A script from



"A Christmas To Remember"

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What These are monologues delivered separately by each character. Appropriate for

preparation for the Christmas season. Themes: Christmas, Angels, Mary, Joseph,

Shepherds

Who Angel

Mary Joseph Shepherd

When Bible times

Wear None (Props)

Why Luke 2: 26-38, Luke 2: 8-20

How Characters are excited but be careful not to speak too fast or overact. Keep it

casual.

Monologues can be performed all at once or broken up and performed

separately. Each monologue is about 21/2-3 minutes.

Time Approximately 6 minutes

Angel:

(entering, excited) I tell you, no one in all of heaven could believe it! When I first heard the rumor, my wings quivered at the very thought of it! (Calming) Oh, I'm sorry. You probably have no idea what I'm talking about, do you? Well, let me back up a bit. I'll never forget that day. The day that God decided He would take the form of a man_and descend down to earth. What a bombshell! I mean, think about it. This is heaven! Paradise! The Place of Eternal Joy and Peace! The place where God is. (Pause). So, I had to know, just why in heaven's name would the Almighty God descend to the un-heavenly world to walk among common men?

Well, I soon got my answer. Hey, we knew that God works in mysterious ways long before you did! See, God called me to perform a special task for Him. Me! He wanted me to appear before the young woman who was to bear Him as He was born into the human world. At first, I had a million questions. But it is pretty pointless to argue with God. Don't you think? Like always, He already had it all figured out. He explained to me that the reason He was descending to earth in the form of man was because...He wanted to. Because He loved all of you so much that He wanted to give you the most incredible gift imaginable. Think about that, will you? God can imagine some pretty incredible gifts! But, of all the gifts God could have imagined, He decided to send His only Son—as a single, incredible gift just for you. Wow. God really loves you a lot...

Well, I sought out the young girl God told me about. Her name was Mary. When I found her, I took a deep breath, set my jaw, and gently appeared before her. You must be careful about these things you know, you just never know how human beings might react when visited by an angel! I called her by name and told her that God had chosen her to bear a baby. His name was to be Jesus. He was to be the Savior of the World. The King of all Kings. The Lord of all Lords. The source of man's salvation from sin. It was just as I expected. At first, she was scared. Not just of me, but scared about the news that I brought to her. But as we talked more, I watched her fear begin to change. It was like a great peace fell over her. She simply said that if that is what God wanted her to do, then she knew He would give her the strength to do it. Pretty wise for a girl so young, don't you think? Then, as I looked into those eyes of hers and saw the happiness begin to well up within her, I knew that maybe this whole thing would work out just fine. (Laughs) You call that day of Jesus' birth "Christmas", I believe. That first Christmas was sure a Christmas to remember for me! Well, I have duties to attend to. Hope to see you here some day!

End Scene 1

Mary:

I've never been filled with so many strange emotions all at the same time! I've never been so happy...but I've never been so scared either!



What if I forget some of the things the angel told me? (Pause) Oh, I won't forget. (*To audience*) Do you think you'd forget a visit from an angel? No. And I won't either. But it was so very unexpected. There I was, all alone in the garden, when all of a sudden a great light appeared before me. I didn't know whether to run or hide or stay and watch. It really didn't matter though, because I was so scared I couldn't have run if I'd wanted to. But, then, the angel began to speak. He had the kindest, gentlest voice I'd ever heard. He called me by name! "Mary...", he said. "Do not be afraid." He told me the most amazing things! He said that I was to bear a child. When I told him I was not married yet, he said not to worry about that, because this baby was to be very special. This baby was to be God's son. Did you hear that? God's son! He told me that His name was to be Jesus, and that He would be the Messiah, the Savior of the world. Then the angel said not to be concerned, that God would be with me, and then he was gone. I had so many more guestions I needed to ask. So many more details to work out...like what do I tell Joseph?

Joseph. I really am thankful to God for giving me Joseph to become my husband. He is such a good man. But to find out that his wife-to-be will be the mother of God's son...well, I wasn't sure even a good man like Joseph could handle that. But, I should have known. It was just like the angel promised, God always handles the details. You see, an angel appeared to Joseph, too. He explained everything. And now Joseph couldn't be happier! (Pause, deep breath) I don't know what it will be like, raising the Son of God. If raising Him is anything like how things have been so far, I'm sure we can't possibly plan for everything. But I do know that God will take care of us. He's already shown us that. Even if this baby is to be the Savior of this world, he'll still need his mother. With God's help, I will be the best mother I can be for him!

End Scene 2

Joseph:

In the past few days, my entire world has been turned completely upside down! You wouldn't believe it! I'm not sure I can believe it. In fact, there are only two things that I'm sure I understand about all this. That is, that I love Mary, and that God is in control of everything.

But, let me start from the beginning. My name is Joseph. I'm a carpenter here in Nazareth. Not long ago, I had the most amazing dream. In that dream, a figure appeared to me. At first, I wasn't sure exactly who it was. But when I looked closer, I saw it was an angel! I remember I tried to ask him what he wanted of me, but my mouth just wouldn't work. But he seemed to know how concerned I was about all that has been happening—with Mary...and now the baby. He told me that I shouldn't be concerned about all that. It was all a part of God's plan. That this baby was God's son. Did you hear that? He said God's son! We were going to be raising God's own son? He said that this baby was to be the



Savior of the world. The long-awaited Messiah! He is to be named Jesus. And God chose <u>us</u> to be His earthly parents! That dream helped me realize some things. I can't tell you what it will be like, raising God's son. I would imagine there will be quite a lot of things we can't possibly prepare for. But I know that God will provide for us. The three of us, together. I can already tell that I will love Jesus like he was my very own. I'll teach him everything I know about tools, about being a carpenter, how to roll a hoop, how to help his mother. With God's help, I will be the best father to him I can be. No matter what!

End Scene 3

Shepherd: (very excited) There we stood, my fellow shepherds and I, looking at the baby King. Right in front of us, the new Savior! See, I know He's the Savior because this is where the star was pointing. Oh, I forgot to explain the star. See, we followed this wonderful, bright star because the angel...did I tell you about the angel? No, I didn't, did I? (Pause, calming) Maybe I'd better sit down and start from the beginning.

I am a humble shepherd. My friends and I were tending our flock out in the field. It was one of those nights, where everything seemed right with the world. The sheep were resting quietly, there was no sign of that pack of wild dogs, and we were taking advantage of the quiet and catching a little shut-eye. Suddenly, we were jolted awake by this tremendous glow in the sky. I thought I was dreaming! I was terrified! There were angels...everywhere! They were very happy about something. They were singing, and shouting praises to God! Then, they spoke to us. They said, "For unto you is born this day in the City of David, a Savior, which is Christ the Lord." You see, that's how I knew the babe was our long-awaited Savior.

Well, it didn't take long to decide we must all go and see this baby. That brings us to the part about the star. That beautiful star! It led us directly to the baby and His young parents. We found them in a stable of all places. Imagine that, the Savior of the world, born in a stable. But I guess it was no stranger than anything else that happened tonight. This was a special night, a special place. So special that I wasn't even sure I should be there. I mean, what if the angels made a mistake? What if they appeared to the wrong people? After all, we're only poor shepherds. There's nothing special about us. This baby is the Messiah, come to save the world. It just seems to me that God should have chosen men much more important than us to witness this event. Like a governor, a general, or a scholar, maybe. But never a common shepherd. But, then, as I looked at that little baby, cradled in his mother's arms, I realized that it all made sense after all. This baby came to save all of mankind, governors and shepherd's alike. Even a shepherd like me. I'll never forget tonight. I'll never forget the feelings I had as the Messiah



wrapped his tiny hand around my finger. The Savior of the world, right before my eyes!

Well, if you'll excuse me, I've got to get back to my sheep. We've got quite a story to tell. Now that you know the story, you go tell someone,

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