

# If I Were There Dance Scarves

Have fun adding in movement with purpose with this dance scarves pattern for If I Were There beautiful Primary Christmas song.

Find the full lesson plan, extension ideas, and song suggestions in the blog post here:

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## How to Play:

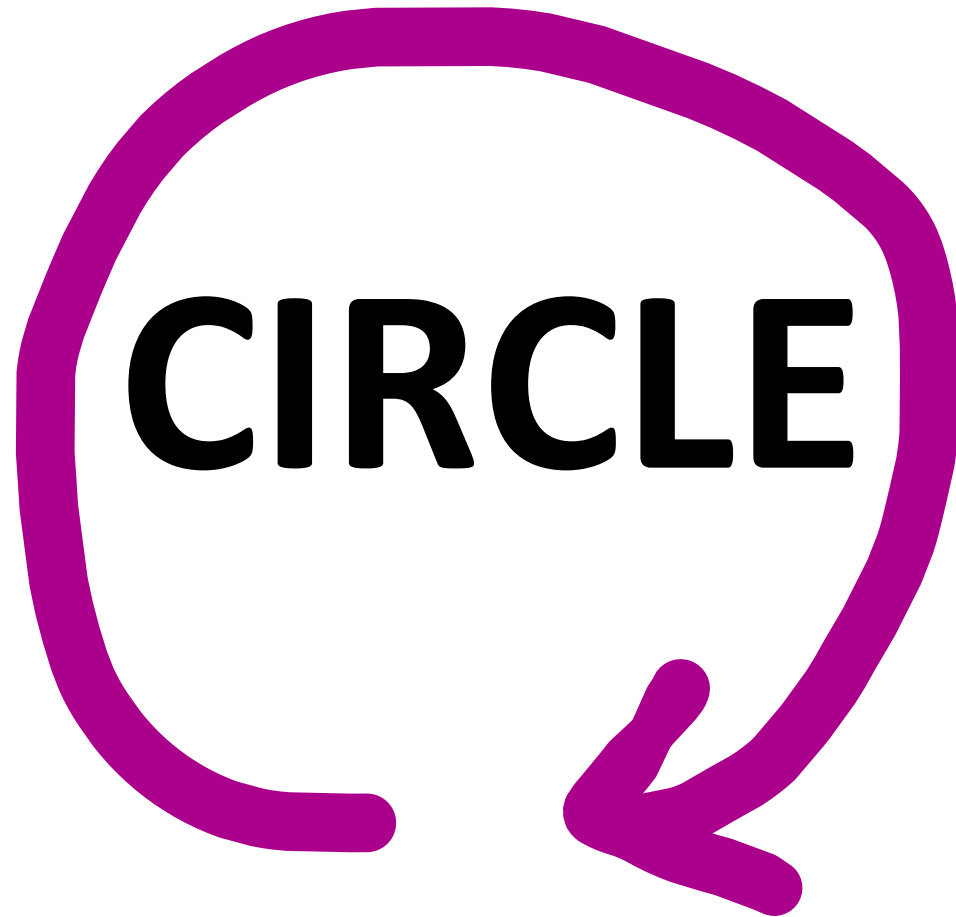
- Sing through If I Were There once before introducing the dance scarf actions.
- Demonstrate the first main action – a big circle every time you sing “If I Were There”. Have the children practice it in the air with their arms. Pass out dance scarves.
- Sing through the song and just add the big circles for anytime you sing “If I Were There”.
- Demonstrate the actions for the chorus. Let the kids follow along while you sing the chorus acapella and show the actions.
- Sing through the song again with everyone adding the actions!
- Share a short :30 message about it might have been like to be there at the Savior’s side in the manger and a testimony that he is always beside us!

## Dance Scarf Actions for the Chorus:

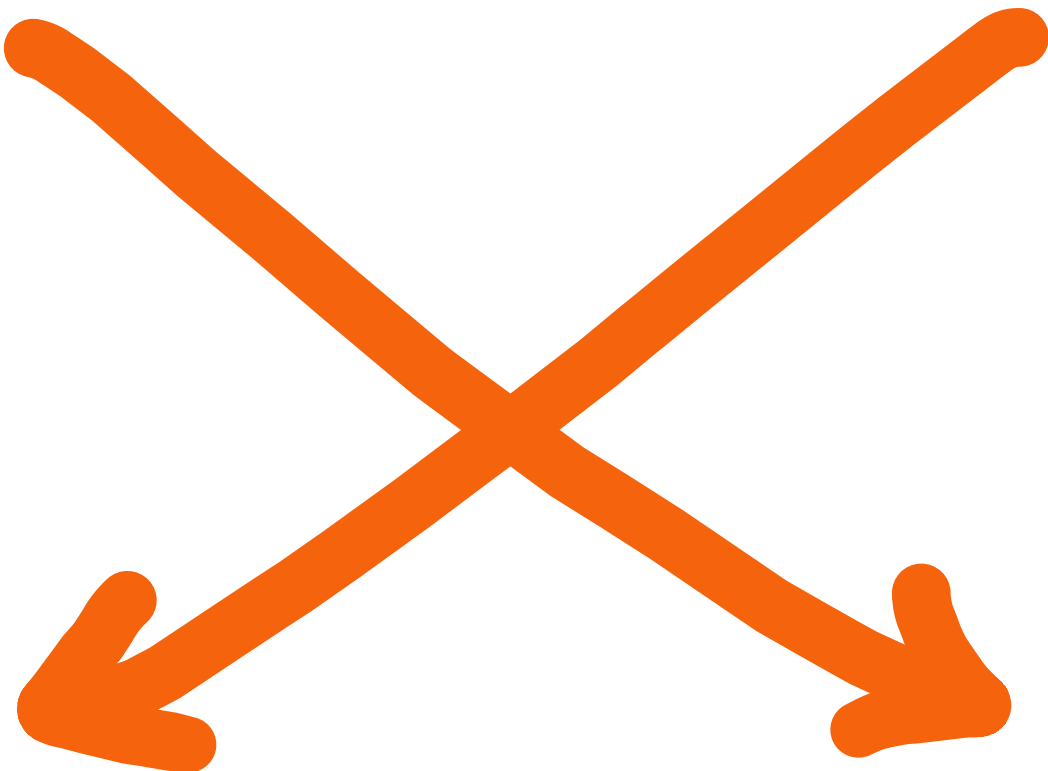
- If I were there, I’d find the manger – Big circle, Draw an X
- And bow before the tiny Savior – Low squiggle on the ground
- I’d sense the peace that filled the air – Slow arch over head
- If I were there, if I were there – Big circle, repeating small circles

## Extension Activities:

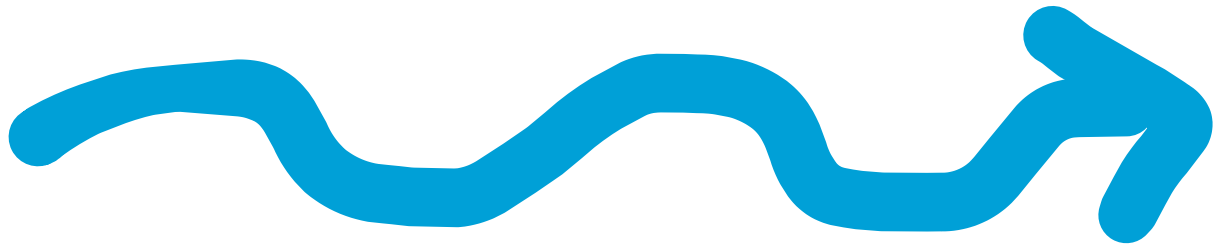
- Add additional actions for the main verse lines! You can have the kids help you create actions, randomize by drawing one of our dance scarves movement action cards, or create a pattern you prefer. Here’s some ideas for the first verse:
  - Big circle “If I Were There”, hold the dance scarf covering your face for “on that silent night”
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> line: Hold the scarf in one hand and wave it back and forth like waving hello.
  - Big circle and then drag the scarf from low on the ground across the ground quickly like you’re hurrying as you raise it back up the center.
  - Toss and catch for the last line.
- Let’s try it again on fast speed – do you think you can do it? Sing at a faster pace and keep up those actions!
- Come up with actions to try as a group of 2! One is the manger, the savior, the angels, etc in the song. How can you pair 2 different sets of actions and have them come together beautifully to represent the lyrics? The older kids will love this as a challenge!



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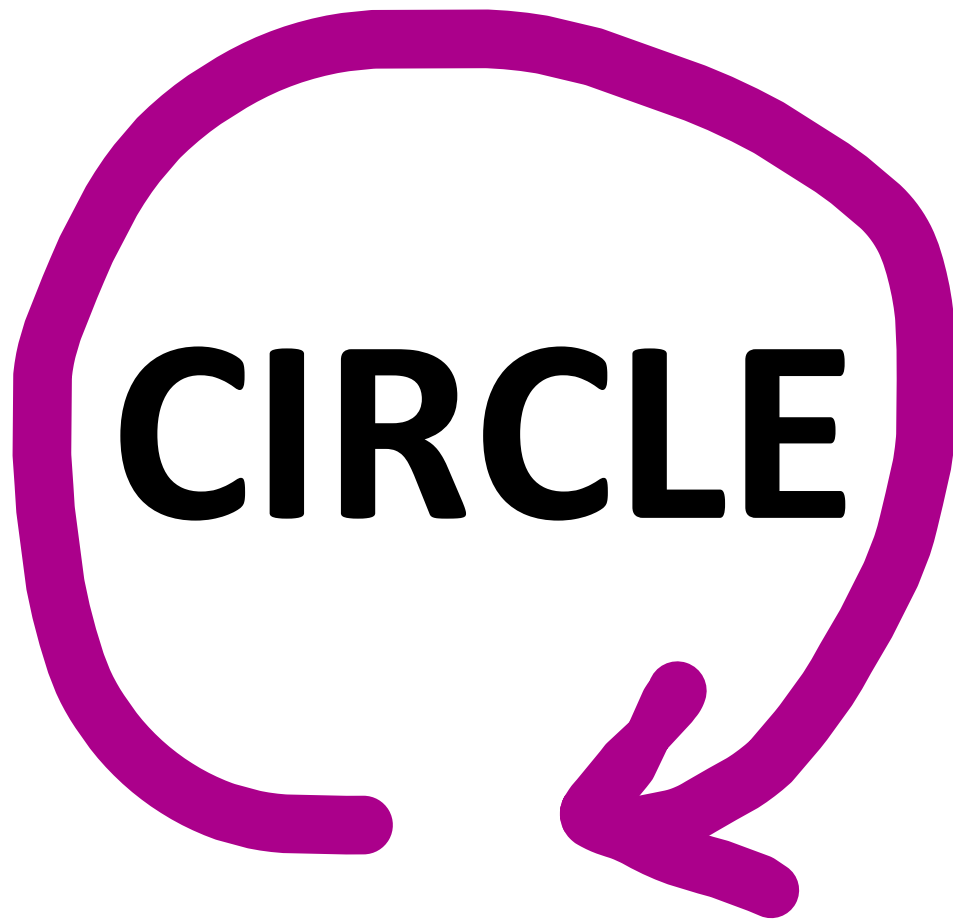


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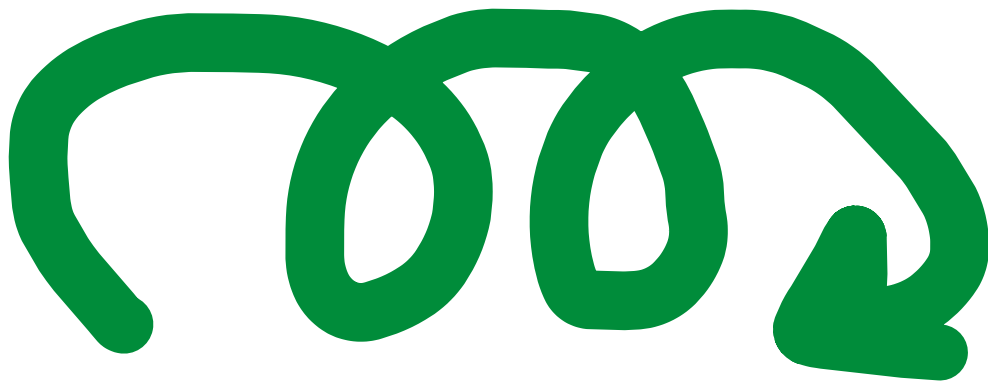


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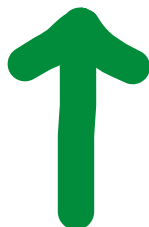


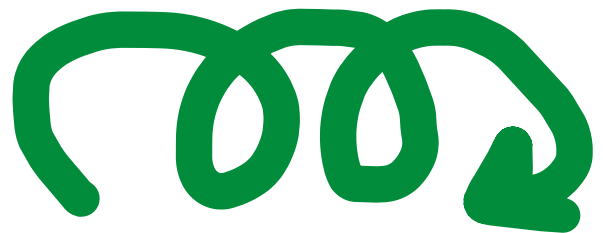
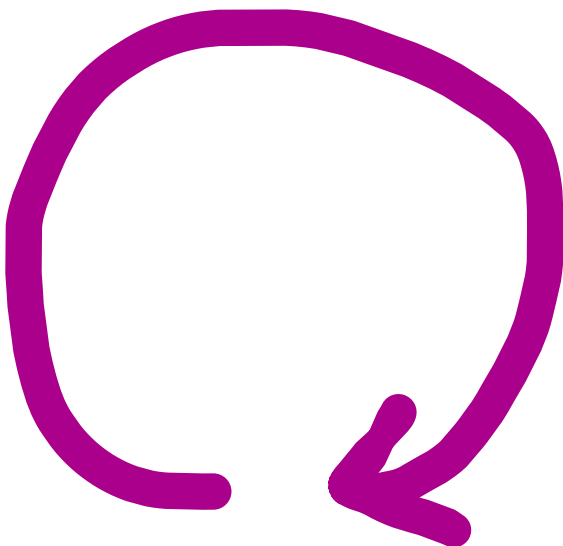
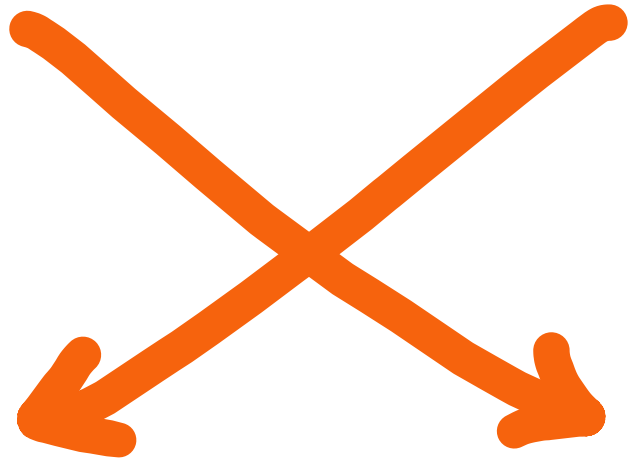
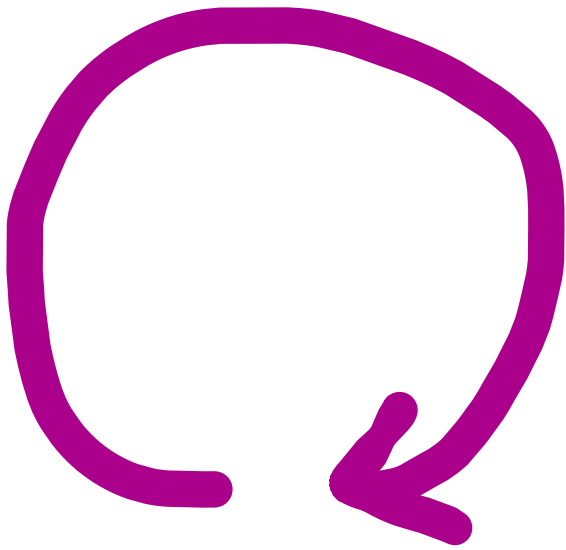


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