

## CAST OF CHARACTERS – One Bethlehem Night

The primary characters are adults as well as two children (a young boy with no line and a young girl with a few lines and brief solo). A general description of each character follows:

**MARY** = The young pregnant wife of Joseph, about to give birth to God's son, who has made a long journey and needs rest before giving birth to her child in a filthy stable far away from home.

**JOSEPH** = The husband of Mary, who is pregnant with God's son. Coming to grips with what is happening and uncertain how to care for Mary and the baby, but does all he can.

**SIMEON** = The self-absorbed Innkeeper whose love for living a lazy life is only superseded by the prospect of making a lot of money due to the recent mandatory census.

**SARAH** = The Innkeeper's wife who is a loving mother, a hard worker and is easily frustrated by her husband's insensitivities to a young pregnant couple.

**REBEKAH** = 8-year-old daughter of the Innkeepers who is sensitive to the young woman about to have a baby.

**STEPHEN** = 4-year-old son of the Inn Keepers.

**EZRA** = The Rabbi who leads in prayer, desperately tries to please his entitled wife, and who reasons that God can still work miracles.

**RACHEL** = The Rabbi's wife who is used to the finer things in life. Self-absorbed and demands the very best in all situations.

**JOEL, REUBEN, and MORDECAI** = Shepherds: Mordecai has a solo, the others have a very fun dance number; they are the comic relief. Others from the crowd will also portray shepherds for this song.

**ANNA** = Wife of Abraham, frustrated when things are not what she wants – she would rather enjoy the glitz of Jerusalem than the simplicity of Bethlehem.

**ABRAHAM** = Husband of Anna

**BENJAMIN** = A fisherman with a family who got robbed on their way to Bethlehem.

**RUTH** = Benjamin's wife who helps set the table for dinner.

**GUESTS AT THE INN** = There are many different non-speaking parts for guests as well as the ones mentioned in the script – Representatives from Jerusalem.

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**SPECIAL NOTE:** The cast size is limitless for the crowds, Roman Soldiers, singers, and dancers. Besides the two child characters, children of adult cast members *may* participate as well which means this musical provides a great venue for entire families to be in the same show – what a special Christmas remembrance that will become! Some solo parts require excellent vocal range and ability, some require the ability to convey the character through song. This musical also allows people who have never been on stage, who do not happen to get cast in a speaking role, a way to find entry into the world of live theater as part of the crowd or added characters like Roman soldiers or sellers of blankets, food, etc.