

# Away in a Manger – Unscramble the Words

## How to Play “Unscramble the Words”:

- Print out phrases of the lyrics to “Away in a Manger” and cut into small strips
- Arrange the strips in a scrambled order on the board
- Invite children to take turns rearranging the strips in order one at a time
- When the strips are in the correct order, sing through the song once
- After singing through the song, allow a child to mix up the strips again
- Continue this activity and try to improve speed each time

## Extension Ideas:

- Prepare a complete set of word strips for each class
- While singing “Away in a Manger,” allow each class to unscramble their set of words and see which class can unscramble the quickest!
- Pass out random word strips to each class. Sing the song and have classes only sing the phrases they have on their papers – “Popcorn Singing”

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Away in a Manger  
No Crib For His Bed  
The Little Lord Jesus  
Laid Down His Sweet  
Head

The stars in the heavens  
Looked down where He  
lay

The Little Lord Jesus  
Asleep on the hay

The cattle are lowing  
The poor baby wakes  
But little Lord Jesus  
No crying he makes

I love thee, Lord Jesus  
Look down from the  
sky

And stay by my cradle  
Til morning is nigh.

Be near me Lord Jesus  
I ask thee to stay  
Close by me forever  
And love me, I pray.  
Bless all the dear  
children  
In thy tender care  
And fit us for heaven  
To live with thee there.

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The little Lord Jesus  
Laid down his sweet head  
The stars in the heavens  
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The little Lord Jesus  
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