

A script from



## **“Heavenly Expectations”**

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- What** It's the day of the big announcement to Mary and some angels are anxiously awaiting Gabriel's return to hear how it went.  
**Themes:** Christmas, Angels, Purpose, Gifts
- Who** Angel 2- female  
Angel 3- male  
Gabriel
- When** Bible times in Heaven
- Wear (Props)** You can wear modern day clothes with neutral colors. No need for elaborate costumes. Since it's a lighthearted skit, each character can have wings.
- Why** Luke 1:26-38
- How** Have fun with this! Keep the dialogue conversational and the pacing/energy high.
- Time** Approximately 6 minutes

**Angel 2 and Angel 3** are standing, looking offstage, nervously waiting.

**Angel 2:** Where is he?

**Angel 3:** This is not happening.

**Angel 2:** He should be back by now.

**Angel 3:** All I can say is...this is not happening.

**Angel 2:** Look, get over it, it's happening. But it's not like Gabriel to be late. I hope nothing went wrong. (pause) Wait a minute, I think I see him. Yes, that's him! Here he comes! Don't ask him anything. You know how he is about these things. He'll tell us when he's ready. Just act natural.

**Gabriel** enters slowly, saying nothing. After a moment...

**Angel 2:** Well? Out with it! What'd she say?

**Angel 3:** Nice job. Very natural.

**Angel 2:** I can't help it. Will she do it?

**Gabriel:** (Slowly) Yes, she'll do it.

**Angel 2:** Yes!

**Angel 3:** This can't be happening.

**Angel 2:** Tell us everything. What's she like? Is she ready? Can she do it? She must be a very special young lady.

**Gabriel:** You know, she's really not. In fact she seems very...human.

**Angel 3:** And all of us know, nothing good will ever come from humanity.

**Angel 2:** But she's a very special human, right? Is she royalty? Like a princess?

**Gabriel:** No. She's just a...regular girl. Nothing special at all.

**Angel 3:** Now there's a surprise.

**Angel 2:** Then, how did you convince her to take the job?

**Angel 3:** Really. All they ever do is ask for things. They're never willing to do anything that God wants.

**Gabriel:** Actually, it was easier than I thought. When God first told me what I was to do, I'll admit I had my doubts. But then, with love in His voice, He told me to seek out the young girl named Mary and tell her of His wonderful plan for her. So off I went. 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 can never be certain how human beings might react when visited by an angel!

**Angel 3:** Tell me about it. Like the time God had me appear to Gideon...

**Angel 2:** Hey! Do you mind? I'd like to hear this.

**Gabriel:** Just like I was told, I called her by name and said 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.

**Angel 2:** How'd she take it?

**Gabriel:** 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. (To **Angel 3**) Even you will have to admit that's pretty wise for a girl so young.

**Angel 3:** I still think this whole thing is a mistake.

**Angel 2:** Give her a break, will you? What happened next?

**Gabriel:** As I looked into those eyes of hers, something started to happen. I saw a wonderful happiness begin to well up within her. Then I knew that maybe this whole thing might work out just fine. (Laughs) Hey, maybe she's humanity's bright spot!

**Angel 3:** Don't kid yourself. Mankind doesn't deserve this. What have they ever done but cause the Father grief? Look, it just doesn't make sense. If you ask me, no mere human should bear the Savior of the World. If He has to go down there, we should take Him. The entire host of us could sing mighty 'hosannas' all at once and the whole of creation would know He has arrived! That's it! Someone has to try to talk to Him. Maybe we can convince Him that going down there as a baby is all wrong.

**Angel 2:** You're going to walk up to the Omniscient Father and say, "Excuse me, but I think that perhaps this infant king stuff is all a big mistake"?

**Angel 3:** I guess not. But think about it! Until a few days ago, we never thought this was even possible. But can anyone explain to me...why? Why is this necessary? Why does God need to take the form of (*disgustedly*) a man? Look around. This is heaven! Paradise! The Place of Eternal Joy and Peace! The Place where God is. So, why in heaven's name would the Almighty even want to descend to the dirty, smelly, cold, hot, ugly, sinful, un-heavenly world to walk among common men?

**Angel 2:** (*Pause*) You know, I hate to admit it, but he has a point there. Do you know why, Gabriel?

**Gabriel:** Yes. I think I do...

**Angel 2:** You do?

**Gabriel:** Sure. God explained to me that the reason He is descending to earth in the form of man is because...He wants to.

**Angel 3:** He wants to? But why?

**Gabriel:** Because He loves His people so much that He wants to give them the most incredible gift imaginable. Think about that, will you? God can imagine some pretty incredible gifts! But, of all the gifts God can imagine, He has decided to send His only Son- as a single, incredible present just for each and every person who will ever live on earth.

**Angel 2:** Wow. God really loves them a lot...

**Gabriel:** Yes, He does.

**Angel 3:** Do you think they realize that?

**Gabriel:** Only the Father knows for sure. (*Pause*) Well, if you'll excuse me I have to go talk to Mary's fiancée.

**Angel 2:** Fiancée? You mean she's not married? Just how is that going to work?

**Angel 3:** Ohhhhh, this is not happening...

*Lights out.*