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## **“The Messenger”**

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**What** In this humorous look at the first Christmas, a novice angel is sent to deliver God's message to the shepherds.

Themes: Christmas, Comedy, Angels

**Who** Angel  
God's Secretary  
\*Either can be played by men or women

**When** The First Christmas

**Costumes and Props** The Angel is a novice; it can be funny to have wings that appear too small, or a tilted halo. Secretary in professional business attire.  
Desk  
Phone or Inner Office Speaker  
Notepad or Clipboard with work orders

**Why** Luke 2:8-14

**How** A traditional comic scene, this plays well with a quick, energetic pace, and it is also a good one for exploring physical comedy. The Angel should be sincere, if over-eager, and the Secretary should be firm, but never mean or angry.

**Time** Approximately 2.5 minutes

*The Secretary, holding a clipboard with work orders, is standing in front of her desk, watching live action from earth playing out on a screen in front of her (on the 4<sup>th</sup> wall). She bites her lip and returns to her desk and begins to take notes. The Angel charges into the office, practically crashing into the Secretary's desk.*

**Angel:** Hi! Is the Big Guy in?

**Secretary:** Of course, Almighty God is always in, but He's rather busy right now. Do you have an appointment?

**Angel:** Uh...I was sent for...um...that is...Gabriel's on vacation and I'm his assistant!

**Secretary:** Hmm. This is a very important assignment. What kind of experience do you have? (*brief pause as Secretary waits for Angel to answer, and then Secretary stands and crosses to point to the earth screen*) Have you ever gone down there before?

**Angel:** Oh, sure...I got to watch when Gabriel told young Mary she was chosen to be the Lord's mom! What a special moment...she cried...I cried... Beautiful!

**Secretary:** Well, I suppose it's alright then...

**Angel:** Great! Where do I get to go? I'd love to appear in someone's dream! Am I to visit King Herod? (*heading towards the exit*) I'll start polishing my trumpet right away...

**Secretary:** Now, wait just a minute! You're to go to the shepherds living out in the fields near Bethlehem.

**Angel:** The shepherds? Are you sure?

**Secretary:** Ours is not to question God Almighty. He has a perfect plan for everything.

**Angel:** But the shepherds...they smell bad, and they're a little loony. No one from down there even listens to them!

**Secretary:** God wants you to share the good news of baby Jesus with the shepherds. Do you want the job or not?

**Angel:** Ok, ok...I want it. What's the message?

**Secretary:** (*reading from a work order*) "I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all people."

**Angel:** You mean for the chosen ones of Israel, right?

**Secretary:** No, it says here "for ALL people."

**Angel:** Hey, this might be kind of fun, after all!

**Secretary:** (*continuing*) "Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord."

**Angel:** I think I'm going to cry!

**Secretary:** Just get going. (*Angel begins to run towards the exit*) Oh and remember to appear gently. The shepherds are humble folk; the Lord doesn't want them to freak out.

**Angel:** Don't worry! His message is in good hands.

**Secretary:** I hope so. You- know-who will be watching from up here.

**Angel:** Oh...right! Well, I'm off!!

*Angel exits.*

**Secretary** watches the earth view screen on the 4<sup>th</sup> wall (or towards audience), sighs when scene below isn't going well...answers phone/buzzer.

**Secretary:** Yes Sir? ... Yes Sir, the shepherds do look "sore afraid..." (*watching more of the scene below*) The speech is going well, now, don't you think? ... Yes, Sir ... I'll send down reinforcements ... How about a heavenly host to accompany your messenger angel? ... They can praise You and show the shepherds how to glorify You for good measure ... Yes, Sir, right away, Sir! (*Secretary ends call. Muttering during rapid exit*) Oh, I'm going to get demoted this time for sure...

*Lights out.*

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