

“THE CHRISTMAS STORY”

Abbreviated Character Descriptions

CHARACTER DESCRIPTIONS

Narrators (2 needed)

Age: High School Student & Above (range)

Gender: Female (1), Male (1)

Description: The narrators are the “tellers” of the Christmas Story and perform throughout the production. Their impeccable delivery of the Story keeps the audience engaged.

Character Requirements: Intimate knowledge of the entire script. Ability to read the Story with impact, believability, and without stumbling.

Mary

Age: 16-18 (range)

Gender: Female

Description: Mary, Mother of Jesus, was probably about 14 to 16 years of age when she gave birth to Jesus. This was a very common age for young women to be engaged and marry in Biblical times. She is full of life and hope. She is engaged to her soon to be husband, Joseph. Mary is a smart, yet naïve to certain sinful aspects of life. She is excited about marrying her fiancé. She is very soft spoken and humbled.

Character Requirements: This role requires script memorization and the ability to act.

Joseph

Age: 25-30 (range)

Gender: Male

Description: Joseph is slightly older than Mary, around 30. A carpenter by trade, he is an honest God-fearing man who loves his fiancé, Mary. Joseph is a strong- minded man who makes great decisions and listens to God in everything he does. Having found out that his fiancé, Mary, was having a baby (and not with him) Joseph wonders what to do. But God has plans for them both.

Character Requirements: This role requires script memorization and the ability to act.

Joseph’s Friend

Age: 25-30 (range)

Gender: Male

Description: Joseph’s concern regarding what to do about Mary is taking a toll on him. His wise friend encourages him to pray instead of worrying.

Character Requirements: This role requires script memorization and the ability to act.

Angel Gabriel

Age: 20-45 (range)

Gender: Male

Description: The name, Gabriel, means 'God's Hero' and he is God's special messenger angel. On several occasions in the Bible he is given the job of coming to earth to give important announcements and tell of special events. So, it was Gabriel who had the amazing job of telling Mary that she would be the mother of Jesus, the king of the universe! Most theologians think it was Gabriel who spoke to Joseph and told him that Mary would have a special baby called Jesus.

Character Requirements: This role requires script memorization and the ability to act.

Elizabeth

Age: 55-65 (range)

Gender: Female

Description: Elizabeth was Mary's cousin and a descendant of the Priest families of Israel. Her father was a temple priest, and so was her husband, Zechariah. Elizabeth would have been about 60 when this story took place, because people didn't think you could have children after the age of 60. Not having any children was a big social problem and sometimes seen as a neglect of a Priest's religious duty!

Character Requirements: This role requires script memorization and the ability to act.

Wise Men (3 Needed)

Age: 25 and Above (range)

Gender: Male

Description: Sometimes referred to as "The Three Kings" or "The Magi", they were certainly men of great learning. They would have also probably been very rich and held high esteem in their own society and by people who weren't from their country or religion. They had seen an unusual new star in the sky and knew that it told of the birth of a special king. When they found him, they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, incense, and myrrh.

Character Requirements: Each of these roles require script memorization and the ability to act.

Angel (Un-Named)

Age: 18-25 (range)

Gender: Male or Female

Description: This angel appears to the Wise Men and to Mary and Joseph regarding their escapes.

Character Requirements: This role requires script memorization and the ability to act.

King Herod the Great

Age: Above 30

Gender: Male

Description: Jesus was born in the final years of the tyrant known as Herod the Great. Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. He sent them to Bethlehem to make a careful search for the child. When Jesus was born, Herod panicked and had all the baby boys in Bethlehem killed.

Character Requirements: This role requires script memorization and the ability to act.

GENERAL CAST DESCRIPTION

Age: All Ages

Gender: Female & Male

Description: The general cast includes members of the choir, angel/children's choir, scene change sign carriers, and dancers. They help make the entire production come to life through dance, singing and acting.

Character Requirements: These roles require being flexible and willing to act, dance, and sing. Experience in at least one of the three areas is helpful.

***Auditions for "The Christmas Story" will be held on Sunday, November 11, 2018
following the 11:00 a.m. Worship Celebration.***