

Christmas Story

CHRISTMAS STORY PLAYERS

Autumn B - Mary

Christalin G - Gabriel/Angel #1

Myron M - Joseph

Randall - Caesar/King Herod

Addilyn S - Innkeeper

Berlynn A, Brooklyn H, Brynlee V, Caroline B, Kaylee W, Jaidyn H, Julie R, Maleea H - Angels

Cassidy K - Shepherd #1

Everly C - Shepherd #2

Autumn V - Shepherd #3

Aria S - Shepherd #4

Joshua P - Wiseman #1

Thaxton P - Wiseman #2

Crosby W - Wiseman #3

Berlynn A, Brooklyn H, Brynlee V, Caroline B, Kaylee W, Jaidyn H, Julie R, Maleea H - Props

Kristi C - Narrator

KRISTI

Wow. Okay. I guess this is my chance to set the scene. See, in the very beginning, long before Christmas, God created a beautiful, perfect world . . . including us! We are made in the very image of God. But when people turned away from God, the world was broken. Instead of leaving us on our own, God had a plan from the start to rescue us. But for many years, God's people lived under enemy rule. Over and over, God promised to send Someone to rescue the people. But after hundreds of years, many people gave up hope. Until, at last, a message arrived!

KRISTI looks around. RANDALL rushes out with a binder.

RANDALL

Here!

KRISTI

Wait, what?

RANDALL hands KRISTI the binder and moves her over to the side of the stage.

RANDALL

Read this. Oh, and stand right over here.

KRISTI

But—

RANDALL

It'll all make sense. Trust me.

RANDALL quickly exits.

KRISTI

Well . . . here goes.

KRISTI opens the binder and begins to read.

KRISTI

A long time ago, over two thousand years ago, God sent an angel named Gabriel to the town of Nazareth to deliver a message to an ordinary young girl named Mary.

Mary enters in standard biblical attire.

AUDIO: Music begins for "O Holy Night"

MARY – AUTUMN B

(looking out into the distance, singing to the tune of "O Holy Night")

O NORMAL NIGHT,
THE STARS ARE TYPICALLY SHINING!
THERE'S NOTHING STRANGE;
IT'S JUST AN ORDINARY NIGHT.

Gabriel bursts in.

GABRIEL - CHRISTALIN

(shouting)

THE LORD HAS BLESSED YOU IN A SPECIAL WAY!!!! HE IS WITH YOU!!!

MARY – AUTUMN B

Mary cowers, terrified.

shriek

GABRIEL - CHRISTALIN

(shouting)

DON'T BE AFRAID!

MARY – AUTUMN B

THEN STOP YELLING AT ME!

GABRIEL - CHRISTALIN

(normal voice)

Oh. Is this better?

MARY - AUTUMN

Yes.

GABRIEL - CHRISTALIN

God is pleased with you, Mary. You're going to give birth to a Son. You must call Him Jesus. He'll be called the Son of the Most High God.

MARY - AUTUMN

But . . . how? I'm not even married.

GABRIEL - CHRISTALIN

The power of the Most High God will make this happen.

MARY - AUTUMN

May it happen to me just as you said it would.

Gabriel and Mary exit.

KRISTI

Mary was not married, it was true. But she was engaged to a man named Joseph. When he found out that the woman he was engaged to was going to have a baby, he made a plan to call off the engagement.

Joseph enters.

AUDIO: Music begins for "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear"

JOSEPH - MYRON

(staring wistfully off in the distance, starts to sing "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear")

IT CAME U—

Gabriel bursts into the scene, interrupting the song.

GABRIEL - CHRISTALIN

(shouting)

JOSEPH, SON OF DAVID!

JOSEPH - MYRON

Joseph cowers, terrified.

shriek

GABRIEL - CHRISTALIN

(shouting)

DON'T BE AFRAID!

JOSEPH - MYRON

THEN STOP YELLING AT ME!

GABRIEL - CHRISTALIN

(normal voice)

Oh. That keeps happening. I've got a message for you. From God. I'll just sing it.

AUDIO: Music begins for "God Rest You, Merry Gentlemen"

GABRIEL - CHRISTALIN

(singing to the tune of "God Rest You, Merry Gentlemen")

GOD REST YOU, MARY'S GENTLEMAN,
YOU HAVE NOTHING TO FEAR.
TAKE MARY HOME TO BE YOUR WIFE
'CAUSE THIS ONE THING IS CLEAR:
THE BABY THAT SHE CARRIES NOW
IS GOD'S SON SENT DOWN HERE,

AND YOU'LL GIVE HIM THE NAME OF JESUS.
GOD IS WITH US,
AND YOU'LL GIVE HIM THE NAME OF JESUS!

Gabriel ends with a dramatic pose, waiting expectantly for Joseph's response.

JOSEPH
(a beat, and then with enthusiasm)

. . . O-KAY!

Mary and Joseph exit.

KRISTI

So Joseph did what the angel said and took Mary to be his wife. Now in those days, a decree was passed by the leader of the Roman empire, Caesar Augustus.

RANDALL enters dressed as Caesar Augustus, with robes and a laurel wreath on his/her head

AUDIO: Music begins for "Jingle Bells"

RANDALL
(as Caesar Augustus, singing to the tune of "Jingle Bells")

TO EVERYONE OUT THERE,
MAN, WOMAN, BOY, AND GIRL,
IT'S TIME TO MAKE A LIST
OF THE TOTAL ROMAN WORLD.

SO PACK UP ALL YOUR STUFF
AND HEAD TO YOUR HOMETOWNS.
YOU'LL NEED TO BE THERE BY THE TIME
MY PEOPLE COME TO COUNT.

SO

MOVE ALONG, MOVE ALONG,
GET OUT ON YOUR WAY.
WE NEED TO COUNT THE MASSES
SO THE TAXES THEY WILL PAY.

OH

MOVE ALONG, MOVE ALONG,
DON'T JUST STAND THERE, NO!
I KNOW YOU HAVE THINGS TO DO;
DON'T MAKE ME BEG, JUST GO!

*RANDALL poses for applause, breathing heavily.
He maintains the pose for a few beats*

RANDALL

Applause? Applause.

RANDALL bows, then exits quickly.

KRISTI

Yeah, so something like that happened.

(resumes reading)

When Caesar decreed that everyone must return to their hometowns to be counted, Joseph took Mary to the town where his family was from, the town of David: Bethlehem.

BACKSTAGE CREW

Maleea H - Curtain

Kaylee W, Brynlee W – Door

Berlynn A – Bethlehem sign

Brooklyn H – Hills prop #1

Caroline B – Hills prop #2

Jaidyn H – Tree prop #1

Julie R – Tree prop #2

Kaylee and Brynlee roll out the door and place it stage right.

Addilyn hides behind the door.

Mary (pregnant) and Joseph enter from back stage and stand stage left.

Mary and Joseph walk in place as Berlynn, Brooklyn, Caroline, Jaidyn and Julie walk past them (and exit) in the opposite direction carrying signs and hills/trees block posters to indicate travel.

Mary and Joseph walk for a few moments, and then the music begins.

AUDIO: Music begins for “O Little Town of Bethlehem”

JOSEPH - MYRON

(singing to the tune of “O Little Town of Bethlehem”)

O LITTLE TOWN OF—

MARY - AUTUMN

(interrupting, pointing towards the door)

Bethlehem!

JOSEPH - MYRON

(looking a little miffed that his song was interrupted, but then getting over it quickly, seeing where Mary is pointing)

. . . Oh, yeah. You’re right.

KRISTI

When they got to Bethlehem, it came time for Mary to have the baby. But there was no guest room for them to stay in.

Innkeeper emerges from the door.

AUDIO: Music begins for “We Wish You a Merry Christmas”

INNKEEPER - ADDILYN

(singing to the tune of “We Wish You a Merry Christmas”)

WE WISH YOU WERE STAYING WITH US,
WE WISH YOU WERE STAYING WITH US,
WE WISH YOU WERE STAYING WITH US,
BUT YOU'RE NOT, SO GOODBYE!

Addilyn turns door around and exits off stage

KRISTI

At last they found a place where they could stay, a place where the animals were kept. When the baby boy was born, Mary wrapped Him in strips of cloth and placed Him in a feeding trough, also called a manger.

BACKSTAGE CREW

Jaidyn H – Curtain

Brynlee V, Kaylee W – Manger Center stage

Maleea H – Baby Jesus

Mary and Joseph sit on either side of a manger, admiring the baby boy within.

AUDIO: Music begins for “Silent Night”

JOSEPH - MYRON

(singing to the tune of “Silent Night”)

SILENT—

AUDIO: Crying baby (Provided)

JOSEPH - MYRON

All righty then.

KRISTI

Meanwhile, there were shepherds living out in their fields nearby.

ALL Shepherds enter with staff sticks and sheep props

AUDIO: Music begins for “O Holy Night”

SHEPHERDS - ALL

(looking out into the distance, singing to the tune of “O Holy Night”)

O NORMAL NIGHT,
THE STARS ARE TYPICALLY SHINING.
THERE'S NOTHING STRANGE,
IT'S JUST AN ORDINARY NIGHT.

Angel #1 (same actor as Gabriel) enters quickly.

ANGEL - CHRISTALIN

HEY, SHEPHERDS!!!

SHEPHERDS - ALL

shriek

Shepherds cower.

AUDIO: Music begins for "Deck the Halls"

ANGEL - CHRISTALIN

Man, I've got to work on my entrance.

(clears throat)

(singing to the tune of "Deck the Halls")

DON'T BE SCARED; I BRING YOU GOOD NEWS.

HA-HA-HA-HA-HA-HA-LE-LU-JAH

I HOPE THAT YOU WORE YOUR GOOD SHOES.

HA-HA-HA-HA-HA-HA-LE-LU-JAH

'CAUSE OVER IN THE TOWN OF DAVID

HA-HA-HA-HA-HA-HA-LE-LU-JAH

GOD JUST NOW HAS SENT A SAVIOR

HA-HA-HA-HA-HA-HA-LE-LU-JAH

(speaking)

Here's how you'll know I'm telling the truth. You'll find a baby wrapped in strips of cloth and lying in a manger!

KRISTI

Suddenly, a large group of angels appeared!

ALL Angels enter and stand beside Christalin

AUDIO: Music begins for "Auld Lang Syne"

ALL ANGELS

(singing to the tune of "Auld Lang Syne")

GLORIA

IN EXCELSIS DEO

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The angels walk backward out of the light, leaving the shepherds mystified.

KRISTI

When the angels left the shepherds, they were amazed.

SHEPHERD #1 – CASSIDY

Wow! I'm amazed!!

SHEPHERD #2 – EVERLY C

I'm amazed too.

SHEPHERD #3 – AUTUMN V

I'm amazed three.

SHEPHERD #4 – ARIA S

We've got to go to Bethlehem!

They run centerstage where Mary and Joseph still sit next to the manger.

KRISTI

The shepherds ran to Bethlehem and found everything exactly as the angels described. They found Mary and Joseph. And they saw the baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.

Joseph picks up the baby.

SHEPHERD #1 - CASSIDY

What's His name?

AUDIO: Music begins for "What Child is This?"

JOSEPH - MYRON

His name?

(singing to the tune of "What Child is This?")

WHAT CHILD IS THIS WHO—

MARY - AUTUMN

(interrupting)

It's Jesus. His name is Jesus . . . Remember the angel said we were supposed to name Him Jesus.

JOSEPH - MYRON

I remember. Yes. Thank you.

The shepherds exit

KRISTI

Some time later, after Jesus was born, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem. They had seen a star in the sky that announced the arrival of Jesus, and they wanted to worship the boy who was born to be king, so they asked people where He could be found. When King Herod heard what they were asking, he was very upset.

RANDALL enters as King Herod.

AUDIO: Music begins for "We Three Kings"

RANDALL

(as King Herod, singing to the tune of "We Three Kings")

I'M THE KING, NOT SOME LITTLE KID.
HE WON'T RULE HERE, THAT I FORBID.
I'M SO GREAT, HE'S
JUST A BABY!
I MIGHT JUST THROW A FIT!

(throwing a fit)

ERRRRRAAAAGHHHH! WISE MEN!

Randall runs off stage.

BACKSTAGE CREW

Julie R – Star on a pole

Julie enters holding the star on a pole. She walks slowly around the stage.

The three wise men enter. They each have a gift. They follow the star on the pole.

KRISTI

The wise men went to Bethlehem, and the star they had been following stopped over the house where the child was.

Julie stops walking holding the star over Mary and Joseph.

WISE MAN #3 – CROSBY

Look! The star!

KRISTI

They were filled with joy.

WISE MAN #1 – JOSHUA

I'm filled with joy!

WISE MAN #2 - THAXTON

I'm filled with joy too!

WISE MAN #3 – CROSBY

I'm filled with joy three!

As KRISTI speaks, the wisemen kneel before Jesus and put their gifts around Him.

KRISTI

When they saw the child, they bowed down and worshipped Him. And they brought Him gold, frankincense, and myrrh, gifts fit for a king.

EVERYONE enters and stands around Mary and Joseph.

AUDIO: Music begins for "Joy to the World"

JOSEPH - MYRON

(singing "Joy to the World")

JOY TO THE WORLD . . .

*Joseph pauses, expecting to be interrupted.
Instead, everyone is watching him enthusiastically.
He continues on with pride.*

JOSEPH - MYRON

. . . THE LORD IS COME.

ALL

LET EARTH RECEIVE HER KING!
LET EVERY HEART
PREPARE HIM ROOM,
AND HEAVEN AND NATURE SING,
AND HEAVEN AND NATURE SING,
AND HEAVEN,
AND HEAVEN,
AND NATURE SING!

KRISTI

THE END!

All actors exit backstage, except for KRISTI. Everyone takes off their costumes and get ready for closing song.