

"Baa, Hey, Ho!"
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But then I changed the name to "Creak, Baa, Hey, Nod, Ho!"

Well, look here! This little stable is so excited about the promise that Jesus will be born right here that it is trembling. And when wood trembles, like at your house when the wind blows, it makes **CREAKY** sounds. It has a voice and I think it may be saying "I'm ready for you Jesus."

And this week a little sheep has come into the stable. And a sheep says? **BAAAA**. I think that maybe this little sheep is waiting in excitement too, to see the King of Kings be born right here. Maybe his "baaa" means "I've got a place for you here! Come Lord Jesus, quickly come!"

And back there is Mary and Joseph. Do you see them? I think I hear Elizabeth calling to Barabas, you see him up here in the meadows watching the sheep. Elizabeth is saying "**HEY**, Barabas! We are here in the back balcony. We are coming!" Barabas just **NODDED** because he does not want to startle the sheep.

From the other side of the room I can hear Haman calling out: "**HO!**" Now, just so you know, that "ho" is not like the "Ho, Ho, Ho" of Santa. It is the "ho" of: "Listen to my voice, all ye who can hear. I am going to make an announcement!"

"Ho! We are over here on the kitchen side of the room, in the Wilderness! We have traveled on Straight Paths and Rough Ways made Smooth. Mountains and hills have been made Low. We are following the star and travel from the East! I am with the Kings!"

STIR UP OUR VOICES is the theme this week. We can use our voices in good ways or poor ways.

When you tease others, when you say nasty things, that is NOT a good way to use your voice. When you say: "Thank you", that is a good way to use your voice. When you sing at church, when you tell someone "I love you" or when you comfort someone who is crying, they are all good ways to use your voice.

We all should use our voices to tell the world that **GOD IS GOOD!**

One time when I was helping at a Worship service in the Dauphin County Prison the men who are incarcerated there filed into the room where we worship. The first man thru the door used his voice to loudly shout out "**GOD IS GOOD.**" Then all the other men responded very loudly "**ALL THE TIME!**" And then all the men shouted: "**ALL THE TIME!**" and the first man shouted: "**GOD IS GOOD!**" It was very exciting to hear them use their voices. It gave me goose bumps!

Baa, Hey, Ho! Stir up our voices Good Lord! You are coming soon! THE END