If I Were There Picture Me There

Use this cute coloring activity to help the children put themselves into the song lyrics by thinking what they might have done if they could have been there!

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

https://www.primarysinging.com/ if-i-were-there-picture-me-there

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If I Were There – Picture Me There

How to Play:

- Sing through If I Were There once, before introducing this activity.
- Ask the children to share their answer to the question: What would you do if you were there at the manger the night baby Jesus was born? Take a couple of answers and talk about some of the different things they might have done. Such as helped prepare the manger, bring gifts to Jesus, been with the shepherds, noticed the star, etc.
- Tell the children to pay attention to the words for some ideas from the song of things they might have done while they think about their answer for the activity! Sing through the song again with them specifically listening for some of the answers to the question.
- Now post 3 large, printed frames (one in each style) up on the whiteboard. Ask for 3 helpers to come up and draw something they might have done if they were there in the frame while you all sing the song again.
- Continue to repeat with 3 new frames and helpers. Or see the alternate activities below for more ways to use the picture frames!
- Share a brief testimony that we can do many of those things mentioned today, and every day, by serving others, being kind, seeking for Him, etc. (Based on answers!)

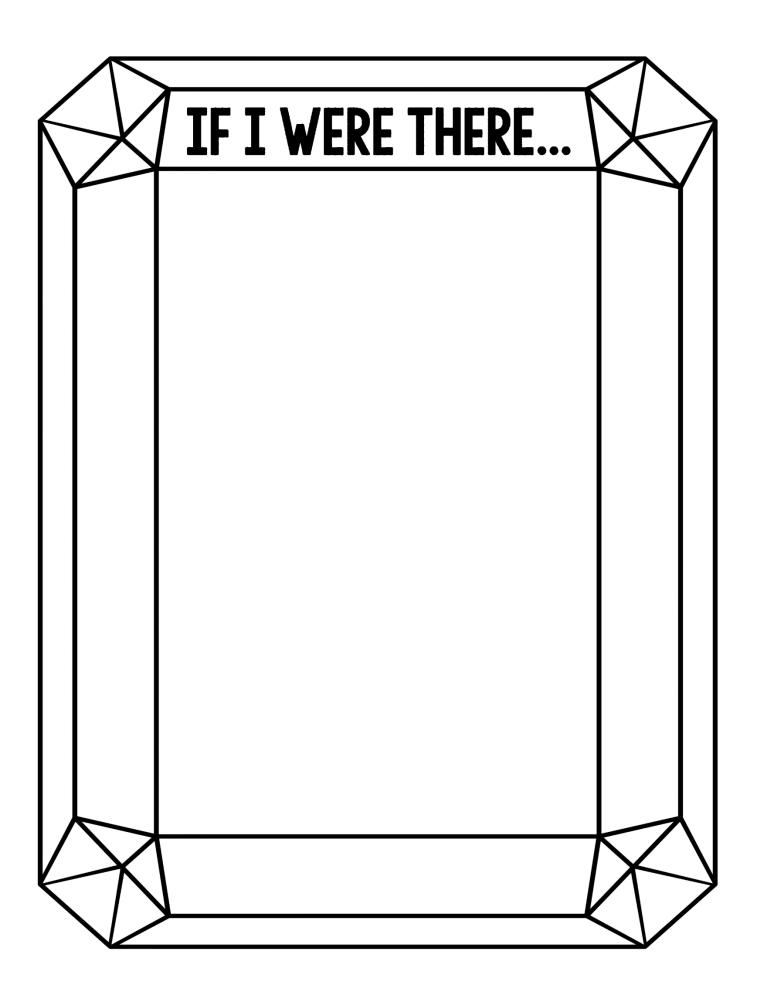
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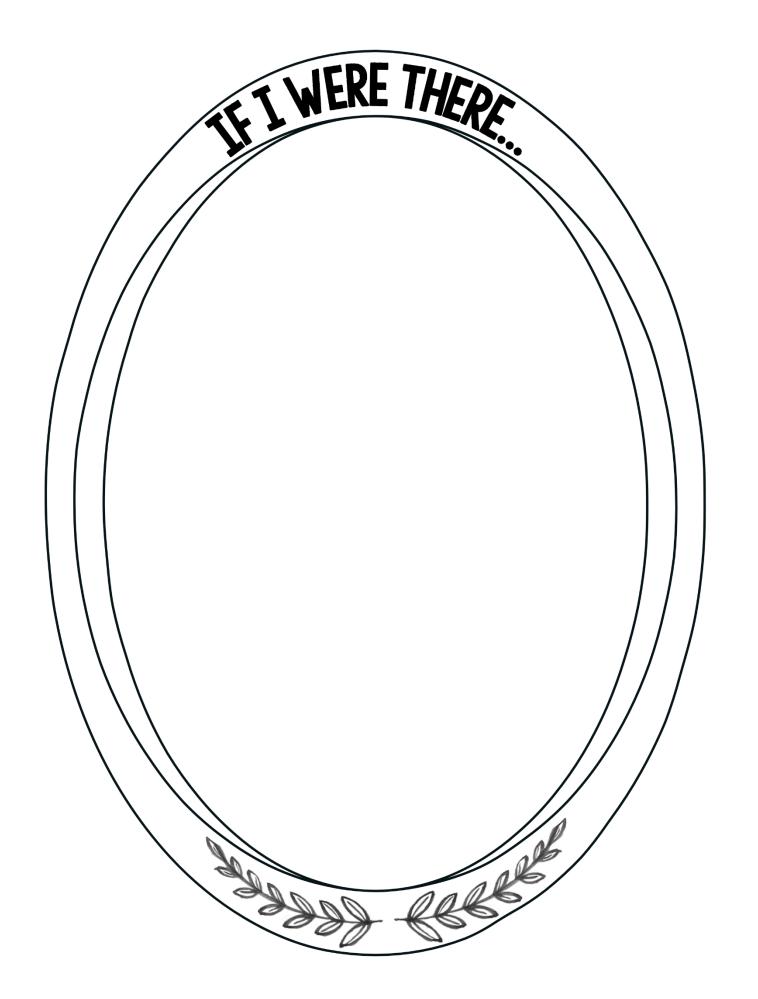
- Print out the smaller sized picture frames and give one to each child. Have the children color in the scene while you sing the song 2-3 times through while they color. Then, fill up the whiteboard up front with all their drawings!
- Ask the children what specific things were mentioned in the lyrics. Let 1-2 children come up to draw one of the specific scenes in song order while everyone sings.
 - You can include: seeing the angels, traveling with the shepherds, finding the stable, bowing and worshiping the Savior, feeling at peace, journeying with the wisemen, bringing treasures, etc.
 - Use the completed pictures to unscramble the song order to reuse this activity on another week!
- Match the line! Have the children decide which verse (or chorus) their picture best fits. You can use our flip chart to help them decide. Have the children sing ONLY their verse for a fun popcorn singing effect!
- Send the picture frames home and challenge the children to fill it with what they might have done then OR what they can do today to be seeking Jesus this holiday season! You can tie that in with a challenge to sing the song this week to practice it, as well.

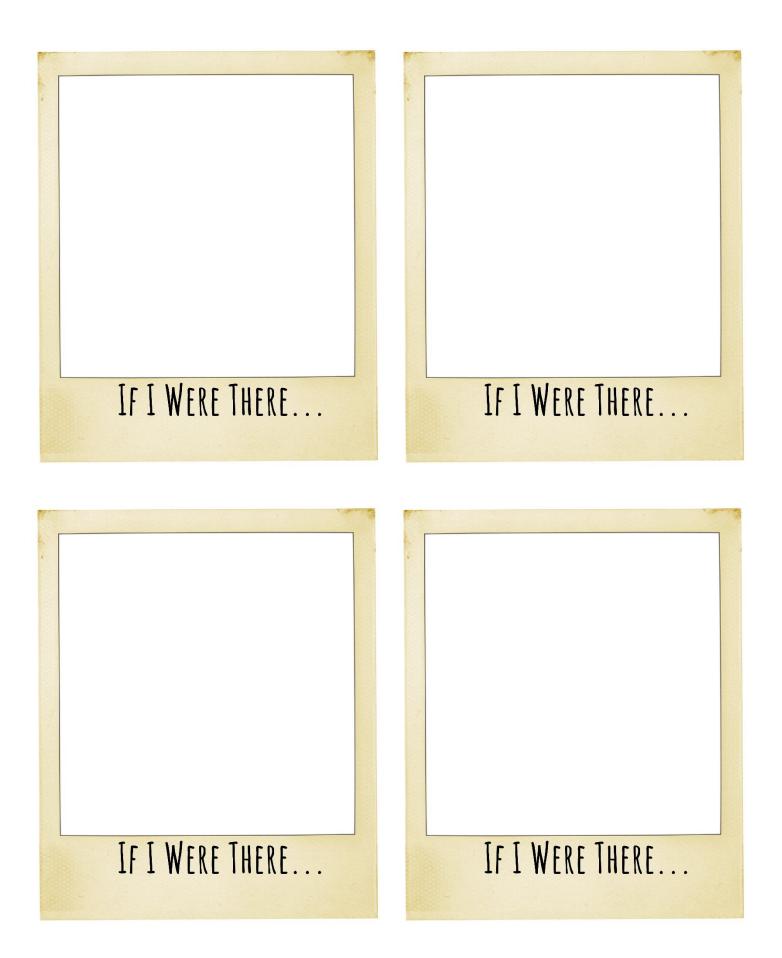


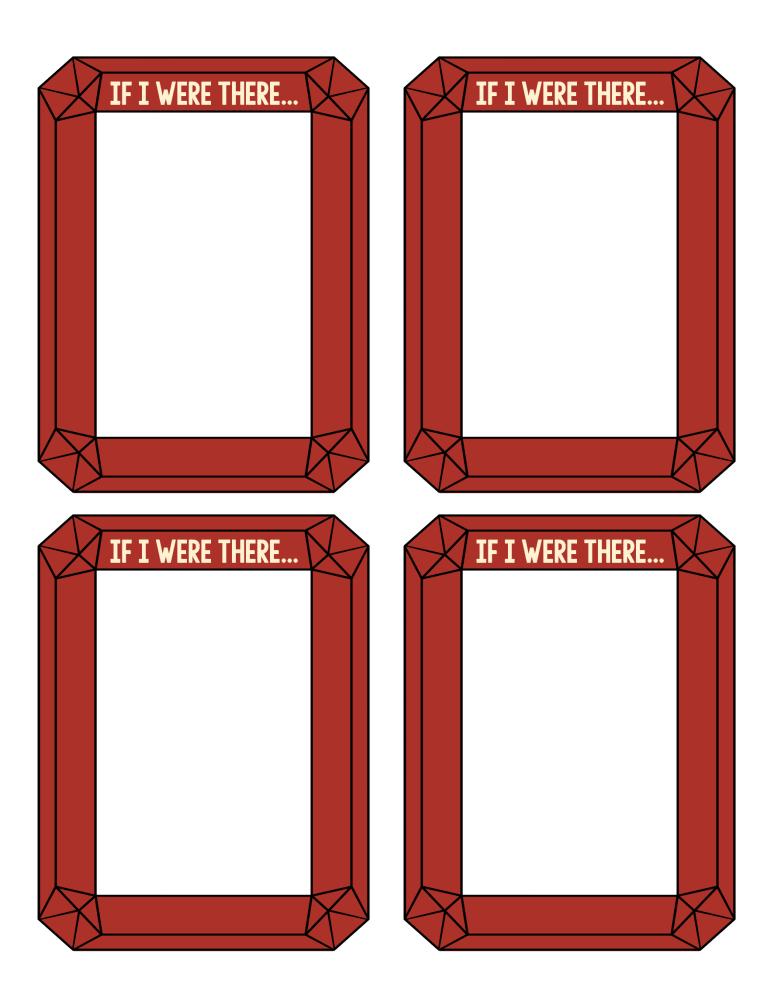


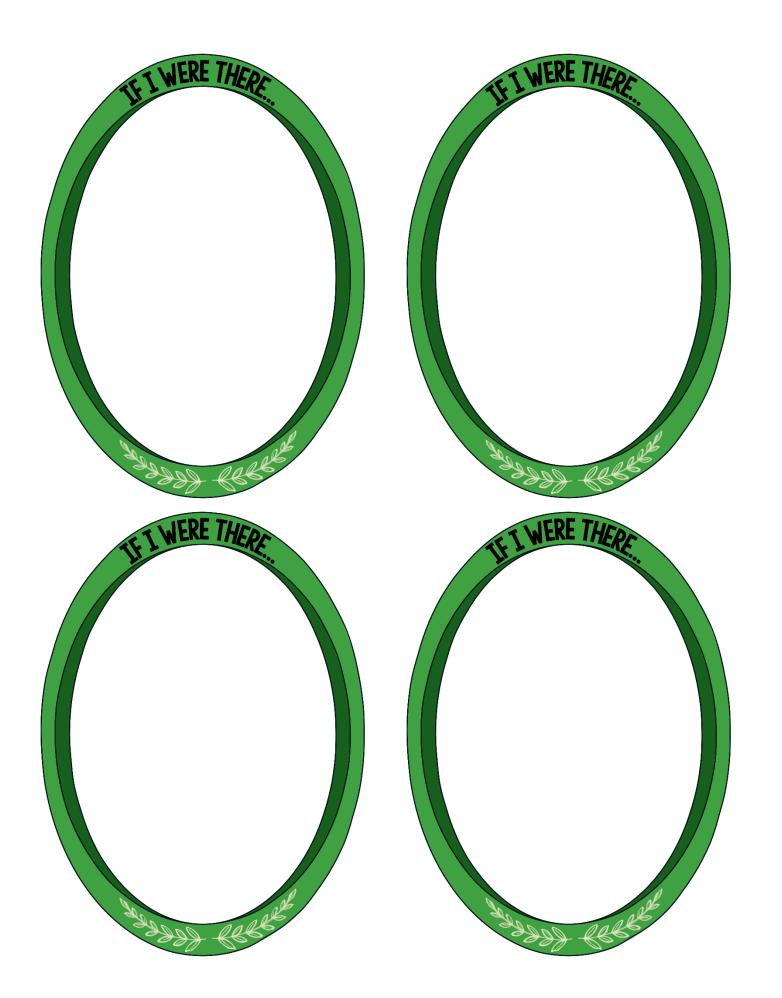


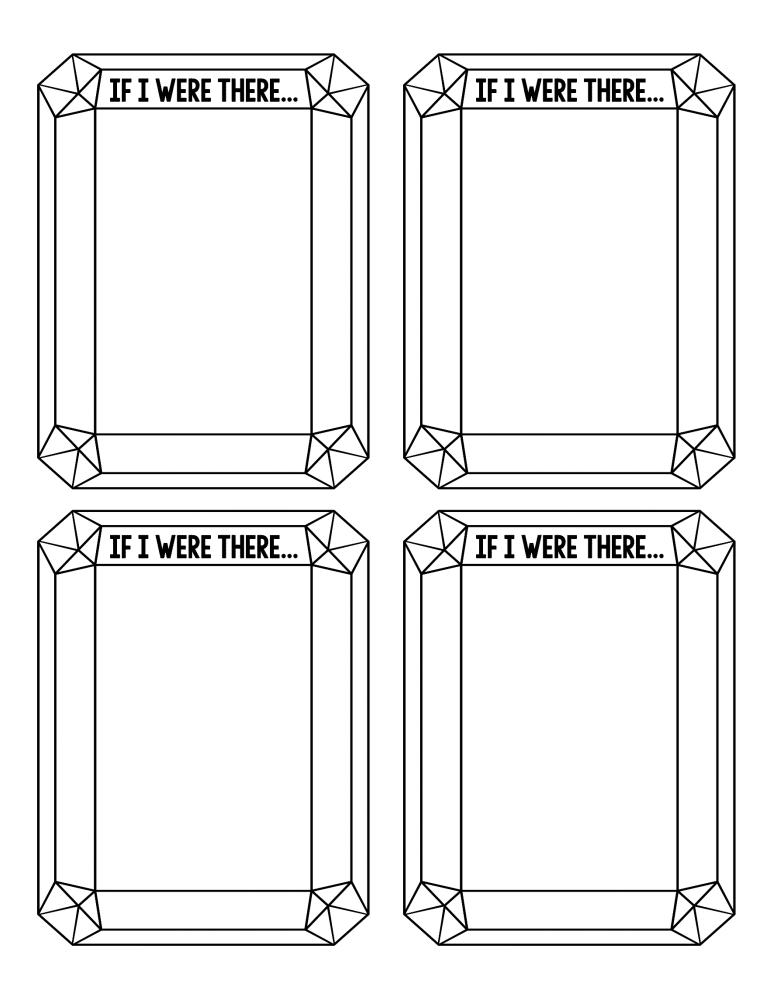
















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