

Follow the Star

THE DRAMA TEAM

Have you always dreamed about what it would have been like to have been there that night when Jesus was born? Have you envisioned Joseph's visit from the angel? How about Mary's? Imagine a cold winter's night- no stars in the sky except one very bright star. What did it smell like to be one of the shepherds in the field- and what was it like when all of a sudden, on a dark night- the sky lit up with a heavenly host? Follow the Star will take people back to that first night - and we will all experience in an outdoor setting, Christmas like we've never experienced it before.

AUDITIONS FOR 12 - 19 YEAR OLDS

Please come to auditions for Follow the Star on **Wednesday, October 7 from 4:30-6:15 PM in the lower-level elementary classrooms.**

Memorize one scene, character of your choice (from the roles below)... it's that simple! Role playing is crucial - so come ready to "be in character".

QUESTIONS?

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REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

FTS Drama KickOff

Wednesday || Oct. 14 5:15 – 6:15 PM
ALL actors MUST attend the KickOff.

Rehearsals

Wednesday Oct. 21	5:15 – 6:15 PM
Wednesday Oct. 28	5:15 – 6:15 PM
Wednesday Nov. 4	5:15 – 6:15 PM
Wednesday Nov. 11	5:15 – 6:15 PM
Wednesday Nov. 18	5:15 – 6:15 PM
Wednesday Dec. 2	5:15 – 6:15 PM

We ask that all NEW actors in scenes attend EVERY rehearsal! Returning actors must attend SOME. Please plan accordingly.

Dress Rehearsals

Thursday || December 3 7:00 - 8:15 PM
Saturday || December 5 11 AM - Noon

All actors MUST attend Dress Rehearsals.

MARY_____ (work on/memorize the parts for Mary)

Scene 1: Mary and the Angel

*(Those who would like to play Mary in this scene must be between **16 and 19 years old**)*

Mary: *(sewing on a stool)*

Gabriel: Greetings, Mary- you are favored and honored above all women- the Lord is with you!

Mary: *(looks up, surprised/scared/...)*

Gabriel: Don't be afraid, Mary- you have found favor with God. You will be with child and give birth to a Son, and you are to name Him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David, and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever; His Kingdom will never end.

Mary: How can this be, since I am a virgin?

Gabriel: The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore, the Holy One to come upon you shall be the Son of God! Elizabeth, your cousin, is going to have a child in her old age, she who has been barren is in her 6th month...for NOTHING is impossible with God.

Mary: I am the Lord's servant, may it be done to me as You have said.

Mary: *(Mary steps out from scene, looks at audience)* Please join me.

(She leads the group to a spot in the yard, turns, waits for the group to gather, and says...)
This is just too much for me to figure out alone, how will Joseph ever believe that I am carrying God's son. Will he think I've been unfaithful? I know- I'll go to Elizabeth, she's my cousin and dearest friend. She's had a visit from an angel of the Lord, too- so she'll understand my situation. Elizabeth's husband, Zacharias, is a priest- surely they'll have words of wisdom for me. I can't wait to see her!

Scene 2: Mary, Zacharias, and Elizabeth

(Elizabeth is baking bread before Mary arrives... Zacharias is reading scroll)

Elizabeth: O Zacharias - God is so good to us. A baby is growing in my womb - one I thought we would never have. Your visit with the Angel Gabriel surprised you, to the point of questioning God's plan...and your voice was silenced until our baby is born. Gabriel said this baby I am carrying will prepare our people for the Lord. The Lord has done a wonderful thing for us!

(Mary to the door)

Mary: Elizabeth!

(Zacharias stands up- nodding a welcome)

Elizabeth: *(looking at Mary- arm around her shoulder)*

Mary - Blessed among women are you- and blessed is the sweet baby in your womb. What an honor it is, that the mother of my Lord would come to visit me! Ohhhhhh- Mary, (with excitement and awe)- the baby in my womb has leapt for joy.

Mary: Oh, yes- I am overflowing with joy- I carry the Holy One in my womb! My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior!

JOSEPH

Scene 3: Joseph and the Angel

(Those who would like to play Joseph in this scene must be between **16 and 19 years old**)

(As the scene opens, Joseph is hammering wood- building a stool...pondering,...)

Joseph: (talking to himself) O Lord, I love Mary so much, what has she done? And What will become of us? She says an angel came to her, she says she's carrying Your son...why, oh why can't I believe her? She's never given me reason to doubt her! (Continues hammering...falls asleep on woodbench)

Angel: Joseph, Joseph, son of David- do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, Mary has not been unfaithful- the baby in her womb is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and when she does, you will call Him Jesus- which means "God Saves", because He will save His people from their sins.

(Joseph wakes up- angel backs up, away)

Joseph: I will go find Mary- and we will be joined as man and wife!

SHEPHERDS AND ANGEL CHOIR

(work on/memorize the parts for one particular shepherd- or the Group of Angels section) The head Angel is an adult.

Scene 5: Shepherds in the Field, Angel, and host of angels

(This scene begins with some shepherds "corralling" the sheep, others sitting around a fire...)

Shepherd 1: These sheep sure are restless tonight, they keep wandering off.

Shepherd 2: Yeah, but it keeps me awake to move around, herding them together.

Shepherd 3: If you're tired- I'll keep watch for a while...then maybe I could take a break once you wake up.

Shepherd 2: Ok, thanks- one of our sheep gave birth last night- and I didn't get much sleep.
(Shepherd 2 lays head on rock)

Angel: (standing on something with height- attendant turns on light switch to the spotlight)
Don't be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born; He is Christ the Lord. This is what you're to look for: a baby wrapped in a blanket and lying in a manger.

Group of Angels join in (another light is turned on for more brightness)

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom His favor rests."

Shepherd 4: (other shepherds gather near) Let's get over to Bethlehem as fast as we can

Shepherd 1: and see for ourselves what God has revealed to us. (Lights off)