

WHO BEGAT WHOM

by John Cosper

GENRE: Comedy/Light Drama

SYNOPSIS: Two gossiping women in the first century discuss the family genealogy of Jesus.

DIRECTOR'S TIP: This can be set in Biblical times, but it is most effective if the characters are portrayed as being from modern times. Play up the comedy and feel free to ad lib.

TIME: Under 5 minutes

CAST BREAKDOWN: 2

TOPIC: Gossip, Biblical Times

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: Matthew 1:1-17

CHURCH YEAR SEASON: Christmas

SUGGESTED USE: Christmas Service, Sermon Starter

CHARACTERS: HAZEL and PEARL—notorious gossips

PROPS: Laundry baskets, clothes, a few chocolate bars

COSTUMES: Modern housewife clothing

SOUND: Two wireless microphones

LIGHTING: General stage

SETTING: The Laundromat

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HAZEL walks in with a bag of laundry. PEARL is standing at a counter.

PEARL: Afternoon.

HAZEL: Afternoon to you.

PEARL: Another round of laundry?

HAZEL: The usual, Pearl. Need it by Monday.

PEARL: Not a problem. I'll have it waiting for you.

HAZEL looks left, right, then switches to gossip mode.

HAZEL: So I've been hearing all kinds of things.

PEARL: Yeah? Lot of stories in this town. Pick a topic.

HAZEL: The carpenter's girl.

PEARL stops, looks around, then leans in.

PEARL: What do you hear?

HAZEL: Word on the street has it the little girl is no longer pure.

PEARL: Is that a fact?

HAZEL: I hear tell she has a bun in the oven, and that it's not her husband-to-be's.

PEARL: No!

HAZEL: You don't know anything about this?

PEARL: Just a vague recollection.

HAZEL hands PEARL a candy bar.

PEARL: The girl is pregnant.

HAZEL: Oh my!

PEARL: And, he's marrying her anyway.

HAZEL: No! Oh, he is such a sweet kid. If she fooled around on him, he should let us stone her!

PEARL: He was going to divorce her quietly, but then, something changed his mind.