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A Nativity Reenactment

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SCRIPT: **A Christmas News Broadcast:
A Nativity Reenactment**

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This pageant is performed in the sanctuary of the church as part of the Liturgy of the Word during worship. There is stable on a platform, in front of the altar. Characters are able to enter from the north and south transepts, and down the center aisle. Some are waiting for their entrance behind the pulpit, or any other areas of the church that are convenient. Stage this pageant according to your church configuration; entrances and exit areas will be determined best by your own situation. Individuals can play multiple roles if there are not enough players for each part. The congregation can sing verses to hymns during scene “changes” or music can be played with organ, piano, etc. Hymns suggested are taken from “The Hymnal 1982.”

- CAST:**
- News Anchor 1
 - News Anchor 2
 - Angel Reporter 1
 - Angel Reporter 2
 - Zachariah
 - Elizabeth
 - Mary
 - Joseph
 - Gabriel
 - Town Crier
 - Census Taker
 - Speaking Townsperson 1
 - Speaking Townsperson 2
 - Speaking Townsperson 3
 - Speaking Townsperson 4
 - Speaking Townsperson 5
 - Innkeeper 1
 - Innkeeper 2
 - Innkeeper 3



Shepherd's Angel
Narrating Shepherd
Speaking Shepherd 1
Speaking Shepherd 2
Speaking Shepherd 3
Speaking Shepherd 4
John
Jesus
Animal Helper
Sheep and Cattle—Pre K and K
Angels—Grades 1-2
Shepherds and Townspeople—Grades 3-4
Live donkey, goats and sheep (optional)

COSTUMES:

News anchors wear street clothes. Angel reporters and Gabriel wear white robes and large wings. All other angels wear white tunics and smaller wings. Girl angels wear small halos. Boy angels wear white baseball hats. Cattle and sheep wear hats that resemble cattle and sheep. Innkeepers wear pajamas and bathrobes. All other characters wear robes of various colors and head coverings.

PROPS:

Scene 1: A sign indicating the name of the news station hung from the pulpit and lectern, hand-held microphones that also identify the name of the news station. These remain throughout the pageant.

Scene 5: A wooden sawhorse, a saw, and a hammer.

Scene 6: Clipboard, bell and a scroll.

Scene 7: Three hotel signs such as: Holy-Day Inn, Best Eastern, and Mary-ott





SCENE 1: INTRODUCTION

*Congregation sings Hymn 56, “O come, O come Emmanuel”
verses 1 and 7*

*The two newscasters take their places, one in the pulpit and
one at the lectern during the singing of the hymn.*

ANCHOR 1: We are broadcasting here from _____
(name of church). We are here with great imaginations, as we go
back in time to remember something that happened over two
thousand years ago.

ANCHOR 2: Today will be operating in HD—Holy Divinity to bring you the
_____ (year) annual Christmas Pageant.

ANCHOR 1: We have late breaking news from our reporter in Bethlehem,
Judea.

SCENE 2: ELIZABETH AND ZECHARIAH

*Enter Angel 1 Reporter, Elizabeth and Zechariah from behind
the pulpit.*

**ANGEL 1
REPORTER:** Hello. I am live with Elizabeth and Zechariah in Bethlehem.
Zechariah, can you tell us what happened?
Holds microphone to Zechariah’s face.

ZECHARIAH: I am a priest of the God of Israel, as my father was, and his father
before him. My wife Elizabeth and I tried to live faithfully, and
follow the commandments. Our only regret in our old age is that
we had not been blessed with children.

ELIZABETH: *Turns to face congregation.*
One day Zechariah came home from serving in the temple, and
couldn’t speak. Not a word. I thought, “What’s up with that?”
Eventually he made me understand that he had seen a vision.
An angel had appeared to him with a message from God.

ANCHOR 2: We have some information directly from heaven. Let’s go to

