 2 spies something beginning with 'b' - it's a baby.

SONG MARY HAD A BABY (DID YOU KNOW?)

⦿ Track 3 / 11

They play again. Teacher chooses the next person to have a turn. Child 3 spies something beginning with 'a' - it's angels.

SONG WE HAVE NEWS TO TELL YOU

⦿ Track 4 / 12

They play again. Teacher chooses the next person to have a turn. Child 4 spies something beginning with 'k' - it's kings.

SONG BUMPETY, BUMPETY, BUMP

⦿ Track 5 / 13

They play again. Teacher says it's their last turn. Child 5 spies something beginning with 's' - it's a stable.

SONG EVERYONE'S IN THE STABLE

⦿ Track 6 / 14

SONG I SPY CHRISTMAS

⦿ Track 7 / 15

SONG WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS

⦿ Track 8 / 16

The guesses that everyone make in the I-Spy game may be prompted by placards held up by children. For example, here is a set to match the things beginning with 'd'. There are A3 and A4 templates for these placards on the data section of the enhanced CD.

