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“Heavenly Host, Come on Down!”

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What In this easy to stage, fun and meaningful skit, an excited shepherd pitches their off the wall ideas on how to best honor the experience of seeing the Christ child. The other shepherd has to act as a voice of reason, finally steering his friend away from the ideas and more towards what really honors the baby.

Themes: Christmas, Witnessing, Shepherds

Who Shepherd 1
Shepherd 2

When A few weeks after the birth of Jesus

Costumes Period clothing

Props Fake campfire

Why John 15:27

How Place campfire downstage center. In YouTube, search: “How to make a prop campfire for stage” and you’ll see a number of easy-to-follow instructional videos

Time 3 minutes

*At curtain, **Shepherd 1** and **Shepherd 2** are by the campfire.*

Shepherd 1: *(with energy)* OK, OK, I have a plan.

Shepherd 2: Ugg. Not again.

Shepherd 1: *(ignoring)* So, as you know, we got to see the baby that the angel told us about.

Shepherd 2: *(suspicious)* Yeah. Christ the Lord. In a manger. We adored him.

Shepherd 1: And it was like an amazing experience, something we'll never forget, right?

Shepherd 2: *(still wondering)* Uh huh.

Shepherd 1: And we are shepherds, right? I mean, it's no picnic. Always worrying about protecting our animals, dealing with injured sheep, flock mentality-

Shepherd 2: *(with an edge)* Enough of this. I *know* what we do, but what-

Shepherd 1: *(interrupts)* OK, here it is....we have that angel come by on a regular basis. You know, like to do heavenly pep talks. He already knows us, we did the whole awe and wonder and we told, like everyone, about the baby so we're gold to the angel! Plus, we're humble!

Shepherd 2: *(incredulous)* What?! What?!

Shepherd 1: *(still ignoring)* I can see angel seminars like *(finger quotes)* "Keeping it Humble when you Tumble". Or "Shearing away the Shepherd Blues", or maybe "Heavenly Host Harmonizing for Flock Control" I don't know, just spitballin' here. And I know you're wondering how I would contact the angel again?

Shepherd 2: *(mocking)* Oh yeah, *that's* what I'm wondering. And contact him? What, are you going to get on top of a hill and pray real loud?!

Shepherd 1: Two words. *(point to fire)* Smoke signals! You know, from our fires. But I like the praying thing, too. Good thinking!

Shepherd 2: *(sniffs **Shepherd 1's** breath)* Have you been eating those fermented figs again?

Shepherd 1: OK, OK, so maybe that idea's a bit out there.

Shepherd 2: *(sarcastic)* You think?

Shepherd 1: OK, OK, how about we go back and, um, borrow the manger. Once they're done with it of course.

Shepherd 2: What do you want with-

Shepherd 1: You know, show it off to the other guys who weren't there. Maybe sell tickets to see it and stuff.

Shepherd 2: *(flat)* And stuff.

Shepherd 1: OK, OK... um, er, how about a line of swaddling clothes? Our motto: "Good enough for a Savior, now it's your turn!" Whaddya think?

Shepherd 2: Uh, I'm not thinking at all.

Shepherd 1: *(almost out of breath with excitement)* OK, OK, how about-

Shepherd 2: *(indicates time out with hands)* Time out, time out. Just slow down a minute.

Shepherd 1's breathing starts to slow, breathing steady now.

Shepherd 2: What's all this about?

Shepherd 1: What's *what* all about?

Shepherd 2: All these (*finger quotes*) "great" ideas? Ever since we came back from Bethlehem a few weeks ago, you've been going on and on with this, as you put it... stuff.

Shepherd 1: (*more quiet now*) I'm... I'm just trying to, I dunno, somehow honor what happened to us.

Shepherd 2: Honor?

Shepherd 1: Yeah. (*thinking*) Look, we were chosen to hear the Good News. To see the Christ child before anyone else. Then, to be able to tell everyone what we saw.

Shepherd 2: Right, but I'm still trying to understand how all your ideas honor that?

Shepherd 1: It just got me thinking that there's got to be some way to get more people to know about him. To get some sort of taste of what we encountered. You know?

Shepherd 2: OK, I see. (*pause*) OK, maybe this helps. Instead of thinking all this stuff up, how about just start telling people about the power of seeing the announcement... of being invited to that stable... of seeing him, God's own... how it all changed *you*.

Shepherd 1: Huh?

Shepherd 2: Just be genuine and honest with people, and tell *your* story.

Shepherd 1: No angel seminars or manger showings?

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Shepherd 2: *(smiles)* No, just you showing your heart. Letting everyone know he was born to you... me... and to all of us. That, I think, will best honor the child.

Shepherd 1: *(quiet for a moment)* Yeah. OK. I get it. *(pause)* And thanks.

Shepherd 2: You bet. Now, let's-

Shepherd 1: *(being funny)* Start the smoke signals?

Shepherd 2: What?

Shepherd 1: Kidding, kidding. *(under breath)* Sort of. Hey, just for fun, do you want to hear more ideas?

Shepherd 2: *(starts to exit)* Um, I've got to go and do some serious shearing.

Shepherd 1: *(smiling, following)* To shear away the blues?

Shepherd 2: *(sarcastic)* Yeah, that's it. *(exits)*

Shepherd 1: *(exiting on his heels)* OK, OK, how about---

Exit.

Curtain.