

BEHOLD! I BRING YOU...GUESS

by STEPHEN D. LARSON

GENRE: Comedy

SYNOPSIS: An angel visits two shepherds on the night of Christ's birth and plays guessing games as to why he's come.

DIRECTOR'S TIP: This is a farce, so let your actors have fun. The whole point of this piece is that God doesn't play games when he has something to tell us. The Narrator's speech at the end can be omitted if the pastor has other comments he'd rather make.

TIME: Under 5 minutes

CAST BREAKDOWN: 5

TOPIC: Christmas, Biblical Times

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: Luke 2:1-20

CHURCH YEAR SEASON: Christmas

SUGGESTED USE: Before a message, A bridge between songs

CHARACTERS:

SHEPHERDS 1 & 2 - two simple shepherds watching over their sheep

ANGEL - a cosmic joker

SHEEP -- perhaps brighter than either of his two masters

NARRATOR -- this can be the Worship Leader or Pastor

PROPS: Shepherd's crooks, campfire, cigar

COSTUMES: Biblical or modern with shepherd's head gear. Sheep can wear a furry vest or wool sweater. Angel's costume can be stereotype flowing robe and cardboard halo worn over modern clothes.

SOUND: Wireless microphones

LIGHTING: General stage lighting, dim to represent night. Spotlight for the Angel.

SETTING: The hills outside Bethlehem

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Two SHEPHERDS are at down center stage with their SHEEP. The SHEEP bleats from time to time during the scene, reacting as appropriate to what's going on.

SHEP 1: What are we going to do tonight, Zeke?

SHEP 2: Same thing we do every night — watch our sheep.

SHEP 1: Oh, yeah. *(A pause. He yawns)* You know, counting sheep makes me sleepy. Why is that, Zeke?

SHEP 2: I don't know.

Spotlight on the ANGEL.

ANGEL: Hi, guys!

SHEP 1: Whoa!

SHEP 2: Mama!

SHEPHERD 2 shrugs his shoulders, embarrassed.

ANGEL: Hey, guys! Be cool! Chill out! Hang loose!

SHEP 1: Say what?

ANGEL: Don't be afraid.

SHEP 1: Oh.

ANGEL: I'll bet you can't guess why I'm here.

SHEP 2: I can't even guess what you are.

ANGEL: Well, duh! Look! Halo. Wings. Flowing robe. Majestic voice. Am I ringing any bells here?

SHEP 1: Quasimodo?

ANGEL: *(Makes a buzzer sound)* Buzz! Wrong! Any other contestants?

The SHEEP bleats excitedly, raising his hand and waving it around like a kid in school who knows the answer

Sorry, pal, I don't do sheep. *(To SHEPHERDS)* C'mon, guys. Get those tiny noggins working here. You want to use a lifeline or something? For those of you who just tuned in, the questions is: Who am I?