

Birth Announcement

A Dr. Seuss-style Christmas Reading for Three Readers

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[The readers should stand in 1-2-3 order in front of the chancel. They can begin several feet apart and gradually move closer together. There should be some adornment to suggest that they are angels (tinsel halos or white robes would suffice).]

One: We have this good news, but whom
should we tell?

Two: The heavens are bursting! but whom
should we tell?

Three: A child has been born,
a mother gave birth,
a boy who will be
good news for the earth!

Two: But whom should we tell?

One: But whom should we tell?

Three: We might tell the printers,
the makers of news.
This would be news
they surely could use.

One: Or we might tell the monarch,
the queen or the king—even for them, t'would be a wonderful thing.

Two: Or the World-wide web
would be a very good way—except that
it's not yet fully in play

Three: Whom should we tell??

One: Whom should we tell??

[slight pause as they ponder]

Three: H-m-m-m . . . a child in a manger . . . unusual place.

Two: A child born of woman . . . unusual grace.

One: A child born of God for the whole
human race.

Three: How should we let it be known?

[*pace builds*]

One: A surprise is in order in announcing
this birth.

Two: We must tell those among the poor
of the earth.

Three: For they are most likely to be
filled with mirth

Two: . . . mirth that is worthy of this
special birth.

[*pace quickens*]

One: Then let it be done, let the angel
choir gather!

Three: And they'll spring from their slumber
to see what is the matter

Two: . . . those shepherds abiding
in fields down there

One: . . . when angelic voices come out of the air!

Two: Announce the Good News to all the forlorn!

Three: And to all those now battered by life's
raging storm!

One: To you and to all, the Christ Child
is born!

[Follow with a reading of Luke 2:8-18 or by singing a carol such as *Angels from the Realms of Glory*]
