

“The New ADVENTure: Love”

Script 4

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What This humorous, modern-day Advent skit features Moses, Obadiah, Isaiah, Zechariah, and Malachi. They are ecstatic about the prophecies from Micah 5:2 and Isaiah 7:14, and can't wait for the arrival of God's Son.

Themes: Christmas, Advent, Love, Prophets, Prophecy, Messiah

Who Moses
Obadiah
Isaiah
Zechariah
Malachi

When Just before the birth of Jesus

Costumes and Props Tunics or robes for Prophets
Table full of scrolls
Door for prophets to enter is helpful, but not necessary.

Why Micah 5:2 ff.; Isaiah 7:14

How If needed, the script can be written on the scrolls and the actors can reference their lines while perusing over the scrolls. Each prophet has their own characteristics and idiosyncrasies that should be played whenever possible. Obadiah is “normal.” Moses is wise, serious and respected. Moses is always seated. Isaiah is stern. Zechariah is an energetic and exuberant character. Malachi is stoic and loud. All prophets (especially Zechariah) should slow down and emphasize the phrases of the prophecies that indicate peace and joy.

Time Approximately 3 minutes

Obadiah, Moses, and Isaiah are looking at and shuffling through scrolls.

Obadiah: So, you can touch part of the glass and then you can talk to anyone in the world.

Moses: I still don't get it, Obadiah. What if you someone you don't know answers?

Zechariah: *(rushing in and ecstatic)* He did it! It's going down! This is incredible!

Moses: *(begins looking around on the floor)* What's down? Is something falling?

Obadiah: *(turning to Moses)* No, Moses. That's a saying. It means something is happening. Right. Zechariah?

Zechariah: No! Literally! It's going down! Down to Earth! The messenger! The Servant, the One that we've been waiting for!

Isaiah: Is it a heavenly warrior? Armed to the teeth with weapons of retribution that no man can withstand?

Zechariah: *(a little repulsed)* Isaiah, dude, chill. *(back to ecstatic)* It's...ah I'm so excited, I can't believe it. It's...well...so, SO crazy, like...

Moses: Come on, man, you're a prophet. Proclamation is what we do!

Zechariah: I know, but... *(breathing hard)* ok I'm about to hyperventilate

Obadiah: Does anyone else know so we can go get them and they can tell us?

Zechariah: *(hunched over)* Well, there's one guy who will get the word out.

Obadiah: *(petrified)* You didn't...Malachi?

Malachi: *(from outside)* BEHOLD! *(enters)* BEHOLD! A child has been born!

Isaiah: Born? Like a baby?

Zechariah: *(screams)* YEEEEAAAAHAAA! Isn't it awesome?

Moses: So you think this...baby...is the one we've been looking for? The one who will restore peace to the world? God's chosen messenger who will bring a new covenant?

Zechariah: Well not right now, obviously. He's going to have to grow up. Learn to talk, grow a beard, get potty-trained...all that stuff first.

Moses: What makes you think this baby is related to the Messenger in the prophecies?

Malachi: BEHOLD! You have neglected what our cohort Micah wrote:
But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah,
who are too little to be among the clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me
one who is to be ruler in Israel
whose coming forth is from of old,
from ancient days.

Zechariah: Micah's busy. Something about rehearsing a song with some angels to sing to some sheep or something.

Malachi: Why wasn't I invited to this choral celebration? My voice carries as the rose petals in the wind.

Obadiah: More like a seagull in a hurricane. We want the people to rejoice, not scream and flee in panic.

Zechariah: *(happily)* Yeah, whatever. Guys, this is IT! Micah said the person in the prophecy would come from Bethlehem, and the baby is in Bethlehem!

Isaiah: *(slightly upset)* Surely someone should have said something about this, right? All these esteemed prophets and no one saw anything about a baby? Come on, guys!

Moses: *(sits up straight while reading a scroll)* Well, there is one here:
(Obadiah comes to read over Moses's shoulder) Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son and will call him Immanuel.

Isaiah: There's a huge clue! Which illuminated mouthpiece of God couldn't remember that?

Obadiah and Moses look and stare at Isaiah. Isaiah waits a couple seconds and realizes they are staring at him.

Isaiah: *(yelling)* How was I supposed to know that's what it meant?

Moses: *(turning to Malachi)* That term, "Ancient of Days," that's a title for God. That's not for a man.

Zechariah: I completely forgot! That's the best part! The baby is the Son! Father God is sending his own Son as a baby!

Everyone pauses in awed silence.

Isaiah: *(softly, flabbergasted)* Holy holiness. That's insane... *(realizing what he said)* In a good way of course!

Moses: I never would have guessed that it would be God's own Son...as a human baby?

Isaiah: Why would he do this? Send his Son to a broken and messed up world? Can you imagine how they might treat him?

Moses: It might be problematic. The Son of God born into an oppressed people, standing against an empire obsessed with power.

Obadiah: Why would the Father do this? People can be fickle. They are stubborn and sinful. Why would the Father put his Son in that world? Especially in current conditions...

Malachi: BEHOLD! I believe it is for the munificent nature and his steadfast constancy to man based in the covenant.

Obadiah: You're not helping.

Moses: What Malachi is trying to say, is that God is basically giving us his Son to do everything we've talked about. He's going to bring in a new covenant of closeness with God, he's going to bring joy, peace, and hope to His people again.

Isaiah: But a baby? His own Son? Why would He do that?

Moses: Because He loves them. He loves us. And He will give more so we don't have to.

Zachariah: So this is it. The big news. Hope, Joy, Peace, and Love. Currently wrapped up in a manger. Who would have ever believed it?

Moses: Only the Father could have dreamed up something so incredible. I can't wait to see what happens

Lights out.