THE PROMISED MESSIAH

(Christmas Season 2-A)

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Students playing the characters may be of varying ages. The play was originally written so that each child in Ms. Wasmer's one-room school would have a part. All students were also involved in the tone chime musical interludes.

Characters

Adam - _____
Eve - _____
Abraham - _____
Sarah - _____
Eliezer - _____
Traveling Companion - _____
Bethuel - _____
Rebekah - _____
Moses - _____
Voice of God -_____
Spy 1 - _____
Spy 2 - _____
Rahab - _____
Searcher 1 - _____
Searcher 2 - _____
Shepherd 1 - _____
Shepherd 2 - _____
Shepherd 3 - _____
Shepherd 4 - _____
Shepherd 5 - _____
Shepherd 6 - _____
Angel - _____
Mary - _____

Note - The parts can be doubled up and one person can play two or more different parts in the following way:

Adam & Shepherd 1
Eve & the Angel
Abraham, Searcher 1 & Shepherd 4
Sarah & Mary
Eliezer, Searcher 2 & Shepherd 3
Traveling Companion, Spy 1, Shepherd 5
Bethuel & Shepherd 6
Rebekah & Rahab
Spy 2 & Shepherd 1

Scene One

Outside the Garden of Eden

Adam (_____) - Eve, why did we make such a careless choice to eat the fruit from the tree we knew we were not supposed to?

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Eve (_____) – Adam, the serpent was so convincing.

Adam (_____) – How could we have doubted God?

Eve (_____) - Will He ever trust us again?

Adam (_____) - I hope so. I miss talking face to face with Him.

Eve (_____) – He promised that a Savior would come and that we would live with Him again.

Adam (_____) – I wonder when that will happen.

Eve (_____) – Maybe our son will be the Messiah.

Adam (_____) – Maybe…that would be wonderful…

Tone Chimes – I Come to the Garden Alone

Scene Two

Sarah (_____) – Abraham, who were those three people?

Abraham (_____) – Sarah, they could have only been messengers from God.

Sarah (_____) – Do you think it will come true? Do you really think that I will be able to have a son?

Abraham (_____) – I only know what they just told us. It did not seem to matter that you are almost 90 years old and I am almost 100 years old.

Sarah (_____) – I know that it was a mistake to take Hagar as your wife. It has only brought trouble for all of us.

Abraham (_____) – We should have waited for God.

Sarah (_____) – A son…at our age…truly a promise from God.

Abraham (_____) – Do you think the Messiah will come soon?

Sarah (_____) – I don't know about the time of the Messiah…I do know though that I will wait for God this time.

Abraham (_____) – Visited by messengers from God…what a blessing.

Tone Chimes - Father Lead Me Day By Day

Scene Three

Abraham (_____) – Eliezer, I have a special job for you.

Eliezer (_____) – I will do anything for you, Abraham.

Abraham (_____) – It will be a very long journey. (Pause) I need to you go back to the land of my father and find a wife for Isaac.

Eliezer (_____) – Find a wife for Isaac?

Abraham (_____) – Yes, it is time for him to marry and I want him to marry a woman who knows and loves the Creator God.

Eliezer (_____) – There will be many women to choose from, how will I know when I have found the right woman?

Abraham (_____) – God will go before you and will lead you to the family of my father. He will show you the way and He will show you the right woman for Isaac. Let's pray about it now and I will be prayer until you return.

Tone Chimes – Sweet Hour of Prayer

Scene Four

Eliezer (_____) – I will wait here by the well to see if anyone comes and offers me a drink. I asked God to send a woman who would offer me a drink and offer to draw water for my 10 camels. It seems like a lot, but I think it will be a good test.

Traveling Companion – (_____) – That is a lot of water. Do you think God will answer your request?

Eliezer (_____) – Yes, I do. Nothing is too hard for God.

Rebekah enters carrying a water jug.

Eliezer (_____) – Excuse me, could I trouble you for a drink of water for myself and my traveling companion?

Rebekah (_____) – Of course you may have a drink. Your camels look thirsty, too, would you like for me to draw water for them, too?

Eliezer (_____) – Yes, that would be very kind of you. Thank you.

Traveling Companion (_____) – Thank you for the water.

Eliezer (_____) - We have traveled for many days. (pause) Who is your father and is there room at your father's house for us to stay the night?

Rebekah (_____) – My father is Bethuel, son of Nahor and Milcah, and yes there is lots of room at our home for you and your animals. You are most welcome.

Eliezer (_____) (to Traveling Companion) – What an answer to prayer…God has led me directly to my master's family.

Rebekah (_____) – Excuse me? Your master's family?

Eliezer (_____) – We don't have time for all of the answers now, let's continue this discussion at your father's home.

Eliezer and Rebekah leave.

Bethuel enters and sits by the fire.
Eliezer and Traveling Companion enter.

Bethuel (_____) – Welcome to our home. I understand you have traveled many days. Please stay with us for as long as you need to rest.

Eliezer (_____) – Thank you for your kindness. I am on a special assignment for my master Abraham. I am here to find a wife for his son, Isaac.

Bethuel (_____) – A wife for his son?

Eliezer (_____) – Yes. I asked God to send me a sign. I asked that the right woman would give me a drink of water and would also offer to draw water for traveling companion and my 10 camels.

Bethuel (_____) – Wow…that is a lot of water!

Eliezer (_____) – Yes, and your daughter Rebekah was kind enough to do that for me. I know it is an answer to my prayer. Would you give permission for her to travel with me back to Canaan to Abraham's house and be the wife of Isaac?

Bethuel (_____) – That is a very long way to move. I will ask her if she is willing to move so very far away from her family.

Rebekah enters.

Bethuel (_____) – Rebekah, you have heard what Eliezer is asking…are you willing to go with this man to be Isaac's wife?

Rebekah (_____) – Yes, I will go. I know that wherever God leads me, He will take care of me.

Tone Chimes – Under His Wings

Scene Five

Moses (_____) – I have spent 40 years out here taking care of these sheep. It has been a very long time since I left Egypt after I killed the Egyptian who was being so cruel to the Hebrew slave…I know now it was not the right thing to do, but at the time it was all I could think to do.

(looking up) Oh, Yahweh, how long will You wait to get Your people out of Egypt? I thought it would be before now…they have been slaves for so many years.

Voice of God (_____) – Moses! Moses!

Moses (_____) – Here I am…(looking at the bush)

Voice of God (_____) – Take off your sandals. You are standing on holy ground. I am the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.

I have seen the oppression of My people who are in Egypt and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters, for I know their sorrows.

I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring My people, the children of Israel out of Egypt.

Moses (_____) – Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring Your people out of Egypt?

Voice of God (_____) – I have chosen you and I will certainly be with you.

Moses (_____) – They will ask who has sent me. Who shall I say has sent me?

Voice of God (_____) – I Am Who I Am. Tell them I Am has sent you.

Moses (_____) – Suppose they do not believe me. How will I be able to convince them that it is really You?

Voice of God (_____) – What is that in your hand?

Moses (_____) – A rod.

Voice of God (_____) – Cast it on the ground.

Moses (_____) – A snake!!!

Voice of God (_____) – Pick it up by the tail.

(Moses skeptically picks up rod.)

Voice of God (_____) – I show you these things so that you may know and that they might believe that the Lord God of their Fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has appeared to you.

Moses (_____) – I do not remember the language of Egypt. How will I ever be able to talk to Pharoah and convince him to let Your people go?

Voice of God (_____) – I will send your brother Aaron to meet you and he will help you with the language. Remember, I will go with you.

Moses (_____) - I will go and know that you go with me.

Tone Chimes – Tread Softly

Scene Six

Rahab (_____) – Welcome. Come in.

Spy 1 (_____) – We only need a place to spend the night. Do you have somewhere we can hide?

Rahab (_____) – Why do you need a place to hide?

Spy 2 (_____) – Some people are chasing us. We don't have time to go into the details now.

Rahab (_____) – Follow me to the top of the roof. There is space for you up there and no one will find you.

Rahab covers up Spy 1 and Spy 2.

Knocking sounds at door. Rahab goes to the door.

Searcher 1 (_____) and Searcher 2 (_____) – Where are they?

Rahab (_____) – Where are who?

Searcher 1 (_____) – The men who just came in here.

Searcher 2 (_____) – We saw them come here.

Rahab (_____) – Oh, those men. They left out the other door and went out the gate. If you hurry, you can catch them.

Rahab (_____) *(to spies)* – I know you are from across the Jordan River and that your God is a powerful God. We have heard how He dried up the Red Sea and what you did to the two kings of the Amorites.

Spy 1 (_____) – Then why didn't you turn us over to those men?

Rahab (_____) - I also know that you will capture our city. Because I have saved your lives, when your armies capture our city, will you save my family and me?

Spy 1 (_____) - Our lives for your lives. God will bless you in a special way.

Spy 2 (_____) – You will need to mark your house. When you see our armies approaching, gather your family all together into your house, put this scarlet cord in the window, and we promise that all in your house will be safe.

Rahab (_____) – Thank you…now go quickly this way. Stay in the hills for three days then go back to your camp. You will be safe by then. May your God go with you.

Spy 1 & Spy 2 together – Thank you!

Tone Chimes – O Come, O Come Immanuel

Scene Seven (fire on the hillside with sheep)

Shepherd 1 (_____) – It is such a beautiful, quiet night.

Shepherd 2 (_____) – The stars are so bright. They seem close enough that I could just reach out and touch them.

Shepherd 3 (_____) – It must be like the nights that Abraham and Sarah would look up at the sky and know that their descendants would be as many as the stars.

Shepherd 4 (_____) – I am sure that Isaac and Rebekah also spent time looking at the stars knowing that they were part of God's plan.

Shepherd 5 (_____) – The promise of a Savior was given to Adam and Eve many hundreds of years before Isaac was born. Moses sat under these same stars as he took care of Jethro's sheep and he knew that the Hebrews were God's chosen people, too.

Shepherd 6 (_____) – Even Rahab, a Canaanite, could tell that our God was a powerful God who keeps His promises. I wonder how soon the promise of the Messiah...

Light turned on Angel

Angel (_____) – Do not be afraid. I bring you good tidings of great joy. Your Savior is born today in Bethlehem. Go and worship Him…Christ the Lord.

Shepherd 1 (_____) - Let's go and worship the Savior that has been promised.

Shepherd 2 (_____) – It is hard to believe He has finally come. What a perfect night this has turned out to be.

Tone Chimes – There's A Song in the Air

Scene Eight

All go to the manger. Hannah is sitting at the manger.

Mary (_____) – Come in.

Shepherd 1 (_____) – We have come to worship the Messiah.

Shepherd 2 (_____) – An angel told us He would be here.

Shepherd 3 (_____) – The promise of a Savior is finally fulfilled.

Shepherd 4 (_____) – We can trust our God to keep His promises.

Shepherd 5 (_____) – I am thankful we can trust our God to do what He says He will do.

Soloist plays "Silent Night" on the piano.

Tone Chimes - Closing Song – O Come All Ye Faithful