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## **Springstein Mennonite Church Christmas Pageant 2006**

*Joseph & Mary enter from side of the church go up steps and stop in the centre.*

Mary – I need to sit down and rest. My feet hurt, my back hurts and that donkey stinks.  
When are we going to get to Bethlehem?

Joseph – It's only about 10 more kilometers. If we keep going we should be there before  
night. I'm sure we'll be able to find a place to stay.

Mary – We'd better! This special baby of ours won't feel so special if he's born on the side of the  
road.

Joseph – I'm sure that God has a very special place for his son to be born. Come on,  
Mary. Let's go find it.

*Shepherds sitting around a campfire sleeping. A little angel comes running in from side shining a  
bright flashlight into the eyes of the shepherds. They wake up scared and start crying.*

Angel – Stop that! Don't be afraid! I am the angel sent by God with good news for  
everyone. A baby has born who will save all of us!

*Other angels come running in shining flashlights into the shepherds eyes. The angels shout out.*

Angels - "Glory to God! Peace on earth! Good will to everyone." *Repeat several times. Put hands  
into the middle of their angel group and cheer "yaaaaaah Jesus!" Then run away shining  
flashlights as they go.*

*Shepherds get up and face each other.*

Shepherd 1 - "What was that all about?"

Shepherd 2 – "I dunno, but those angels were sure scary"

Shepherd 3 – "Actually I thought they were sort of cute"

Shepherd 4 – "Then why were you screaming in terror?"

Shepherd 3 – "I just wanted to make them feel good about telling us not to be afraid. It's in the script  
you know."

Shepherd 2 – “They said to go to the City of David”. Why didn’t they just say “Bethlehem”?

Shepherd 3 – “Because they are announcing the Savior, the Messiah. Everyone knows that the Messiah will come from the line of David.

Shepherd 1 – So what do we do now?

Shepherd 2 – Well duh, we go to “the city of David” to see the Savior. I’m sure he’s in a very special place.

Shepherd 3 – What about the sheep?

Shepherd 5 – *(Shepherd 1 already running off)* Forget about the sheep. We gotta go now!

Shepherd 4 – Okay we’re coming!

*Other Shepherds follow*

*4 Magi:*

Magi #1 – I can’t believe that we’ve been on the road for this long.

Magi #2 – What’s it been, 2 months? And according to those folks in Jerusalem, we’re not even there yet.

Magi #3 – I was sure that the big city with the temple would for sure be the place. If this is such a special king, you’d think he’d be born in a special city in a special place – maybe even the temple itself.

Magi #1 – I know what you mean. I brought a really special gift of Frankincense along. It’s going to feel funny giving that to some peasant baby in a hick town like Bethlehem.

Magi #2 – You brought a gift along?

Magi #3 – Yeah, I did too. Even Levi did. *(Levi is a very small boy. He also shows his present)* Didn’t you bring anything?

Magi #2 – I didn’t think about it – I wasn’t thinking about gifts.

Magi #1 – That’s okay, I’m sure. Christmas isn’t all about gifts.

Magi #2 – What’s Christmas?

Magi #3 – Don’t worry, we’ll get there. Come on, we need to keep going.

*(All 4 leave the stage)*

*All the characters gather on the stage and centre around the manger.*

1 - “So this is the special place?”

2 - “This is the King of Kings?”

3 - “This is the Lord of Lord?”

4 - “This is the Prince of Peace?”

5 - ”This is the Mighty God?”

6 - “We came all this way for this?”

7 - ”We hurried to Bethlehem for this?”

8 - “I guess God’s ways are special in a way we don’t always understand right away.”