

MARY, JOSEPH AND THE ANGELS

by JOHN COSPER

GENRE: Comedy

SYNOPSIS: Christmas story is re-counted by a narrator and a mildly overenthusiastic angel.

DIRECTOR'S TIP: Keep the energy high and the pace moving quickly for maximum effect.

TIME: Under 5 minutes

CAST BREAKDOWN: 8

TOPIC: Christmas

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: Luke 1-2

CHURCH YEAR SEASON: Christmas

SUGGESTED USE: Seeker Service

CHARACTERS:

NARRATOR

MARY

JOSEPH

TOBY -- an angel

GABRIEL -- another angel

INNKEEPER

SHEPHERDS

PROPS: Storybook, scrub brush, doll, swaddling clothes, manger, halo

COSTUMES: Costumes appropriate for each character

SOUND: Wireless mics, if desired

LIGHTING: General stage

SETTING: A Christmas pageant

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MARY is on stage, scrubbing the floor. The NARRATOR enters with a storybook.

NARR: It all began with a young woman named Mary, a Hebrew girl pledged to be married to a man named Joseph. Mary was home alone one day when all of a sudden, an angel of the Lord appeared to her.

TOBY runs on.

TOBY: Fear not, for behold I bring you good tidings of great joy! Unto you--

NARR: Hey, Toby, what are you doing?

TOBY: I'm doing my part.

NARR: This isn't your part!

TOBY: You said an angel appeared.

NARR: Yes, but this is Gabriel's part.

TOBY: Oh... my bad.

TOBY exits.

NARR: The angel appeared and said...

GABRIEL enters.

GABRIEL: Greetings, Mary. Blessed are you among women, for you have found favor in the eyes of God. You will give birth to a son, and his name will be Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.

MARY: How can this be, since I am still unmarried?

GABRIEL: The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the child conceived within you will be the seed of God.

MARY: I am the Lord's servant. Let it be to me as you have said.

GABRIEL exits. JOSEPH enters.

NARR: Mary went and told her fiancé, Joseph, the news the angel told her. Joseph was troubled by this news, and he thought to break their engagement. But then the angel of the Lord appeared to him and said—

TOBY runs on.