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# THE SURPRISING CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

## Prologue

*(All the performers are in the chancel area: Shepherds, angels, and wise people, as well as others in the cast. **Mary and Joseph** are together. The **special angels** are down front. **Narrator 1** steps down center.)*

**NARRATOR 1:** In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, and on behalf of Trinity United Methodist Church, I welcome you to this celebration of the birth of our Savior!

First, a question: How many of you brought a cell phone today? *(Looks around as people hold up hands and cameras.)* Thank you. please take this time to silence your phones. *( A Phone Rings).* We don't want anything to serve as a distraction during the telling of this wonderful story.

You will have a chance to use your phone to take pictures after the pageant. Additionally, recordings of the pageant in its entirety will be available for our pageant families. Now, our Christmas pageant...

***Narrator 1 and Narrator 2** go to the pulpit or to the places you have chosen.)*

**NARRATOR 1:** Good morning. Our story begins –

**NARRATOR 2:** “’Twas the night before Christmas...”

**NARRATOR 1:** Excuse me?

**NARRATOR 2:** That’s how the story begins.

**NARRATOR 1:** No, it’s not.

**NARRATOR 2:** How about “Every who down in Whoville?”

**NARRATOR 1:** No. Not even close. We’re telling *the* Christmas story, not just *a* Christmas story.

**NARRATOR 2:** Oh, *the* Christmas story! *(going full speed)* You meant the one where an angel tells Mary she’s going to give birth to a Savior, and she and Joseph go to Bethlehem, but there’s no room at the inn, and they stay in the stable and name the baby Jesus, and he sleeps in a manger,

64 and angels tell the shepherds to find a baby wrapped in swaddling clothes (I don't know what  
65 that is, have you ever swaddled?), and then three wise men follow a star and visit King Herod and  
66 then *they* show up at the stable and give gifts and then everybody sings "Joy to the World?" (*long*  
67 *gasp, then slowly*) You mean *that* story?

68 **NARRATOR 1:** Well, yes.

69 **NARRATOR 2:** Hope you enjoyed it! (*to audience*) Good night, everybody!

70 **NARRATOR 1:** Wait a minute!

71 **NARRATOR 2:** I told the story! Isn't that the idea?

72 **NARRATOR 1:** You can't just run through the story like that!

73 **NARRATOR 2:** Why not? Come on, lunch is waiting!

74 **NARRATOR 1:** Because you have to understand what happened to the people in the story.  
75 Remember, they were people, just like us.

76 **NARRATOR 2:** You mean, they were hungry?

77 **NARRATOR 1:** Think about it, how would you feel if an angel appeared in front of you?

78 **NARRATOR 2:** Right here?

79 **NARRATOR 1:** Yes.

80 **NARRATOR 2:** Right now?

81 **NARRATOR 1:** Yes.

82 **NARRATOR 2:** Is she bringing pizza?

83 **NARRATOR 1:** The people in the Christmas story saw things they'd never seen before, like angels  
84 and a brilliant star. Because that night, a special baby was born. Just as they had been told.

85 **NARRATOR 2:** You mean, they knew about this ahead of time?

86 **NARRATOR 1:** Six hundred years ahead of time.

87 **NARRATOR 2:** They had *six hundred years* to get ready?

88 **NARRATOR 1:** Yes.

89 **NARRATOR 2:** And they *still* couldn't get their Christmas shopping done?

90 **NARRATOR 1:** Six hundred years before the birth of Jesus, a prophet named Isaiah foretold the  
91 coming of a Savior!

92 **NARRATOR 2:** "A voice cries in the wilderness, make ready the way of the Lord! For unto us a  
93 child is born, unto us a son is given, and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name  
94 shall be Wonderful, Counselor, the Mighty God!"

95 **He Is Born/Blue Group**

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## 97 **Act One**

98 **Scene One**

99 **Act 1 Narrator 1:** In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city in Galilee  
100 named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of  
101 David; and the virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Hail, O favored one, the  
102 Lord is with you!" But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and considered in her mind what  
103 sort of greeting this might be. And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have  
104 found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you  
105 shall call his name Jesus.

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107 **ANGEL 1:** Hail, O favored one! The Lord is with you!

108 **MARY:** Oh, wow! An alien!

109 **ANGEL 1:** I'm not an alien, I'm an angel.

110 **MARY:** Like, there's a difference?

111 **ANGEL 1:** There are plenty of differences.

112 **MARY:** Name one.

113 **ANGEL 1:** (*Stammers for a second.*) Th...Th...There are plenty of differences!

114 **MARY:** Just one.

115 **ANGEL 1:** All right. Hmm...Hmm...

116 **MARY:** I'm waiting.

117 **ANGEL 1:** Don't rush me.

118 **MARY:** I bet a real alien could tell the difference.

119 **ANGEL 1:** I'm not an alien!

120 **MARY:** You're not?

121 **ANGEL 1:** No, I'm an angel, and I'm here to deliver a message from God.

122 **MARY:** For me? (**Angel 1 nods.**) You sure you're not an alien?

123 **ANGEL 1:** Positive. Here's the message. (*Opens notepad*) "Behold, you will conceive in your  
124 womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus."

125 **MARY:** I was less scared when I thought you were an alien.

126 **ANGEL 1:** Look, next time I visit, I'll make sure I know the difference between an alien and an  
127 angel.

128 **MARY:** Great. Thanks. And when you come back –

129 **ANGEL 1:** Yes?

130 **MARY:** Could you bring a good way to explain this to my husband?

131 **Scene Two**

132 **MARY:** Joseph, I have something to tell you.

133 **JOSEPH:** (*Wipes some sweat from his brows, puts down the hammer he was holding.*) Hi Mary,  
134 come look at this chair I just finished. (*Points to rocking chair.*)

135 **MARY:** That's nice, Joseph, but I have something –

136 **JOSEPH:** Nice? It's not just nice! It's going to revolutionize chairs!

137 **MARY:** Joseph, I –

138 **JOSEPH:** If this catches on, in a few years, I won't just be a lowly carpenter – I'll be a furniture  
139 entrepreneur!

140 **MARY:** What *is* it?

141 **JOSEPH:** I call it a *rocking* chair. It's for people who want to sit in a chair, rock gently, and fall  
142 asleep.

143 **MARY:** Most people who want to fall asleep go to bed.

144 **JOSEPH:** What about people who fall asleep watching television?

145 **MARY:** What's television?

146 **JOSEPH:** I don't know. But it sounds like something that could put you to sleep. Now, what was  
147 it you were going to tell me?

148 **MARY:** Maybe you'd better sit down. (**Joseph** sits in the rocking chair, dozes off.)

149 **Scene Three**

150 **Act 1 Narrator 1:** When Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, she was found to be with child of  
151 the Holy Spirit; and her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame,  
152 resolved to divorce her quietly. But, as he considered this, behold, an angel of the Lord  
153 appeared to him in a dream. When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord  
154 commanded him.

155 (**Angel 1** arrives, and **Joseph** is wakened by kazoos.)

156 **ANGEL 1:** Joseph!!

157 **JOSEPH:** (*Jumping up from chair.*) Oh, my gosh! An alien!

158 **ANGEL 1:** I'm not an alien!

159 **JOSEPH:** Are you sure?

160 **ANGEL 1:** (*Taking out notebook*) Positive. (*Consults notebook.*) An alien is someone from  
161 another planet named ET who eats your Reese's Pieces and makes your bicycle fly.

162 **JOSEPH:** Oh, of course you're not an alien. *You're* someone who's materialized in the middle of  
163 the night and scared the dickens out of me.

164 **ANGEL 1:** (*Quickly checks notebook.*) No, that would be a ghost.

165 **JOSEPH:** You're a ghost?

166 **ANGEL 1:** No, no. I'm an angel! I'm a messenger from God.

167 **JOSEPH:** God has a message? For me?

168 **ANGEL 1:** Yes. *(Takes a breath and prepares to read the message.)*

169 **JOSEPH:** I bet it's about the rocking chair.

170 **ANGEL 1:** What?

171 **JOSEPH:** You're going to tell me how to fix this squeak, right?

172 **ANGEL 1:** No. Here's the message. *(Reads from notebook.)* "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to  
173 take Mary as your wife. She will bear a son and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his  
174 people from their sins."

175 **JOSEPH:** That's it?

176 **ANGEL 1:** That's it.

177 **JOSEPH:** I was a lot less scared when I thought you were a ghost. *(Joseph sits and rocks.)*

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#### Scene Four

180 *(Mary moves close to Joseph.)*

181 **JOSEPH:** Mary, I was thinking....

182 **MARY:** What?

183 **JOSEPH:** This rocking chair. You know what it would be good for?

184 **MARY:** No.

185 **JOSEPH:** Let's say I'm holding a baby, and the baby is crying. I sit in the chair, holding the baby,  
186 and I rock, and the baby gets relaxed, and I sing a little...and the baby...goes...to...sleep.

187 **MARY:** You would do that?

188 **JOSEPH:** I'd be happy to.

189 *(Knock at door.)*

190 **MARY:** Who could that be?

191 **Act 1 Narrator 2:** In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world  
192 should be enrolled. This was the first enrollment, when Quirinius was governor of Syria. And all  
193 went to be enrolled, each to his own city.

194 **MARY:** *(Mimes opening door.)* Yes?

195 **CENSUS TAKER 1:** *(Opens ledger, whips out pen, takes notes.)* Good day. May we ask a few  
196 questions?

197 **MARY:** Of course.

198 **CENSUS TAKER 1:** *(to Mary)* Your name?

199 **MARY:** Mary.

200 **CENSUS TAKER 2:** *(to Joseph)* Your name?

201 **JOSEPH:** Joseph.

202 **CENSUS TAKER 1:** What is the total number of people in the household?

203 **MARY:** Uh, two-and a half.

204 **CENSUS TAKER 2:** Uh huh. Husband's hometown?

205 **JOSEPH:** Bethlehem.

206 **CENSUS TAKER 1:** *(Slams ledger shut.)* Ah, well, thank you, good day.

207 **JOSEPH:** That's it?

208 **CENSUS TAKER 2:** I'm afraid not. You have to return to your hometown for the enrollment.

209 **MARY:** Enrollment?

210 **CENSUS TAKER 2:** Haven't you heard? In these days, a decree has gone out from Caesar  
211 Augustus that all the world should be enrolled.

212 **MARY:** We hadn't heard.

213 **JOSEPH:** What's this about my hometown?

214 **CENSUS TAKER 1:** You'll have to return to Bethlehem for the enrollment.

215 **JOSEPH:** But, my wife's going to have a baby in a few weeks.

216 **CENSUS TAKER 2:** Then you'd better hurry.

217 **Act 1 Narrator 2:** And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the city of Nazareth, to Judea, to  
218 the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David,  
219 to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. And while they were there, the  
220 time came for her to be delivered. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in  
221 swaddling cloths, and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

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223 **Away In a Manger/Green Group**

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225 **Scene Five**

226 *(Joseph rings hotel desk bell.)*

227 *(Desk Clerk appears.)*

228 **DESK CLERK:** May I help you?

229 **JOSEPH:** Yes, it's about our room.

230 **DESK CLERK:** Yes, Mr. --?

231 **JOSEPH:** Joseph.

232 **DESK CLERK:** Of course. What seems to be the matter, Mr. Joseph?

233 **JOSEPH:** Well, it's our room.

234 **DESK CLERK:** Not big enough?

235 **JOSEPH:** Oh, no, plenty big.

236 **DESK CLERK:** Not small enough?

237 **JOSEPH:** The size is perfect.

238 **DESK CLERK:** Then, what would be the matter?

239 **JOSEPH:** Well, there's no bed...there's straw everywhere...and there are animals in the room.

240 **DESK CLERK:** Animals?

241 **JOSEPH:** Cattle, sheep, horses – I think I saw a couple goats.

242 **DESK CLERK:** Goats?

243 **JOSEPH:** A couple.

244 **DESK CLERK:** Hmm. Well, uh, Mr. Joseph, the reason that there are animals in your room is  
245 that...

246 **JOSEPH:** Yes?

247 **DESK CLERK:** The reason is...ahem...is, *all* of our rooms have animals in them.

248 **JOSEPH:** *All* of them?

249 **DESK CLERK:** Oh, yes, yes, yes. Most of our guests rather enjoy the companionship of God's  
250 creatures.

251 **JOSEPH:** They do?

252 **DESK CLERK:** Oh, yes. The royal suite contains a family of rhinoceros, and the penthouse is  
253 home to a brood of wombats.

254 **JOSEPH:** Oh.

255 **DESK CLERK:** Otherwise, the accommodations are acceptable?

256 **JOSEPH:** Well, I wouldn't have brought it up, except my wife just had a baby.

257 **DESK CLERK:** A baby? Congratulations. Boy or girl?

258 **JOSEPH:** Boy.

259 **DESK CLERK:** And the little fellow's name?

260 **JOSEPH:** Jesus.

261 **DESK CLERK:** Wonderful! That will be another \$3.50 per night.

262 **JOSEPH:** \$3.50 a night?

263 **DESK CLERK:** Additional person in the room. It's on the rate card.

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## Act Two

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### Scene One

268 **Act 2 Narrator** - And in that region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over  
 269 their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone  
 270 around them and they were filled with fear. And the angel said to them, "Be not afraid, for  
 271 behold, I bring you good news of great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born  
 272 this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you  
 273 will find the babe wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was  
 274 with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the  
 275 highest, and on earth, peace, good will to all."

276 *(On a hillside, Shepherds gather around a campfire, drinking coffee from tin cups. Tex, a*  
 277 *shepherd, softly sings a few bars of a song that Meryl Johnson knows. Maybe Jingle Bells?)*

278 **RINGO:** Tex, I hope you don't mind me saying this, but you've sung that same tune every night  
 279 for the past two weeks. Can't you sing anything else?

280 **TEX:** Well, Ringo, let me see...*(Tex sings "Silent Night")*

281 **RINGO:** That was right purdy, Tex. What do you call that tune?

282 **TEX:** Nothing. Just something that came to me.

283 *(Shepherds hum the tune and talk to one another.)*

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### Scene Two

285 *(Shepherds look up in astonishment.)*

286 **ANGEL 2:** Be not afraid!

287 **GABBY:** Great jumpin' polecats! An alien!

288 **RINGO:** That ain't no alien, you nearsighted sidewinder! That there's an angel!

289 **ALL SHEPHERDS:** *(except Ringo)* An angel?!

290 **ANGEL 2:** *Finally!* Somebody's got it!

291 **GABBY:** If you don't mind my askin', Ms. Angel, what brings you out on a night like this?

292 **ANGEL 2:** *(Reads from notepad.)* “Be not afraid, for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy  
 293 which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is  
 294 Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find the babe wrapped in swaddling  
 295 cloths and lying in a manger.”

296 **ALL SHEPHERDS:** *A manger?*

297 *(Angel 2 pauses, takes another look at the notepad.)*

298 **ANGEL 2:** Just a sec. *(Takes out cell phone, dials, Cell phone rings at pulpit.)*

299 *(Narrator 2 answers the cell phone.)*

300 **Act 2 Narrator** Hello, Narrator Department.

301 **ANGEL 2:** Hi, it’s me, the Angel Mobile Unit. Just checking. It’s a manger the baby is in?

302 **Act 2 Narrator:** That’s right, a manger.

303 **ANGEL 2:** But, a *manger?* Maybe I’m missing something, but a manger is an open big box for  
 304 feeding horses and cattle! You put *hay* in a manger, not a *baby!*

305 **Act 2 Narrator :** God does things differently than we do. They’ll find the baby in a manger.

306 **ANGEL 2:** *(Sighs)* If you say so. *(Angel 2 puts away cell phone.)* Yes, a manger.

307 **ALL ANGELS:** Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace, goodwill to all!

308 **ALL SHEPHERDS:** *(Celebratory yell)* YA-HOO!!!

309 **RINGO:** Well, I think we’d better saddle up and move out to Bethlehem to get a look-see at  
 310 that baby Savior. Ms. Angel, would you mind keeping an eye on the sheep?

311 **ANGEL 2:** Sure thing....pardner.

312 **Act 2 Narrator .** And the shepherds went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the babe  
 313 lying in a manger. And when they saw it, they made known the saying what the angel had told  
 314 them concerning this child; and all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them.  
 315 But Mary kept all these things, pondering them in her heart. And the shepherds returned,  
 316 glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told to them.

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## Act Three

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**Scene One**

320 **ACT 3/ NARRATOR:** Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the  
 321 king, behold, wise people from the East came to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is he who is born  
 322 King of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the East, and have come to worship him." Herod  
 323 called the wise men secretly and asked them what time the star appeared and he sent them to  
 324 Bethlehem saying, "Go and search for the child, and when you have found him bring me word  
 325 so I can come and worship him."

326 *(A motley group of **Wise People** mime riding horses. Arriving on the chancel, **Wise People** dust  
 327 themselves off. **Einstein** mimes knocking on the door.)*

328 **ATTENDANT:** *(Mimes opening the door.)* Yes?

329 **EINSTEIN:** We are wise people from the East, and we seek the newborn King!

330 **ATTENDANT:** The newborn *what?*

331 **EINSTEIN:** King, you know, regent, ruler, the big cheese...

332 **ATTENDANT:** I know, I know. Fella, there's only one king here, and he hasn't been newborn in a  
 333 long time.

334 **NEWTON:** But there must be a newborn king!

335 **HAWKING:** We've been bearing gifts and traversed afar...

336 **EINSTEIN:** over field and fountain, moor and mountain...

337 **NEWTON:** following yonder star!!

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**We Three Kings/Purple Group**

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341 **ALL WISE PEOPLE:** *(singing)* Ohhh-ohhh! Star of wonder, star of light, star with royal beauty  
 342 bright...

343 **HEROD:** *(Enters, cutting them off.)* What is that noise?

344 **ATTENDANT:** Wise people from the East, your highness.

345 **HEROD:** I could tell it wasn't Taylor Swift.

346 **ATTENDANT:** They seek a newborn King.

347 **HAROD:** Newborn?

348 **EINSTEIN:** You know, newborn, neonatal, babe in arms, a...

349 **HEROD:** I know what newborn means. I'm afraid you've come to the wrong palace.

350 **EINSTEIN:** But, Your Highness, the star led us to this area.

351 **HEROD:** So it did. Hmm. If there's a king with a star for a nightlight, he must be very powerful!

352 **ATTENDANT:** Perhaps more powerful than you, Mighty Herod!

353 **Herod:** Yes, perhaps. And if you wise people are very wise-

354 **WISE PEOPLE:** *(together)* We are!

355 **HEROD:** You can find this king for me! But I must be sure you are *very wise*. *(Motions to Wise*  
356 **People.)** You three – step forward.

357 *(Einstein, Newton and Hawking step forward.)*

358 **HAWKING:** I think this is trouble.

359 **HEROD:** No. This – is – JEOPARDY!! *(Attendant plays Jeopardy Theme on a cell phone.)*

360 **Scene Two**

361 **HEROD:** *(Game show theme music continues and then fades.)* Good evening, everyone, and  
362 welcome to Bible Jeopardy! I'm your host, Herod Trebek, and here are tonight's contestants:

363 **EINSTEIN:** I'm Einstein from the East. I study birds and plan to start skydiving as soon as  
364 someone invents the airplane.

365 **NEWTON:** I'm Newton from the East, and I enjoy water-skiing. Of course, I'd enjoy it more if  
366 someone would invent the outboard motor!

367 **HAWKING:** I'm Hawking from the East. I'm an astronomer, and I can't wait for someone to  
368 invent the telescope!

369 **HEROD:** Ok, let's begin. Einstein?

370 **EINSTEIN:** I'll take Bible Facts for 100, Herod.

371 **HEROD:** The answer is: "This is the number of kings the Bible says visited Jesus in the stable."

372 **WISE MEN TOGETHER:** What is three?

373 **HEROD:** Sorry! Trick question! The Bible never says anything about kings, just wise people from  
374 the East, and the Bible never says how many there were!

375 **HAWKING:** Then, how come everyone thinks there are three wise people?

376 **HEROD:** Because the Bible only mentions three gifts. You three aren't so wise after all, are you?

377 **NEWTON:** Come on, give us another chance!

378 **HEROD:** Ok, pick again.

379 **NEWTON:** I'll take "Change-of-Pace Christmas Music" for 200.

380 **HEROD:** It's an audio and video Daily Double! How much do you want to risk?

381 **NEWTON:** Do you take Bit Coin?

382 **HEROD:** No. How about if you're wrong, I take your camels, and if you're right, I give you...I  
383 don't know, what do we have for the Wise People, Johnny?

384 **ATTENDANT:** If they get this question right, they'll get gold, frankincense, and myrrh!

385 **HEROD:** The answer is: "The following musical selection is written in this key!"

386 *(Play We Three Kings)*

387 **HEROD:** Your answer?

388 **NEWTON:** What is A minor?

389 **HEROD:** That's right! That's all the time we have for today, so pick up your prizes and let me  
390 know where you find the baby! So long 'till next time! *(Herod Exits)*

391 **NEWTON:** *(to other Wise People)* We're not really going to tell him where the baby is, are we?

392 **EINSTEIN:** Of course not. We're *wise* people, remember?

393 **NARRATOR :** When they had heard the king they went on their way; and lo, the star that they  
394 had seen in the East went before them, till it came to rest over the place where the child was.

395 When they saw the star, they rejoiced with great joy; and going into the house they saw the  
396 child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshipped him.

397 *(Move all students to stage)*

## 398 **Epilogue**

399 **NARRATOR 1:** By the time they left Bethlehem, all of them – the shepherds, the wise people,  
400 and Mary and Joseph – had seen something they'd seen a hundred times before: a baby. But  
401 everyone knew they'd seen something they'd never seen before: God with us.

402 **NARRATOR 2:** And that's how the story ends?

403 **NARRATOR 1:** The story doesn't end. God's grace and love for us isn't two thousand years old.  
404 It's new, every day. It may appear in ways we don't expect, or in things we see every day, but  
405 it's always there.

406 **NARRATOR 2:** I know I said I was hungry before –

407 **NARRATOR 1:** Yes?

408 **NARRATOR 2:** But could we tell the story one more time?

409 **NARRATOR 1:** Ok. One more time.

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411 **"Go Tell It on the Mountain"**

412 **Total Group**