



H.A.L.O.

...On The Air

It's Christmas!

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THERE'S A SONG IN THE AIR



There's a Song in the Air,
There's a Star in the sky;
There's a mother's deep prayer
And a baby's low cry;
There's a tumult of joy
O'er the wonderful birth,
For the virgin's sweet boy
Is the Lord of the Earth.

And the star rains its fire,
And the beautiful sing
For the Manger of Bethlehem cradles a
King.

In the light of that star,
Lies the ages impearled;
And that song from afar
Has swept over the world,
We rejoice in the light,
And we echo the song
that comes down through the night
From the heavenly throng.

Every hearth is aflame,
And the beautiful sing,
In the homes of the nations that Jesus is King.

Words: Josiah Gilbert Holland, 1872
Music: "Christmas Song" Karl Pomeroy Harrington, 1904



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H.A.L.O.

...Is On The Air!



H.A.L.O. is an All Church Christmas program. Feature folks of all ages from Nursery through Adults. Love to laugh? This one is for your gang!

H.A.L.O. is rehearsed by small groups with their Sunday School teacher/leader. Gather the whole group for a final rehearsal and H.A.L.O. is ready to 'air'!

H.A.L.O. is sprinkled with humor and inspiration. Tell the Bethlehem story featuring a heavenly radio station. In the mix is "Breaking News", Commercials, Interviews, Talk Shows, Game Shows and lots of music!

H.A.L.O. radio staff calls for the audience to participate with applause, singing and vocal responses. Everyone becomes part of the fun as the Baby Jesus story unfolds "On The Air".

H.A.L.O. concludes with a party at **HARP AND HORN INN DINER**. Decorate, serve delicious desserts and play Christmas music. It will be a lasting memory for everyone!

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H.A.L.O

PROGRAM DIRECTOR

...Getting the Radio Show On The Air



Direct a humorous, inspirational celebration of the Bethlehem story. Organize teams who take charge of their segment.

Make program copies and assign segments to Sunday School classes, church committees, small groups of friends and willing individuals who agree to become part of H.A.L.O.

Follow directions. Ask group leaders to organize their group complete with props and costumes. Be prepared to help but for the most part the leaders should handle their material. The result will be an old fashioned Radio Show telling the story of Jesus' birth in a unique way.

Prepare your heart. For some church members, holiday programs presented by your church comprise most, if not all, of their Christmas celebration. Do it for the Lord! Do it for those folks!

One Step At A Time. It is possible that you are thinking, "Why me? I cannot do this!" Put those feelings aside and dive into this appealing presentation of Christmas as experienced by an old time heavenly radio station offering a new take of "On The Air".

Delegate. Sunday School teachers and group leaders become involved by preparing their people for the program. Trust the staff to carry out their tasks.



Practice A Positive Approach. It is worth extra effort in the midst of personal preparations, party going and travel to make Christmas sparkle.

Statements like, "We can't do it", "We never did it this way", or "No one wants to do it", are inappropriate. If the Director's attitude is right, even the grouchiest saint responds cheerfully!

Pray! Take details before the Lord and then-RELAX! God is in control. Carry out the tasks at hand.

Plan! Make a program copy and mark areas requiring special attention. Adapt the material. Eliminate what cannot be used, divide parts and combine parts when necessary.

Give teachers and participants copies of their segment in a colorful folder.

Prepare! Hopefully you have ordered H.A.L.O. ...On The Air with more than one month lead time. Assign responsibility for small group practice to each teacher/leader.

Some churches enjoy memorization and others avoid it. Except for the youngest non readers, it is possible to read all parts. Memorization means lead time is longer and intensive rehearsal is essential.

**This is an ALL CHURCH Production!
Involve adults as readers,
musicians and leaders.
Adapt the program to use
available number of participants.**



AT A GLANCE

This is a program sample. Insert favorite Christmas Carols and Special Music wherever it is appropriate for your group. Consider the total time as you plan music options.

INTRODUCTION

PRELUDE

PROCESSION

READERS: Somewhere Between Heaven and Earth

ACT I

H.A.L.O. IS ...ON THE AIR! Sky Bird Introduction

Nursery: The Morning Zoo

Preschool: Harp and Horn Inn

Kindergarten: Bethlehem Breakfast Club

CHRISTMAS CAROL/SPECIAL MUSIC

ACT II

MOLLIE AND MILLIE: ANGEL TALK

Grades One and Two: TTT Travelers Insurance

Grades Three and Four: Shepherds On The Street

Grades Five and Six: Wise Men..and The News!

ACT III

HEROD THE GREAT SPEAKS!

SPECIAL MUSIC

Middle School: Name That Tune!

High School: Babies-R-Bethlehem

CHRISTMAS CAROL/SPECIAL MUSIC

CONCLUSION

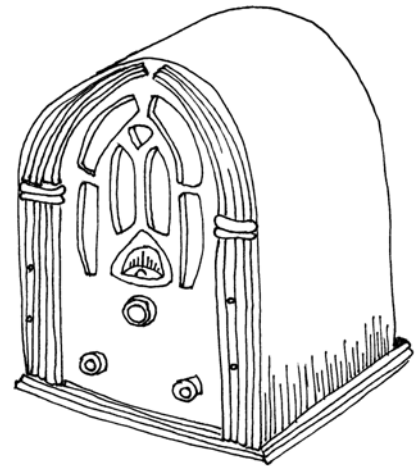
Adults: Lo and Behold-Most Things Considered
CHRISTMAS CAROL

COME TO THE RADIO PARTY AT HARP AND HORN DINER!



Adapting H.A.L.O.

Adapt the program to fit your church needs. **H.A.L.O.** lasts forty five minutes to one hour, depending upon special music. **HARP AND HORN DINER** Party is not included in time frame.



SMALL CHURCH

Remove segments requiring more people than available. Combine speaking parts.

For a combined junior/senior high school class, eliminate one presentation and feature your favorite segment. OR, use the same students to present both segments.

Teens and adults are crucial to the small church presentation. Some people participate several times.

MEDIUM CHURCH

Adaptations take the form of personal preference. Choose segments you like best. The goal is to tell the Christmas story so don't leave out anything important!

LARGE CHURCH

Use as many people as possible. Organize snack makers, servers, prop masters, sound/lighting staff and others who make the program exciting.

HARP AND HORN DINER

Ask an adult Sunday School class, women's group or group of friends to complete party plans. They decorate, plan and prepare food and clean up.



CHRISTMAS MUSIC!

Coordinate music with music director, organist/pianist. Choose Christmas Carols. Include words in a printed program or on a screen.



CAROLS

Sing traditional Christmas Carols. Practice during Sunday School Opening, for three weeks prior to performance. Choose contemporary Christmas choruses from music you own and enjoy.

NEW MUSIC

CLOSE ENCOUNTERS MINISTRIES is pleased to present three original Christmas songs composed by Jonathan Miller, GLORY SOUND STUDIOS! Use the songs as desired (solo, group, audience).

Sheet music, words only sheets and Double Channel CD (sample voice + accompaniment only). Call 1-888-236-5433 or see our website: www.cemlife.com

SPECIAL MUSIC

Feature church talent. These musical options are NOT in the existing program. Choose music from your own collection. Consider time limitations during planning stages.

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| VOCAL SOLO | INSTRUMENTAL ENSEMBLE |
| VOCAL GROUP | HANDBELL/CHIME CHOIR |
| CHILDREN/ADULT CHOIR | INSTRUMENTAL SOLO |



STAGE AND PROPS



H.A.L.O. ...On The Air! Is a unique presentation using a minimum of props and staging. Each group carries personal props on stage.

SET UP. Christmas trees, Nativity, twinkle lights, poinsettias and candles already in the sanctuary add to the festive atmosphere.

STAGING. Place two or three microphone stands across the stage. Attach cardboard replicas of old fashioned radio microphones to the front of each stand. (See illustration.) Twist twinkle lights along each stand.

"Sky Bird", Famous Radio Personality, sits at a simple news desk with microphone throughout the program.

Make a large cardboard radio. Place in the center background. (See radio illustration.) Or, borrow old radios from shops or church members and display them on small tables.

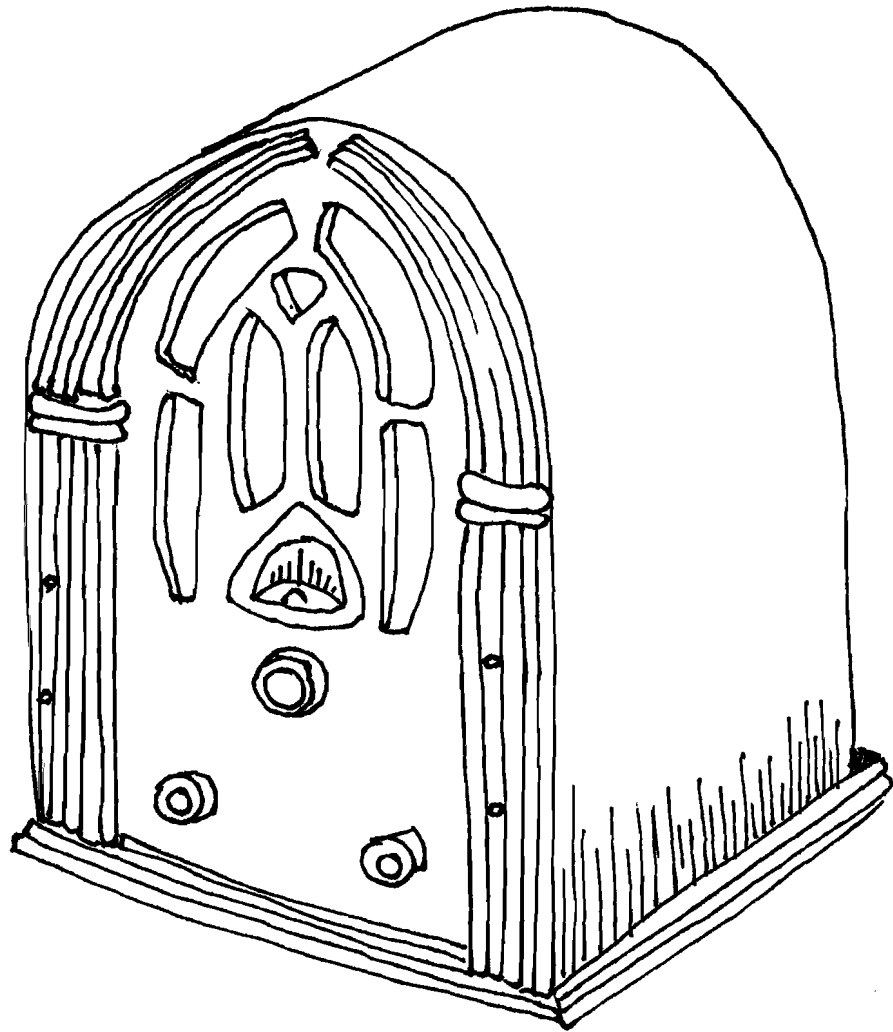
SEATING. Reserve class seating. Assign assistants to sit with young children.

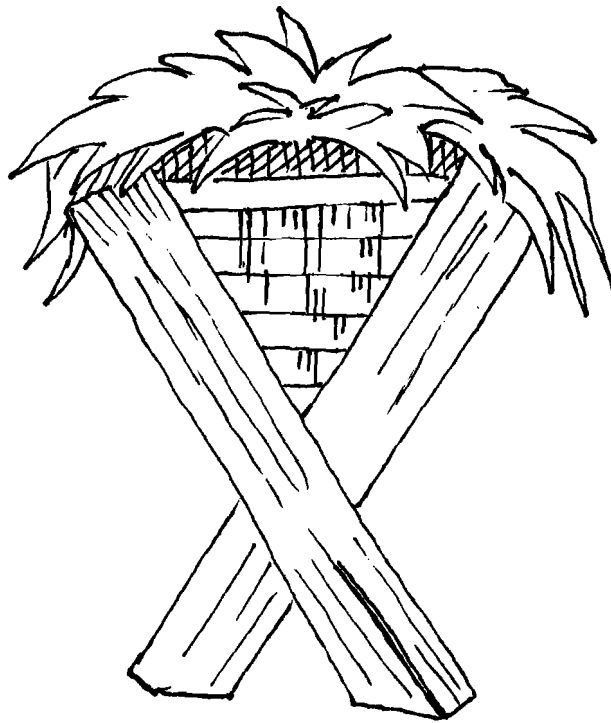
SOUND SYSTEM. Place microphones within easy reach. Speakers must be heard clearly. This detail makes the difference between a frustrating experience and a delightful program.

LIGHTING. Light Christmas trees, candles and other mood lighting. Place small spot lights on the floor shining up at each microphone.

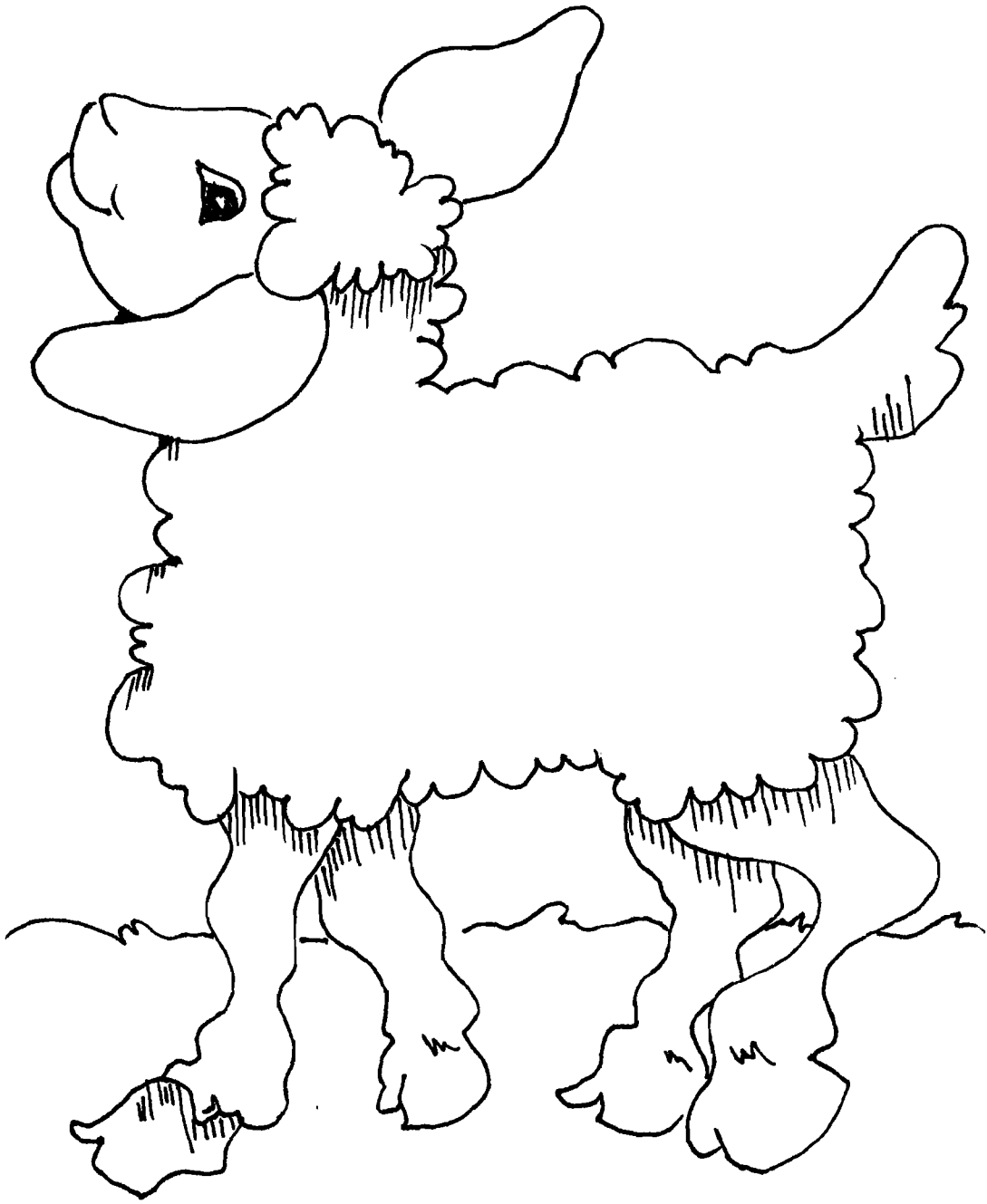


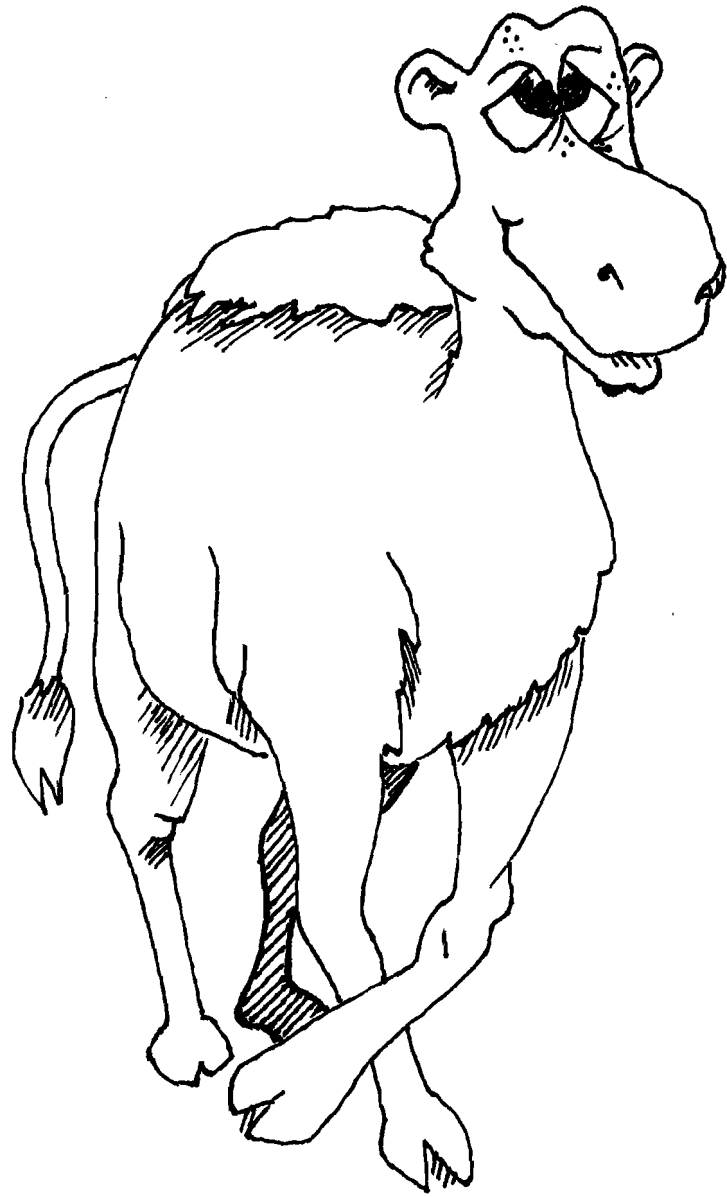


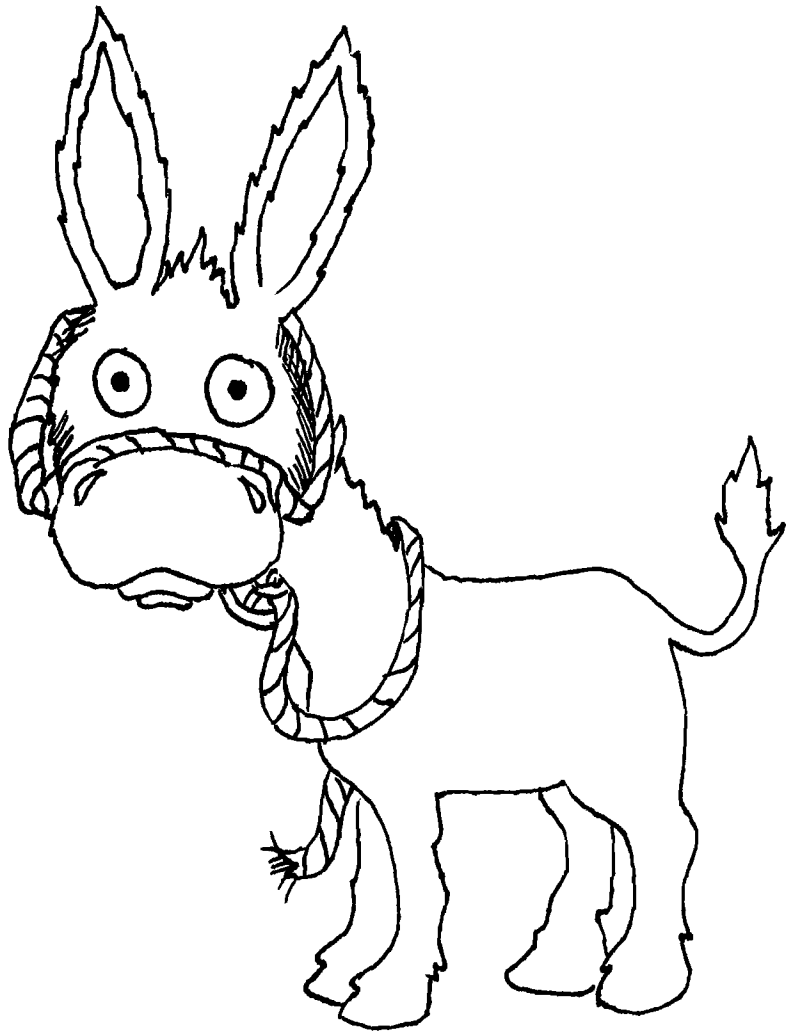




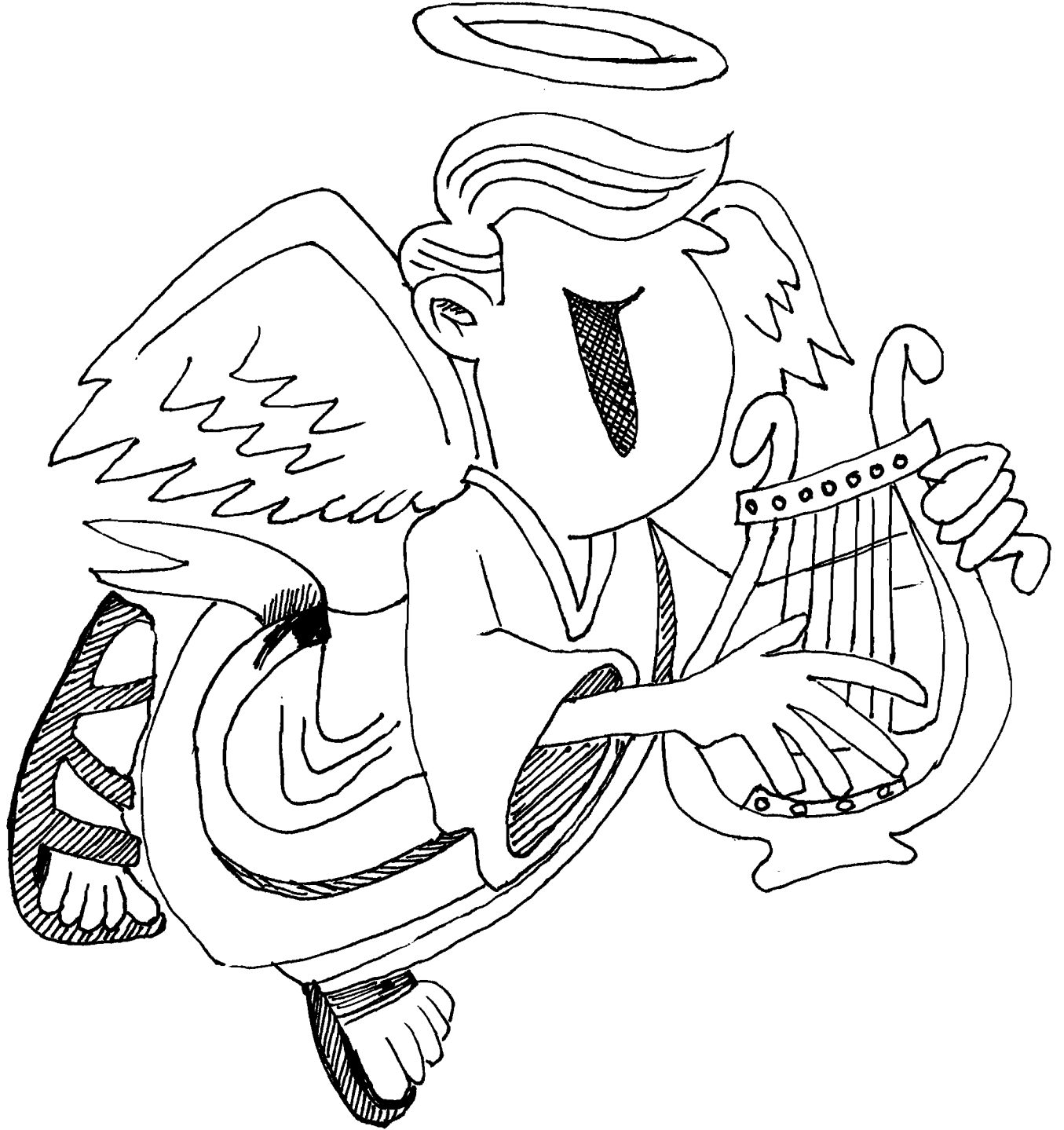












...On The Air!

H.A.L.O.



COSTUMES



H.A.L.O. ...On The Air requires simple costuming. When costuming a large group, ask each participant to prepare their attire. Parents of young students may be willing to supply necessary clothing. Follow specific directions for each program segment.

PATTERN SUGGESTIONS

Pillow Cases: Cut a neck hole in the top of the pillowcase. Cut the front to the neck hole. Cut arm holes. This makes a long, vest. Plaid or striped flannel pillowcases work great for little shepherds and wise men.

Fabric: Two wide fabric strips (one over each shoulder) crossed across the back and front, tied with a sash makes a great costume.

Head Wraps: A fabric square over the head with a wide ribbon or piece of cloth around the head makes a headpiece. Large scrunchies (like girls wear around pony tails) hold the fabric tightly.

Bathrobes: Purchase bathrobes at garage sales/resale shops. Use contrasting fabric for headdresses and sashes to complete the costume.



Angels: Use white cotton or silver lame' fabric. Angels may wear wings or remain wingless. Place gold or silver tinsel garland taped in a circle on each angel head. Tie tinsel around the waist for a sparkling angel belt. Angels may wear face/hair glitter for that "extra sparkle"! Bare feet!

Student Ushers

Once everyone is costumed to perfection, recruit angel, shepherd and wise men ushers who distribute programs and seat people.

Place students at each door and coach them to say, "Welcome to **HALO..ON THE AIR**. May I show you to your seat?" Or, "Where would you like to sit?" It is an added personal touch that is much appreciated by many audience members.

Meet with ushers to explain how to greet guests, especially if students have never done this. Assign a team of two to a specific door.

After The Show

Ask participants to remain in costume for the **HARP AND HORN DINER** celebration. They may serve beverages, greet guests and wander through the party area while people eat and talk.



PUBLICITY



Publicize **H.A.L.O. ...On the Air** through all church communication channels. Announce it in the church newsletter, the weekly worship bulletin and from the pulpit.

CHURCH BULLETIN AND NEWSLETTER

Print an announcement in November and December newsletters. If you plan the **HARP AND HORN DINER** Party, let people know there will be a Christmas party, including food, following the program.

LOCAL NEWSPAPER

Include an announcement with church holiday programming publicity. Talk to a reporter to see if a feature article is possible. Include pictures!

TELEVISION AND RADIO

Advertise on your television cable channel. Radio stations often have free spots available as community service. It may be one more avenue of great publicity. Check it out!

CHRISTMAS CARD INVITATIONS

Christmas Card invitations are effective for families who send their children to Sunday School but are not involved. Use real Christmas cards with invitations tucked inside.



TEACHERS

Pray! Prepare! Present!

**ADAPT H.A.L.O.
TO FIT YOUR GROUP NEEDS**

INVOLVE AS MANY STUDENTS AS POSSIBLE



More students than speaking parts? Divide existing parts. Less students than speaking parts? Combine existing parts. Assign specific people the tasks of holding visuals, carrying props and costuming.

HIGHLIGHT INDIVIDUAL PARTS

Will students memorize speaking parts or read them? If reading, print scripts on white copy paper much like scripts appeared in radio days.

PRACTICE WITH YOUR GROUP

Use the first minutes of Sunday School class to practice and discuss costuming and props. Assign specific tasks. Adapt the segment to fit your group.

COMMUNICATE WITH PARENTS

Let parents know when to have their children at rehearsals. Invite parents to attend the performance and be sure they know what props or costuming their child must bring. Collect props and store them in the classroom.



THE PROGRAM DIRECTOR VALUES YOUR LEADERSHIP!



SHOW UP WITH A SMILE!

Meet your group. Dress in appropriate costumes, line up and enter the sanctuary as directed. Sit with your group in the designated area. Lead them on and off stage. Perform your speaking part with enthusiasm. Coach students quietly if they have problems.

Stage fright is not uncommon!

AFTER THE PROGRAM

Stay for the **HARP AND HORN DINER** Party. Collect props and materials before attending the party. Ask students to remain in costume. Mingle and enjoy the experience with your students and their families.

IF YOU NEED HELP

The Program Director is available. You will be responsible to have your group ready to participate. The program comes together with little formal large group rehearsal.

ENJOY THE EXPERIENCE

This is a once in a lifetime opportunity to touch the lives of children and adults. Take time to enjoy your small part of the bigger picture. The Bethlehem Story is classic and life changing. The spiritual experience is amazing!

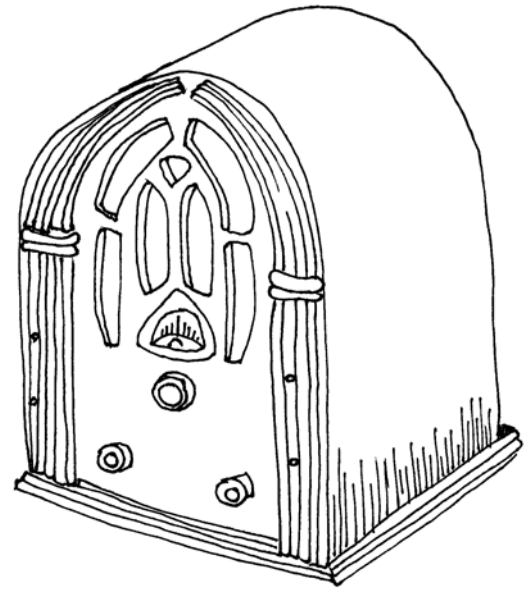


COMMERCIALS!

Each segment features a commercial. There are several options to consider when presenting them.

TEACHER/LEADER

Ask the specific teacher/leader to present the commercial within their segment, speaking into a standing microphone.



SKY BIRD

The actor portraying Sky Bird, H.A.L.O.'s Radio host, can break into the action and read each commercial.

ONE PITCHMAN

Ask one person to read each commercial at the appropriate time. This actor remains on stage with Sky Bird. Choose someone with a great speaking voice and sense of humor.

Name the salesman who uses it as an introduction for each commercial break:

Here's Johnny Angel, Comin' Atcha' for HALO Radio!

VARIETY OF READERS

In the spirit of involving as many people as possible, assign specific commercials to a variety of readers.

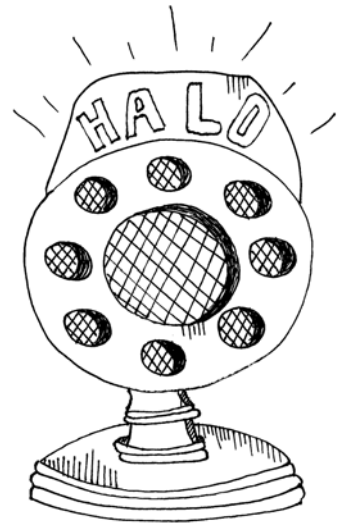


RADIO DAYS SOUND EFFECTS

Consider adding sound effects. If it's not possible, the program is still complete. *Sound effects are not noted within the script.* If choosing to use them, decide where to place specific effects for the best response.

Choose one or two people to handle sound. They make decisions on where to place the effects within the script. Sometimes "live" sound effects can be devised and are more fun than canned effects.

Create sounds for commercials and crowds. H.A.L.O. may have an audio trademark (like N-B-C chimes). The first four notes of Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus" played on piano/organ/chimes/bells work well.



SOUND EFFECTS!

Have some fun with sound effects at a good price...free! There are other companies this specific online company offers 890 sounds. Check out RADIO SOUND:

www.alfreesoundeffects.com/radio.html

Choose MP3 Downloads and .wav Downloads and Good Quality.wav sounds. Or, opt to purchase better quality sound effects the company offers for sale. They sell a CD for \$9.99 at the site.

This is just one company. Search the internet and find more sound effects free or at low cost to make H.A.L.O. Radio come to life.



"SKY BIRD"
HOST WITH THE MOST
HEAVENS FAMOUS RADIO PERSONALITY

Become H.A.L.O. Radio's Master of Ceremonies. As the Heavenly Radio Station's Famous Radio Personality, act the part in every way. *Male or female*

HOW TO BE THE HOST WITH THE MOST! Speak into the microphone with a self assured, professional voice.

Lively and cheerful, Sky Bird guides groups on and off stage, announces commercials, music, radio show segments.

The Host With The Most is funny, full of silly patter and yet introduces serious interviews with care.

WHO IS SKY BIRD AND WHY IS HE/SHE WORKING AT H.A.L.O. RADIO? Sky Bird is Heaven's famous radio personality, God's own angel with pizzaz and a message. This fictional radio station is coming straight from Heaven to an Earthly audience.

WHAT TO WEAR! Wear a 1940's style fedora hat with tinsel encircling the crown. A white dress shirt and bow tie look great. Wear headphones around the neck. Speak into a microphone on the news desk.

Sky Bird holds segments together with humor and insight. Read from the full script. Rehearse aloud to become familiar with the program.

Enjoy being the quirky radio host. Take the audience on a fun journey to Bethlehem as the breaking story of "Baby Jesus" develops. There's no time like Christmas to release your inner "Ham".



H.A.L.O. STAGE MANAGER



H.A.L.O. Stage Manager is the trusty angel sidekick to Sky Bird. This person does not speak...at all!

The Stage Manager holds up signs at appropriate times during the program encouraging the audience to respond.

SIGNS: Print large signs and back each one with cardboard.

HALO!
APPLAUSE!
BOO!
WILD CHEERING
OH-H-H-H!
YUM!

Hold the appropriate sign high overhead and encourage the audience to respond enthusiastically.

HOW DOES AN ANGEL STAGE MANAGER DRESS? Wear slacks, long sleeved dress shirt, suspenders and a baseball cap trimmed with a tinsel halo.

Wings or no wings!



On The Air!

THE PRELUDE

Church musicians (organ/piano/keyboard) play Christmas music as the audience gathers.

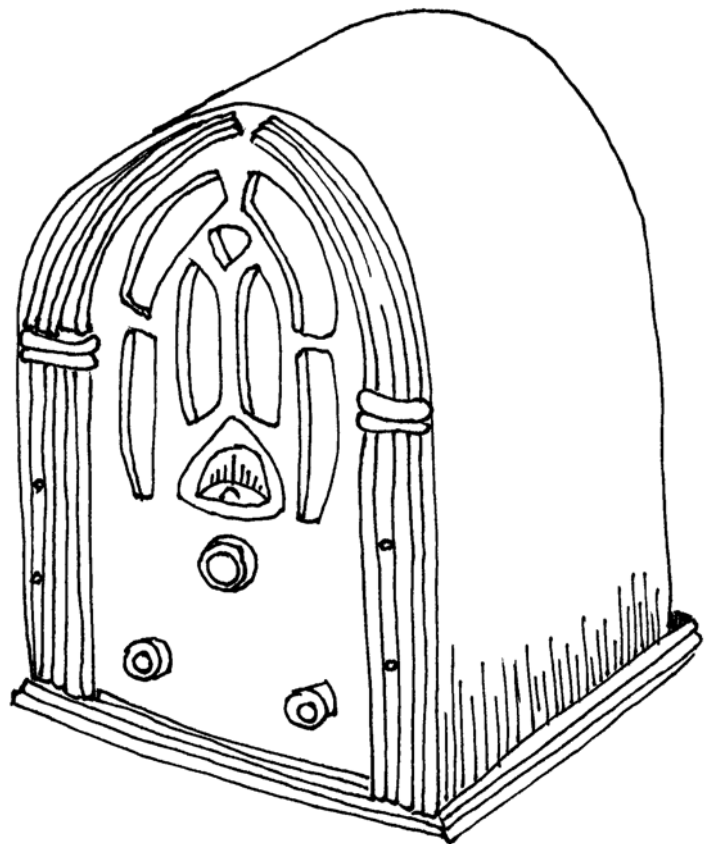
If using our original music, consider having the same songs played so the audience hears the melodies and become familiar with the choruses.

THE PROCESSION

Gather **H.A.L.O....On The Air** participants in an outer room. Dim sanctuary lights. Existing holiday lights are left burning.

Light stage lights and spot lights so people can read their parts.

As participants file to their seats, the audience sings a Christmas Carol of your choice or the group may sing the theme song if you have purchased it.



SOMEWHERE BETWEEN HEAVEN AND EARTH RADIO READER INTRODUCTION



Radio Readers stand across the stage speaking into microphones.

No costumes.

ADULTS: Adults who may remember these authentic old radio show introductions are the best readers. Read each introduction like the real radio characters.

If few folks are available, read back and forth with enthusiasm. If there are lots of people, assign one introduction per person.

MAN: Good evening Mr. And Mrs. America., from border to border and coast to coast..and all the ships at sea. Let's go to press."

(Walter Winchell)

WOMAN: (*Shouting*) "Henry, Henry Aldrich!"

YOUNG MAN: (*Shouting/high voice*) "Coming Mother."

(The Aldrich Family)

MAN: (*This is 'The Breakfast Club' original theme song..sing it if you know it! Speak it if you don't.*)

"Good morning Breakfast Clubbers, good morning to ya'. We woke up bright and early to howdy do ya.'"

(*Speak*) ...a get together time for all of us who smile before breakfast and then can't break the habit all day long-a place to come to when a feller needs a friend. (Don McNeal's Breakfast Club)

MAN: When the blue of the night meets the gold of the day.... (Bing Crosby)



MAN: The makers of Johnson's Wax products for home and industry present *Fibber McGee and Molly*, written by Don Quinn and Phil Leslie with music by the King's Men and Billy Mills' Orchestra!

WOMAN: (*Whining*) T'ain't funny, McGee!
(Fibber McGee and Molly)

MAN: Who knows what evil lurks in the hearts of men? The Shadow knows!"
(The Shadow)

MAN: Faster than a speeding bullet, stronger than a locomotive, able to leap tall buildings at a single bound. Look! Up in the sky! It's a bird! It's a plane! It's Super man!
(Superman)

MAN: (*Deep, velvety voice*) You unlock this door with the key of imagination. Beyond it is another dimension: a dimension of sound, a dimension of sight, a dimension of mind. You're moving into a land of both shadow and substance, of things and ideas. You've just crossed over into...the Twilight Zone.
(Rod Serling "The Twilight Zone")

MAN: A fiery horse with the speed of light, a cloud of dust and a hearty Hi-Yo Silver! With his faithful Indian companion, Tonto, the daring and resourceful masked rider of the plains led the fight for law and order in the early West. Return with us now to those thrilling days of yesteryear. The Lone Ranger rides again!!!

(The Lone Ranger)

SKY BIRD INTERRUPTS: We interrupt this broadcast for breaking news from Heaven. H.A.L.O. Radio field reporters will be on the air in 30 seconds from Bethlehem of Judea. Don't touch that dial!



RADIO READERS EXIT



SKY BIRD INTRODUCTION



SKY BIRD: *(Sitting at news desk)* Halo, Everybody, Halo! H.A.L.O. RADIO IS..ON THE AIR! This is your host with the most, your king of swing, your angelic relic, your jolly dolly, your fine-benign-divine-design! Yes, it's me, God's own favorite radio personality, Sky Bird, coming straight from H.A.L.O. radio studios, One Paradise Parkway, somewhere just outside of heaven. Be very quiet and you might hear the brush of an angel's wing.

Stay tuned to 777 FM and 1225 AM on your Heavenly Radio Dial. It's the Holy Land Network and it's time to say "Halo!"

STAGE MANAGER SIGN: HALO!

AUDIENCE SHOUTS: HALO!

(Sky Bird rings a bell or a series of chimes like N-B-C chimed musical notes. Suggestion: First four notes to "Hallelujah" from Handel's Messiah.)

Our Angel producers report that H.A.L.O.'s field reporters are in position for the most significant news story in human history. While connecting to satellites, let me introduce our Sponsor.

SPONSOR COMMERCIAL: *(Sky Bird or Another Person)* He's Someone you know well. He is the One and Only, All Knowing, All Wise, Sovereign, Holy, Powerful, Faithful, Patient, Merciful, and yes, our Sponsor is all that and He is also Love. That's right people, our Sponsor is God, AKA: Loving Heavenly Father.

Some of us know Him by His smile and others believe God "is" because of His Word. God's Word...the best selling book sold in bookstores across Planet Earth. Go out and get one today, the B-I-B-L-E yes, that's the book for me! Now, back to our program.

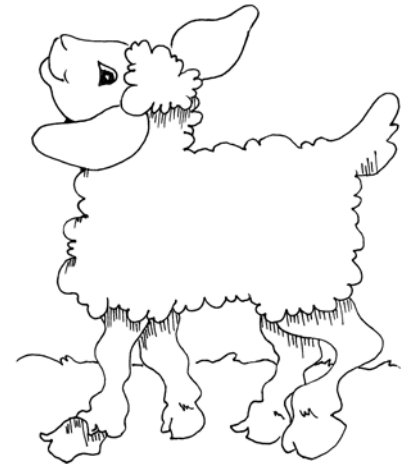


NURSERY

THE MORNING ZOO

Students (Birth-Age 3), teacher(s) and parents participate in this segment. Since these young students cannot speak, adults interact while carrying them. Parent or Helper presents MORNING ZOO COMMERCIAL.

COSTUMES: Dress as various animals. Consider sleepers with tails attached, hats with little ears, borrowed Halloween costumes.



Little ones carry stuffed animals. (Sheep, dogs, cats, donkeys, camels, cows, etc.) Helpers assist by carrying children, speaking, singing, and holding hands while on stage.

STABLE BACKGROUND COMMERCIAL: "Morning Zoo" is brought to you by the good folks at STABLE BACKGROUND...Every child needs a stable background.

That's why we sell only top quality BABY GAP SWADDLES! Soft, fresh and roomy BABY GAP SWADDLES fit your precious baby. For the newborn love of your life, when only the best will do, choose BABY GAP SWADDLES brought to you by the good folks at STABLE BACKGROUND. Don't settle for inferior swaddles, your little Star deserves to be swaddled in style!

Call 1-777-HALO to receive your STABLE BACKGROUND BABY GAP SWADDLES Catalog. Free! Free! Free! Just like God's great love. Call today! Tax and postage not included.



SKY BIRD: *(Speaking from news desk)* We are connected to THE MORNING ZOO, broadcasting on location direct from...are you there? Where exactly are you wild animals located?

TEACHER: *(Speaking into microphone)* Yes, Sky Bird, we are somewhere in the heart of Bethlehem, Judea. I am surrounded by, well, you won't believe it.

SKY BIRD: Try me.

TEACHER: I'll do better than that. I'll let you listen.

CHILDREN AND HELPERS: *Make sounds of sheep (Baa), cows (Moo), donkeys (Hee-Haw).*

SKY BIRD: Ahh, yes! It's time for.. THE MORNING ZOO! Brought to you by the good folks at STABLE ENVIRONMENT and "Crazy Ollie's Rent-A-Camel".

TEACHER: We are standing in the middle of a-a-a stable. Smells terrible! It's dark here except for one star that seems to be shining overhead. The animals appear to be comforted by it's brightness.

If you listen closely, you can hear the animals singing.

(No accompaniment needed for this familiar nursery song. Teacher and helpers help these little ones sing. If all children are too small, ask audience to help you sing.)

**TWINKLE, TWINKLE LITTLE STAR.
HOW I WONDER WHAT YOU ARE.
UP ABOVE THE WORLD SO HIGH,
LIKE A DIAMOND IN THE SKY.
TWINKLE, TWINKLE LITTLE STAR.
HOW I WONDER WHAT YOU ARE.**



STAGE MANAGER: HOLD SIGN "OH-H-H!"

AUDIENCE: OH-H-H!

CHILDREN AND HELPERS: *Moo! Baa! Hee Haw!*

HELPER/PARENT: Can you hear me in the studio? There appear to be a great number of people passing by the stable. They are hurrying here and there. No one is paying attention to the animals.

TEACHER: Do you have any information about what is going on here today? Wait! I see a young couple speaking to the Innkeeper. He's pointing this direction and....

CHILDREN AND HELPERS: *Moo! Baa! Hee Haw!*

SKY BIRD: Hello? Hello? Are you there? We seem to have lost our satellite. Thank you MORNING ZOO.

This is H.A.L.O. RADIO..ON THE AIR at 777 FM and 1225 AM on your radio dial. It's time to say "Halo"!

STAGE MANAGER: HOLD SIGN "HALO"

AUDIENCE: HALO!

NURSERY STUDENTS AND HELPERS EXIT.



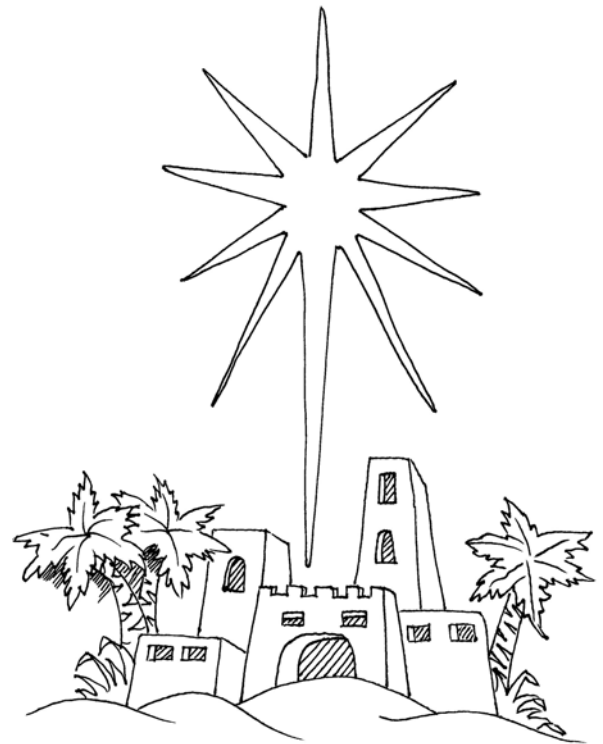
PRESCHOOL

HARP AND HORN INN

Students and teachers/helpers participate in this segment.

COSTUMES: Simple Holy Land garments.

Teachers/helpers assist by speaking and performing the HARP AND HORN INN COMMERCIAL standing at the HALO Radio Station microphone.



HARP AND HORN INN COMMERCIAL: Clean, simple and charming. Reserve your spot at HARP AND HORN INN, BETHLEHEM. Arrive at your destination safely, use our convenient underground parking stable, relax in our bubbling waterfall.

Delight in our famous Middle Eastern Breakfast (Olives, Bread and Cold Water) for one pleasing silver coin. Let Ramone, our Hospitality Innkeeper, serve you. Look for us under the shining star!

This week only: For a small fee, HARP AND HORN INN provides an approachable tax collector on site for travelers with completed *Caesar Augustus E-Z Census and Tax forms*.

Make reservations early. No one wants to hear "No Vacancy" after a long, dusty walk through the desert. And remember, This is Thomas Bodett saying 'we'll leave the oil lamp on for ya'`.



**HURRY STUDENTS ON STAGE
FROM SEATS OR BACK OF ROOM**

TEACHER: Hurry! We must get to the Inn before it closes. There are so many travelers in Bethlehem, I'm afraid we will never get a room.

PRESCHOOL CHILDREN: (*Shouting in Unison*) We want a room! We want a room!

TEACHER: We'll find a room...somewhere! I heard H.A.L.O Radio's HARP AND HORN INN commercial. We'll try that place first.

CHILDREN: We want a room! We want a room!

TEACHER: I want a room too! I'm ready to put all of you to bed and relax in that bubbling waterfall the commercial says is waiting for me.

RAMONE...(*At microphone*): Wait! Don't come any closer. I am about to make an important announcement. Sky Bird, Are you there?

SKY BIRD: This is God's Favorite Radio Personality, the Host With the Most, speaking from our pleasant, air conditioned studios at H.A.L.O Radio, One Paradise Parkway. Go ahead Ramone. We're listening.

RAMONE: Pull the HARP AND HORN INN Commercial. Now! We are overrun with guests. There is No Room at the Inn. I repeat, There is NO ROOM at the Inn!

**STAGE MANAGER: HOLDS SIGN "BOO"
AUDIENCE: BOO!**

SKY BIRD: This sounds like a breaking story to me. Is there someone available we can interview?

TEACHER: I journeyed here with a small group of travelers...and I do mean small. All we want is a room for the night.



CHILDREN: We want a room! We want a room!

TEACHER: Do you hear that? That's what I have to listen to. We have traveled far to be counted in this ridiculous census ordered by Caesar Augustus. We're tired. We're hungry. We're just little kids. Come on...give us a room!

CHILDREN: We want a room! We want a room!

RAMONE: I beg a thousand pardons. My most humble apologies. I have no room in my Inn. (*Speaking loudly into microphone*)

That is HARP AND HORN INN conveniently located in the rolling hills of Bethlehem, Judea. No vacancy. I repeat, No vacancy tonight. Maybe tomorrow, come back tomorrow.

(*Bowing...*) Dear people, I have given my last available spot to that young couple over there.

(*Pointing in distance.*) And they got a stall in our stable. It's dark, smelly and filled with animals. They are about to have a baby and aren't real picky about where they stay.

CHILDREN: We want a room! We want a room!

TEACHER: Is there anywhere in Bethlehem for strangers to rest their weary heads?

RAMONE: No vacancy-anywhere! I suggest you pay your tax as quickly as possible and get these children back on the road to home..wherever that may be.



OPTION: Sing to the familiar tune of "Snow White and the Seven Dwarves" *Heigh Ho, Heigh Ho, It's Off to Work We Go.* *No accompaniment needed.*

HEIGH HO! HEIGH HO!
IT'S OFF TO HOME WE GO.
NO TIME TO LOSE,
THE INN IS CLOSED
HEIGH HO! HEIGH HO! HEIGH HO!
(Repeat)
END: HEIGH HO! HEIGH HO!

PRESCHOOL STUDENTS AND LEADERS
RETURN TO SEATS.



KINDERGARTEN

BETHLEHEM BREAKFAST CLUB



Kindergarten students and Teacher/Helpers participate in this segment and commercial. Divide parts as desired between students and leaders.

COSTUMES: Simple Holy Land garments.

PORTIA'S POTTERY BARN COMMERCIAL: We bring this special message to listeners who enjoy the finer things of eastern life.

PORTIA'S POTTERY AND BASKET BARN announces a 20% sale on all in stock handmade clay pots. Perfect for morning or evening meal, Portia's pots compliment any desert decor. Carry water without fear of those pesky leaks. Handwoven baskets available in any size-perfect to carry grain. Bring comfort and style to your humble home at PORTIA'S POTTERY AND BASKET BARN. Gentlemen, buy your lady a pot today!

BETHLEHEM BRICK COMPANY: Visit the brick ovens behind Portia's Pottery Barn. BETHLEHEM BRICK COMPANY makes bricks as fast as the oven can take 'em. We got mud bricks, ash bricks, hay bricks and stone bricks. For all your brick laying needs! We got clay if you can pay! Hire our expert brick layers to make your home's exterior the best in Bethlehem. BETHLEHEM BRICK COMPANY...Don't be caught in a house of straw. Don't be blown over in a house of sticks. Get bricks, bricks, bricks. Live strong and prosper.



TEACHER: There is something in the air in Bethlehem today. I don't know what's going on but I feel it in my bones. It's time for THE BREAKFAST CLUB to go on the air. Are you ready?

STUDENTS: (*In Unison*) Yes!

STUDENT: This is THE BREAKFAST CLUB Crew. We are ready to broadcast...In 3-2-1....

TEACHER: The Breakfast Club is on the air from your Heavenly Radio Station H.A.L.O. 777 FM and 1225 AM on your radio dial! We're ready for the Word from Around the Well!

STUDENT: Good morning Breakfast Clubbers, good morning to ya'.

STUDENT:We woke up bright and early to howdy do ya.'

TEACHER:...a get together time for all of us who smile before breakfast and then can't break the habit all day long.

STUDENT: --a place to come to when a feller needs a friend.

TEACHER: Welcome faithful breakfast clubbers. We have received breaking news from around the well that a special event is taking place in the small village of Bethlehem. Rumor has it that God is going to show Himself in an amazing way.

A baby is about to be born. Waiting is the hardest part of the birth of any baby. To keep you entertained while we wait for the grand birth announcement, we have a few hilarious jokes.



(Practice timing with students during rehearsal.)

STUDENT: What Christmas Carol is a favorite of parents?
"SILENT NIGHT"

STUDENT: Knock, knock.

AUDIENCE: WHO'S THERE?

STUDENT: ...wayne

AUDIENCE: WAYNE WHO?

STUDENT: ...wayne in a manger

STUDENT: Knock, knock.

AUDIENCE: WHO'S THERE?

STUDENT: ..Oakum

AUDIENCE: OAKUM WHO?

STUDENT: ...Oakum All Ye Faithful!

STUDENT: Knock, knock.

AUDIENCE: WHO'S THERE?

STUDENT: ...Mary

AUDIENCE: MARY WHO?

STUDENT: ...Mary Christmas

STUDENT: What did Adam say on the day before Christmas?
It's Christmas, Eve!

STUDENT: What do sheep say to each other at Christmas?
Merry Christmas to ewe!

STUDENT: What do sheep say to shepherds at Christmas?
Season's Bleatings!

STUDENT: What happens when Christmas angels meet?
They say "halo"!



STAGE MANAGER: HOLD SIGN "APPLAUSE"

AUDIENCE: APPLAUD

TEACHER: Thank you for joining us on H.A.L.O. Radio's BREAKFAST CLUB. Until tomorrow morning when we "march around the table" one more time, we say farewell and "Halo, everybody, Halo". The Breakfast Club is off the air!

**CHRISTMAS CAROL: THE FIRST NOEL
SPECIAL MUSIC**



MOLLIE AND MILLIE ANGEL TALK!



Two bubbly angels host a local talk show where up to date heavenly gossip is shared with good humor.



The angels can be teens or adults.

Read parts while standing at the microphone. No memorization required.

COSTUMES: Molly and Millie dress as angels. White robes, wings (or not, as desired), tinsel halos resting on their heads. Spray glitter on faces and costumes make this radio duo shine!

Mollie: ANGEL TALK is on the air! I'm Mollie!

Millie: ...and I'm Millie!

STAGE MANAGER: HOLDS SIGN "WILD CHEERING"

AUDIENCE: WILD CHEERING!

Millie: Thank you for that kind welcome. We don't usually accept wild cheering from our live audience but this is a special occasion. Are you ready for a little "Heart Talk" on "Angel Talk"? Are you entertaining angels unaware? Have you heard the news out of Bethlehem?

Mollie: First things first, Millie.

Millie: Right. This is Mollie and Millie your gracious, gorgeous, gleaming, glamorous Heavenly ANGEL TALK hosts on H.A.L.O Radio at 777 FM and 1225 AM on your radio dial.

Mollie: No! We must start ANGEL TALK with a commercial! You gotta pay to play!

Millie: Oops! My halo must be slipping. I forgot. Let's go to commercial!

FRED'S FEATHER BED COMMERCIAL: ANGEL TALK is brought to you by our friends at **Fred's Feather Beds**. Need a good night's sleep? **Fred's Feather Beds** have a unique air chamber design that allows each sleeper to adjust the feather bed to the firmness or softness they prefer.

Fred custom builds any feather bed to his client's personal curves. Most feather beds roll off an assembly line but not Fred's. He cares about your sleep and Fred knows each duck and goose individually.

You don't have to spend lots of money to purchase a high quality feather bed. Mollie and Millie know Fred personally and he's a good guy. Don't delay! Go to **Fred's Feather Beds** today. He's an angel!

Mollie: Back to **ANGEL TALK**. We've been busy little angels this week. There's talk all over Heaven that a big event is about to happen.

Millie: Here's the daily scoop, Mollie. We angels are about to make the big announcement tonight.

Mollie: SHH, I don't think we're allowed to tell.

Millie: Why do we have a radio talk show if we're not allowed to talk? I'm taking my chances. ...Hot off the press! Heavenly Father is sending hosts of angels...and that includes us because we're radio hosts...to a hillside outside Bethlehem tonight.



Mollie: We went to choir rehearsal last night and the song is really cool. It goes something like this... "Glory to God in the Highest and on earth peace, good will to men."

Millie: Good, Mollie. I memorized the solo part in case God's chosen angel gets laryngitis.

"Do not be afraid; for behold I bring you good news of a great joy which shall be for all the people; for today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord."

Mollie: "And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths, and lying in a manger." (From Luke 2)

Millie: That's when we chime in with our "Glory to God in the highest" part. I'm so excited. It's been eons since the "Morning Stars" sang together!

Mollie: I hope we don't scare anyone. We can be a pretty awesome group when God's glory shines upon us.

Millie: They'll get over it. We're singing to a few shepherds and their sheep. Personally, I think we should be singing in the new concert amphitheater in Jerusalem. However, nobody asked me.

Mollie: I'm sure Heavenly Father knows what He's doing. We'll go where He sends us.

Millie: What do you think, Mollie? Is this baby the Messiah we've been waiting for since Adam and Eve had their little falling out with Heavenly Father?

Mollie: Could be! I can't wait to see His little baby face and pinch those little baby cheeks.

Millie: Are we allowed to do that?

Mollie: I don't know. I thought you'd know.



Millie: I guess we'll find out soon, very soon!

Mollie: Until tomorrow this is Mollie....

Millie: ...and Millie. We're your Heavenly hosts for...

TOGETHER: ANGEL TALK!

STAGE MANAGER: HOLDING SIGN "APPLAUSE"

AUDIENCE: APPLAUD

Mollie: Back to you Sky Bird in our H.A.L.O. STUDIOS.

SKY BIRD

SKY BIRD: You have been listening to Mollie and Millie, our Heavenly hosts for ANGEL TALK, heard only on H.A.L.O. Radio at 777 FM and 1225 AM on your radio dial. ANGEL TALK has also been brought to you by "Sugar Cookies", the best friends of the Gingerbread Man!

I have been working feverishly behind the scenes to catch up on the unusual historical event occurring in the area of a small village called Bethlehem.

H.A.L.O.'s courageous field reporters are interviewing eyewitnesses. The amazing story is unfolding on the streets of Bethlehem where travelers have assembled to pay their tax and be included in the Caesar Augustus census as prescribed by law.

Don't change that dial! Stay tuned for a series of UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL Interviews brought to you by the good folks at **BETHLEHEM BRICK COMPANY, CITY OF DAVID TOURS and CALEB'S CRAZY CARPET CLOSET.**

We join the program already in progress.



GRADES ONE AND TWO

TTT TRAVELERS' INSURANCE

Students and Teacher/Helpers participate in this segment. Assign parts as desired between available students and leaders. Speak into microphones on stage.

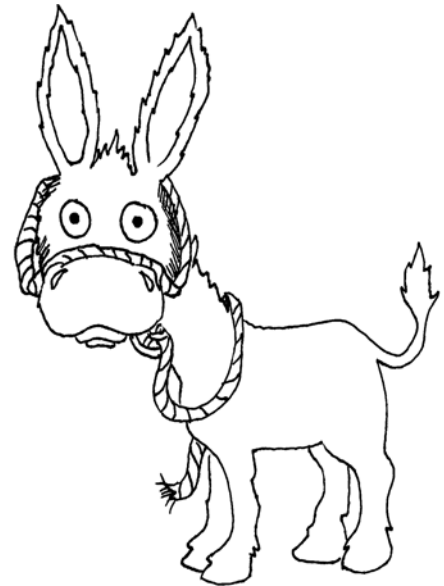
No memorization required.

COSTUMES: Students become Holy Land travelers dressed in common Holy Land clothing.

TTT TRAVELER'S INSURANCE COMMERCIAL:

This UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL INTERVIEW is brought to you by **TTT TRAVELER'S INSURANCE**, the only insurance guaranteed to cover all your desert travel needs. Travel with someone you trust.

If your donkey becomes hobbled, **TTT TRAVELER'S INSURANCE** provides a rental donkey at no extra cost. Upgrade to a sleek desert camel for a modest fee. No matter where you travel in the Holy Land, trust **TTT TRAVELER'S INSURANCE** to take care of all your travel needs.



That's **TTT TRAVELERS INSURANCE**. Try TRIPLE T! You'll be glad you did! (Insurance for horses and oxen optional. See your **TTT TRAVELER'S INSURANCE** for current pricing.)

INTERVIEWER: We join the interview now in progress with a small group...or a group of small...travelers. They appear to have come from different areas of the country to register for the current census.

STUDENT: I hate to travel! Those roads need to be fixed. Too many holes!



STUDENT: I am here to pay taxes and get counted.

STUDENT: There is no place to stay in Bethlehem.

INTERVIEWER: Have you tried **HARP AND HORN INN?**

STUDENT: The Innkeeper says, "No room at the Inn."

STUDENT: Don't even try to get a room over there.

STUDENT: We met a young couple from Nazareth named Joseph and Mary over at the **HARP AND HORN**.

STUDENT: I feel so bad for them.

STUDENT: Joseph and Mary are sleeping in the **HARP AND HORN** stable tonight.

STUDENT: And they're going to have a baby!

INTERVIEWER: Maybe I can find this couple and interview them for our **UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL** series.

STUDENT: Good luck. Mary didn't look too good. I think the baby is coming soon.

STUDENT: Joseph said, "God will take care of us."

STUDENT: I hope God does take care of them. They need help!

INTERVIEWER: Thank you, travelers. You may continue on your journey. Be safe!

ALL STUDENTS: Shalom!

INTERVIEWER: This **UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL** Interview has been brought to you by **T-T-T TRAVELER'S INSURANCE**.

**TRAVELERS EXIT,
WALKING BACK THE CENTER AISLE.**



GRADES THREE AND FOUR SHEPHERDS ON THE STREET



Students and Teacher/Helpers participate in this segment. Assign parts between available students and leaders. Speak into microphones on stage.

No memorization required.

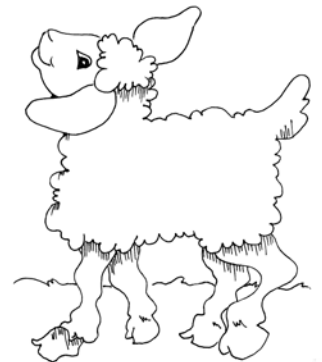
COSTUMES: Students become Shepherds dressed in Holy Land clothing. Carry stuffed lambs. Carry long staffs.

SHEPHERD STAFF COMMERCIAL: If you have been carrying the same wooden shepherd staff for your entire shepherder career, trade it in for the most current, sleek staff on the market. It only takes a few moments to hold a **SHEPHERD STAFF FACTORY** staff to feel the *modern grip* difference.

Select your staff from our selection of highly polished wood; olive, pine and the ever popular cedar elite. Today! Two staffs for the price of one when you mention this ad on H.A.L.O. Radio. What a deal! Buy a staff and get your secret decoder ring free!

Remember, We've got what you need to hook 'em right! Want a laugh? Get a staff! Brought to you by the sheep herding crowd at **SHEPHERD STAFF FACTORY**, on the corner of Meek and Mild.

INTERVIEWER: Welcome to our "Shepherd On The Street" Interview. I am bringing the story of an amazing event exclusively to H.A.L.O. listeners. I see a small group of shepherds coming now. Give me a moment to wave them over to my microphone.



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Shepherds run down the aisle from back to *front*. They look up at the sky, pointing as they run. Interviewer intercepts the group with questions and microphone.

INTERVIEWER: Shepherds, may I have a moment of your time? What's going on in Bethlehem?

Student: Did you see that?

INTERVIEWER: See what?

Student: Angels, a whole host of angels...over there...in the sky!

Student: It was the most beautiful sight I ever saw!

Student: The most beautiful sight *I* ever saw is just down the street!

INTERVIEWER: (*Into microphone*) I think we're on to something here, listeners. Tell me about the (*sarcastically*) angels. Were they scary? Did they fly around with fluffy wings? Did they say "boo"?

Student: Are you kidding? These angels were filled with the glory of God. It was amazing, awesome, dazzling, stunning...

Student: ...shocking, bedazzling, outstanding....

INTERVIEWER: Did they say anything? Did they bring a message for the people of earth?

Student: They said, "Don't be afraid". I guess we looked pretty scared. We were out on the hill, watching sheep, minding our own business. Who knew that God was going to...I'm just too choked up to say what God is going to do.

Student: The angels said, "Glory to God in the highest and on earth, peace and good will to all people."



Student: Their exact words: "Do not be afraid; for behold I bring you good news of a great joy which shall be for all the people;

Student: for today in the City of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord."

Student: "And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths, and lying in a manger."
(From Luke 2)

Student: They told us to come to Bethlehem to see a baby. A baby! Can you imagine that?

INTERVIEWER: And did you?

Student: Did we what?

INTERVIEWER: Did you come to Bethlehem to see a baby?

Students: (*In Unison*) YES!

Student: He is the most beautiful baby boy, right down to swaddling clothes and manger. His mother and father are very young. Mary and Joseph got caught in that census and tax silliness and traveled all the way to Bethlehem from Nazareth.

Student: They named him Jesus.

INTERVIEWER: Where are they? Are they the young couple in the stable over at **Harp and Horn Inn**?

Student: Don't bother them. They are exhausted!

Student: We have to get back to our sheep. I hope the flock is still in the field.

ALL STUDENTS: (*Walk back the aisle praising God.*) Praise God. Praise Him in the Heavens. Praise God on the earth. He has done great things!

STUDENTS AND INTERVIEWER EXIT



GRADES FIVE AND SIX WISE MEN..AND THE NEWS!



Grades Five and Six students and Teacher/Helpers participate in this short vignette and commercial. Assign parts between available students and leaders. Speak into microphones.

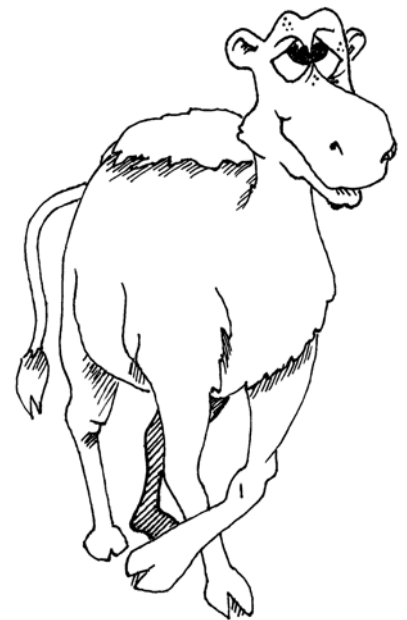
No memorization required.

COSTUMES: Students become Wise Men dressed in wealthy robes and head gear. Carry rich looking boxes, pottery. Make a large cardboard camel using the illustration on this page. One "wise man" holds the camel during the interview.

NEWS ON THE 7'S: Welcome to H.A.L.O. News updated every hour on the 7's. That's 777 FM and 1225 AM on your radio dial. Breaking News from Israel, the Middle East and all points east:

Top news of the day...A decree from Caesar Augustus has gone out that all the world should be taxed. This taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria. Come now and register for the Tax and Census before it is too late.

Along with the tax, is a decree that the population should be counted in a new census. Tax collectors and census takers are positioned in cities around the nation. Each family is required to travel to the city of their fathers.



This may cause considerable hardship as people from every possible location take to Israel's roads to travel to their places of birth. Merchants are expecting an increase in business. Particularly affected will be food merchants and innkeepers.

...A border dispute along the Palestinian strip has government officials and local property owners on edge. Threats have been made on both sides but so far no stones have been thrown. Haim bar Seth was quoted: "I worry for my family. We just want to live in peace in the home we have made in this land."

...Olive Oil prices remain high and local growers are optimistic that their business will remain profitable throughout the current growing season.

That's H.A.L.O. News On the 7's. Join us again for breaking news in the next hour, Brought to you by:

HALO EFFECT SHAMPOO COMMERCIAL: HALO EFFECT SHAMPOO! Glorify your hair. Want clean, shiny hair? Try Halo Effect Shampoo's volumizer to illuminate and protect your hair color. Contains a whopping 0% soap and yet provides a rich, abundant lather to wash away dirt grime and gunk from the hair. No need for lemon or vinegar after rinse. If you like HALO EFFECT SHAMPOO, you'll love Halo Curl Shampoo, conditioner and curl cream specially designed for curly, colorful hair.

ALI'S SANDAL SHOP COMMERCIAL: Are your feet tired? Do children laugh at the patches in your soles? Let ALI'S SANDAL SHOP tanners make a pair of soft leather sandals to fit your weary feet. Choose from the latest styles for Year 1. Yes, while traveling through Bethlehem, why not have Happy Feet? You deserve it. It does a "sole" good.

INTERVIEWER: You are listening to H.A.L.O Radio at 777 FM and 1225 AM on your radio dial. Halo, everybody, Halo!



STAGE MANAGER: HOLD SIGN "HALO"

AUDIENCE: HALO!

I'm standing on a quiet street in Bethlehem of Judea, waiting for visitors to arrive by camel caravan. Sources embedded with the caravan tell me these are Magi, wise men, kings from the East. It appears they have been traveling a long distance.

I will try to get a Man on the Street interview. Stop! Stop! May I have a word with you for our H.A.L.O. Radio audience?

Students in costume enter from the rear or side of the room. Walk slowly as if searching for something. Look and point into the sky and point somewhere in the distance.

Student: We are in a great hurry. We are very wise. Listen to this: Did you know the Solar System is full of planets moons, asteroids, comets and stars?

Student: I can be wise too! Listen to this: $E=MC$ squared. I don't know where that come from but I'm wise to say it. By the way, We have see His star in the East and have come to worship Him.

Student: Listen to a really wise man: (*Pointing*) If we draw an imaginary line from that bright star, directly to the ground, the King of the Jews should be at that exact spot.

INTERVIEWER: (*Shading eyes, looking up*) Now that you mention it, that star is really bright. It hurts my eyes. What's this about a King?

Student: We are so wise that we have been guided here to greet a great King. Even King Herod wants to meet Him. He said we should return to Jerusalem and tell him where the child is so he can worship him too.



Student: Being the wise kings we are, we decided not to tell Herod. We'll go home a different way.

Student: That guy is crazy! Oops, sorry, don't put that on the air. A word from the wise should be sufficient: kings like Herod are not to be defied.

Student: It looks like the star is resting over that small stable: the one next to **Harp and Horn Inn**. We have to go. So sorry that we cannot participate in your interview.

Student: Get your gifts, guys. A little gold, a little frankincense, a little myrrh. Our gifts may come in handy when this family has to run away.

INTERVIEWER: Run away? Where are they going? When are they leaving? WHO ARE THESE PEOPLE?

**WISE MEN DO NOT RESPOND.
EXIT SLOWLY AND MAJESTICALLY.**

INTERVIEWER: We return to the H.A.L.O. Studios. The Magi are walking in the direction of the bright star light. I am afraid we have been left with more questions than answers. Back to you Sky Bird.



SKY BIRD



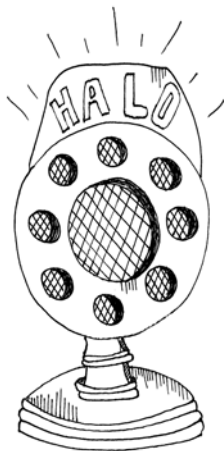
Welcome back to H.A.L.O Radio Studios. We are just in time to catch a hastily planned radio address presented by pro Roman King, Herod The Great.

Herod is known for his colossal building projects in Jerusalem and other parts of the ancient world. Herod rebuilt our temple and called it Herod's Temple.

King Herod has a young wife Mariamne and an ex wife, Doris, and son, Antipater. We are waiting for Herod to approach our microphone. He seems to be arriving.

(Whispering...) We take you now to the court of Herod the Great. Let's listen in to this breaking news from Jerusalem....

HEROD THE GREAT SPEAKS



This is a monologue for an adult man. Approach the radio microphone with self assurance. Carry the radio address script. Read from it. Be bold, aggressive, demanding and loud.

COSTUME: Dress in royal robes. Purple, gold lame' fabrics work well. Wear sandals. A gold crown and lots of jewelry are appropriate. Show off wealth and power.

HEROD: I, King Herod the Great, address my subjects today on a matter of utmost importance. I was recently informed of a child being born in the area of Bethlehem who's family is claiming that the child is the King of the Jews.

Must I remind you that Herod the Great is the only King of the Jews? Is it not Herod that rebuilt your Temple? Have I not given you wealth and stability in all my years of rule?

I am not a king to be trifled with. I will be king over the body of this child, rumored to be born in Bethlehem and called "King of the Jews".

Magi from the East visited me at the palace yesterday saying, "Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? We saw His star in the East and have come to worship Him?"

Worship HIM?!? I am the only king to be worshiped. I met with the chief priests and scribes. I asked them where the Christ, this supposed Messiah of the people, was prophesied to be born.

They said, "The prophet Micah said In Bethlehem of



Judea."

"And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah;
are by no means least
among the leaders of Judah;
For out of you shall come forth a Ruler,
who will be Shepherd of My people Israel."

Be assured this king, your only true king, secretly called the Magi and cleverly requested when the star first appeared to them. I smiled and said, "Go to Bethlehem and make careful search for the Child; and when you have found Him, report to me, that I too may come and worship Him."

I'm certain they did not suspect a thing. I eagerly await their return. Worship him? He will worship me!

I watched the "wise men" climb aboard their dusty camels and head for Bethlehem. If there is such a child, I want to know it and I want to know it today!

Good citizens, obedient citizens, citizens who want to live, I call upon you to communicate all information to me personally.

I am sending a legion of soldiers to Bethlehem this very day. Their orders are to search out every male child under the age of two years.

These wise men, these Magi, had better not trick me. I am enraged! If you want to hear weeping, you will hear weeping in Ramah and a great mourning for children who dare threaten the throne of King Herod the Great.

Long live the King!
Long live King Herod:

EXIT THE STAGE ANGRY AND FAST.



SKY BIRD



We are back in the studios of H.A.L.O. 777 FM and 1225 AM on your Radio dial.

If you tuned in late, the voice you just heard was that of King Herod the Great, speaking from his court in Jerusalem.

It appears that strangers called Magi have upset the king. He is enraged by the thought that anyone would attempt to overthrow his rule.

If you see anything unusual please contact one of H.A.L.O.'s field reporters. Do not, under any circumstances, take the king's words lightly.

We cannot, in all good conscience, call upon you to communicate in any way with the current king. To do so may mean the end of young lives in our land.

If you are living in the vicinity of Bethlehem, we urge you to protect your children.

We bring a brief intermission and a word from our friends at BETHLEHEM'S HOUSE OF BREAD, coming to you live from the studios at H.A.L.O Radio.

BETHLEHEM'S HOUSE OF BREAD COMMERCIAL: This special court event has been brought to you by the fine bakers at BETHLEHEM'S HOUSE OF BREAD. Hot Fresh Bread provided 24-7 to citizens and travelers alike. Fresh food fast from the people who brought you Rhubarb Bread Pudding, Zita Pita Sandwiches and Fresh Ground Rye Bread. To your health!

Yes, fellow Loafers, there are few things as wonderful as a slice of fresh bread. If it is true that man cannot live by bread alone, it ought to be at least on his top three list. Today's special includes a jar of delicious olive oil pressed on the



Mount of Olives just for you. Buy the oil and get the jar for free. Don't "loaf" around, get yourself to BETHLEHEM'S HOUSE OF BREAD today. It's the best we can do until they invent smell-o-radio! Crumbs included.

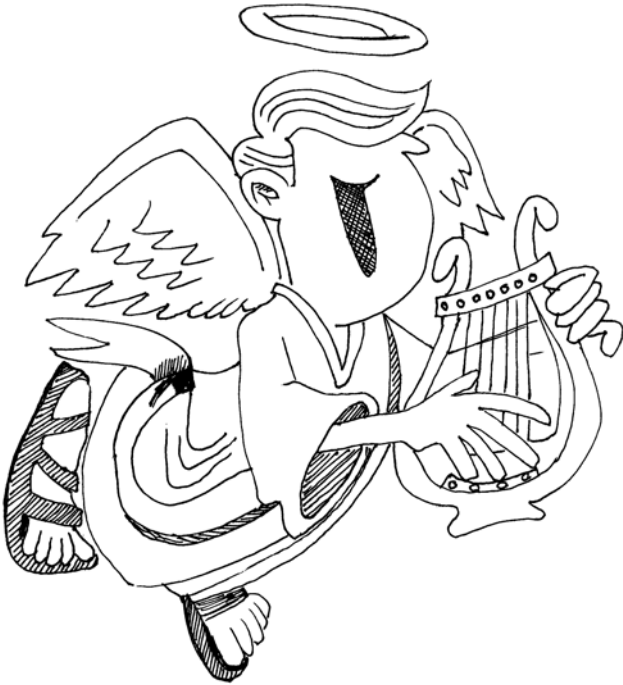
We join our favorite game show, NAME THAT TUNE, in progress.

STAGE MANAGER HOLDS SIGN: "APPLAUSE"
AUDIENCE: APPLAUDS

SPECIAL MUSIC



MIDDLE SCHOOL NAME THAT TUNE!



Students host this radio game show and commercial. Assign parts between available students and leaders. Speak into microphones.

Assistance is required from pianist/organist who plays the first few notes of traditional Christmas Carols.

No memorization required.

COSTUMES: Students become game show hosts on the famous game show, **NAME THAT TUNE**. Dress as angels.

SET UP: The audience interacts by guessing the name of the Christmas carols. Then everyone sings the first verse. Students take turns announcing the next tune and awarding prizes.

Place tall stools across the stage. Participants stand/sit at the radio microphones across the stage. Take turns speaking depending on the number of people available.

PRIZES: Choose small prizes and place in a basket. Assign one student "angel" to give prizes to the audience throughout the game. *Example: Candy Canes, cookies, candy, gum, Christian bracelets, etc.*



HARPSICLE HARPS COMMERCIAL: NAME THAT TUNE game show is brought to you by the heavenly host at **HARPSICLE HARPS**. Are you strung out? Is your stringed instrument unstrung?

It's time to fly to **HARPSICLE HARPS** at the intersection of Psalms and Proverbs Parkway. Your source for beginners harps, folk harps, Irish harps, lap harps, lyres, pedal harps and lever harps. Yes, we have any harp you desire.

We sell harp strings, gut strings, nylon strings, wire strings and angel hair strings. Everyone loves a Harpsicle. It sounds angelical!

Fly in today. Remember, we're the only Harp Store used exclusively by King David. In business for a very long time. Play a HARPSICAL HARP.

STUDENT: Welcome to NAME THAT TUNE where the audience tries to NAME THAT TUNE and receive a stellar prize.

Wave to our NAME THAT TUNE hostess in the audience. If you NAME THAT TUNE, she will appear at your seat with a valuable prize. One prize per person! So, what do you say, shall we get to the next tune?

STUDENT: When you recognize the tune, shout it out. This famous tune was inspired when it's author visited the town of Bethlehem in 1865. It is loved all over the world. Listen closely and ...NAME THAT TUNE!

ORGANIST: PLAY FIRST THREE NOTES OF "O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM".

(Choose the winners. If it cannot be named, play the first 4 notes. Continue until someone guesses.)

AUDIENCE: SING FIRST VERSE OF "O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM. If necessary, give hymnal page number.



STUDENT: That was great! Our next tune was originally written in Latin and sung as a hymn in the early 1700's. You might know it as "Adeste Fideles". NAME THAT TUNE!

ORGANIST: PLAY FIRST THREE NOTES OF "O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL".

Choose the winners!

AUDIENCE: SING FIRST VERSE.

STUDENT: Let's move right along to our next tune. This one is sung every Christmas and tells the story of the shepherds. It is the oldest carol we sing, dating to the 13th or 14th century. It's title is the French word for Christmas. NAME THAT TUNE!

ORGANIST: PLAY THE FIRST THREE NOTES OF "THE FIRST NOEL".

Choose the winners!

AUDIENCE: SING FIRST VERSE.

STUDENT: Our next tune is loved by children all over the world. Even if they don't know any other song, children know this one! NAME THAT TUNE!

ORGANIST: PLAY THE FIRST THREE NOTES OF "AWAY IN A MANGER".

Choose the winners!

AUDIENCE: SING FIRST VERSE.

STUDENT: This is a popular Christmas carol composed in 1818 for a small church in Austria. It was first sung to the strains of a guitar. It has been translated into over 300 languages and dialects around the world. NAME THAT TUNE!



ORGANIST: PLAY THE FIRST THREE NOTES OF "SILENT NIGHT"

Choose the winners!

AUDIENCE: SING FIRST VERSE.

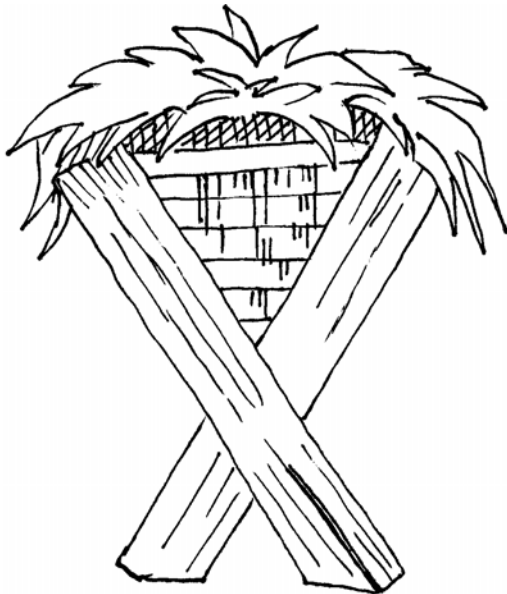
STUDENT: That concludes our version of NAME THAT TUNE. We congratulate the winners and sympathize with the losers. Remember, there's nothing that lifts the soul like a song in your heart. So, when you are down and out, lift up your head and shout....NAME THAT TUNE!

(*Waving....*) Good night and God bless!

**GROUP LEAVES THE STAGE
RETURN TO SEATS.**



HIGH SCHOOL BABIES-R-BETHLEHEM



Students participate in this segment. Assign parts between available students and leaders. Speak into microphone.

No memorization required.

COSTUMES: Students dress as shepherds, wise men, Mary and Joseph. Place the traditional characters around a manger. A live baby or baby doll may be used as Jesus in the scene.

GOLD STANDARD COMMERCIAL: Gold! Everybody seeks it. Everybody needs it. Visit Bethlehem's GOLD STANDARD WHOLESALE WAREHOUSE to get today's best prices on this lustrous, valuable metal. At GOLD STANDARD WHOLESALE WAREHOUSE, only the highest grade of Gold is sold. If it's Gold you want, it's Gold we've got. Perfect for gift giving any time of the year. Today only, save 50% on your order if you purchase Frankincense and Myrrh. Don't forget, for all your gift giving Gold needs, it is Bethlehem's GOLD STANDARD WHOLESALE WAREHOUSE! We are the precious metals dealers with a "heart of gold"!

REPORTER: We are coming to you live from the **HARP AND HORN INN**, a busy hotel in the center of Bethlehem. An amazing event has occurred in a small stable outside the inn. We are making our way into the tight group of people gathered inside the nearby stable.



Student Shepherd: You can't come in here. A baby boy has just been born this evening. There was no room in the Inn so he was born out here.

REPORTER: That is incredible. How is the baby? How is the mother?

Student Shepherd: Sshh, the baby is resting over there in the manger. Who are you anyway? One of those 'pappa-rotten-sies'?

Student Shepherd: He's a H.A.L.O. Radio station reporter. He's okay.

REPORTER: Can someone introduce me to the parents?

Student Wise Man: This is not a good time. Come later.

Student Wise Man: We're about to present gold, frankincense and myrrh to Joseph and Mary. We got a great deal over at the GOLD STANDARD WHOLESALE WAREHOUSE.

Student Wise Man: (Seriously) The hard part will be to warn them about getting away as fast as possible. We think King Herod wants to kill the baby.

REPORTER: Joseph, Joseph! Will you speak to me? I'm a reporter from H.A.L.O. Radio.

Joseph: (Speaking quietly) Come closer. Look at this beautiful child. He's God's Son. Angels announced his birth, shepherds showed up, wise men visited from the East, a star is shining over our heads.

Mary: Joseph, tell them God spoke to me. Tell them God chose me to be Jesus' mother. It's important that people know God said this child is the Messiah for whom we've been waiting.



Joseph: Now Mary, calm yourself. You just told them. God has sent these friends to support us on this night.

REPORTER: Congratulations, Mary. He is a fine looking boy. You must be so proud.

Mary: Not proud, grateful. God took one good look at me, and look what happened—I'm the most fortunate woman on earth! What God has done for me will never be forgotten, the God whose very Name is Holy, set apart from all others.

It is God who piled His mercies high. This is exactly what He promised, beginning with Abraham and right up to now!
(From Luke 1:46-55)

Joseph: Rest now, Mary.



Student Wise Man: We must speak with you Joseph. God has sent us with gifts and a warning. King Herod is angry that this baby has been born. You must take the child and leave. Use these gifts to pay for your journey.

Student Shepherd: Joseph, it was beautiful on the hillside tonight. God sent angels to poor sheep herders. God's glory blazed around us. The angel even told us to look for a baby wrapped in a blanket and lying in a manger. I'm telling you, this is of God.

Joseph: We are grateful for your presence but Mary must rest and Jesus must sleep. Please, go back to your hillside, go back to your land. We are safe because we are part of God's plan.



EVERYONE LEAVES THE STAGE EXCEPT MARY.

Mary: (*Stands alone holding baby*) Joseph, a stable, a star, shepherds, angels and wise men. O Lord, You are great. I will keep all these things to myself, holding them dear, deep within myself.

MARY WALKS OFF STAGE WITH BABY.

CHRISTMAS CAROL OR SPECIAL MUSIC

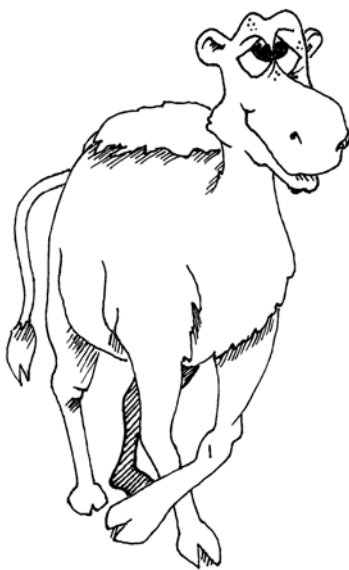


LO AND BEHOLD

MOST THINGS CONSIDERED

Two adults become *Lo and Behold*, H.A.L.O. Radio Angel commentators who reflect on the day's events and look into the future concerning the meaning of the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem. Stand front and center at standing microphones.

COSTUMES: Both adults dress as angels. Carry copies of the radio commentary script.



ALI BABA'S NEW AND USED CAMEL MOTORS COMMERCIAL: Put that old, tired camel out to pasture. Come to **Ali Baba's New and Used Camel Motors** on Bethlehem's Miracle Mile today! Friendly salesmen at Ali Baba's guide you to the perfect caravan camel for even the fussiest owner. We offer camels of all shapes and sizes...one hump or two. Compact models are available. Gently used camels have been ridden only by little old merchants on their way to market. Come in today for a test drive. All rental camels must be returned with a full tank. Desert maps gladly provided upon request. Call 1-800-CAMEL or drop by **Ali Baba's New and Used Camel Motors**.



SKY BIRD



We conclude H.A.L.O.'s broadcast day with **MOST THINGS CONSIDERED**, an award winning radio program combining news analysis, interviews and special features.

Today's **MOST THINGS CONSIDERED** features "The Changing Face of Israel", "Nazareth Diaries" and "The Yiddish Radio Project" But first, "Reflections On A Starry Night", today's commentary with our broadcasters...Lo and Behold!

Lo: Welcome to **MOST THINGS CONSIDERED**. I am Lo...

Behold: ...and I am Behold. Together we walk the Heavenly streets searching for up to date news worthy of passing along to MTC listeners.

Lo: Today on **MOST THINGS CONSIDERED**, "**Reflections On A Starry Night**", Lo and Behold share news, filtered down from God's Throne, that the Baby boy born in a stable in Bethlehem is God's Only Son.

Behold: This is indeed news since this day has been predicted for hundreds of years. People of earth stopped looking for their Messiah long ago.

Lo: Heavenly Father always said He would send His Son when the time was right. Guess what? Time's right!

Behold: It was the right time in the world and it was the right time in God's great plan. God prepared for this from the beginning of the world after Adam and Eve sinned.

Lo: Because of Roman rule, there is peace in the region. People speak a common language and understand each other. God's power did this in a humble way.



Behold: Well, Lo, do you think Jesus' birth is the conclusion of God's plan?

Lo: This is the beginning of God's plan. We will see the boy Jesus grow up in humble circumstances with loving parents. He will become Savior when He dies on a Roman cross outside Jerusalem.

Behold: Will His death conclude God's plan?

Lo: We will witness a change taking place all over the world. Future generations will accept Jesus as their personal Savior. They will know the joy of joining God's family because Jesus died and did the unthinkable.....

Behold: Jesus is going to rise from the dead, isn't He?

Lo: That's what I hear. I wish I understood it, Behold. People will change from inside their hearts and it will change their lives.

Behold: We are angels, Lo. Heavenly Father said we will never understand the joy of salvation. He has reserved that joy for His children on earth. I long to know and understand this gift...this salvation.

Lo: What a gift! What an amazing, glorious gift to the people of earth.

Behold: Join us, Lo and Behold, again tomorrow for angelic commentary. We broadcast exclusively for **MOST THINGS CONSIDERED.**

STAGE MANAGER HOLDS SIGN: "APPLAUSE"

AUDIENCE: APPLAUDS



SKY BIRD CONCLUSION



SKY BIRD: As day fades into night, H.A.L.O. Radio concludes it's broadcast day. Thank you for joining us at 777 FM and 1225 AM on your radio dial.

HARP AND HORN DINER COMMERCIAL: A quick reminder that our studio audience is invited to a special **HARP AND HORN DINER** Radio Party immediately at the conclusion of today's broadcast. Food, music and warm fellowship await you.

**STAGE MANAGER HOLDS SIGN: "YUM"
AUDIENCE: YUM!**

SKY BIRD: Remember God loves you. He has provided today's events for you, personally. As we end this day's broadcast there is one more bit of news coming across our wires at H.A.L.O. Worldwide News out of Africa:

An African boy searched for a Christmas gift for his teacher. She had told him "The gift is an expression of our joy over the birth of Jesus and our friendship for each other."

On Christmas day, the boy brought his teacher a seashell of lustrous beauty. "Where did you find such a beautiful shell?", she asked. The youth told her there was only one spot where such extraordinary shells could be found. When he named the bay several miles away, the teacher was speechless. "Why, it's gorgeous, wonderful...but you shouldn't have gone all that way to get the gift for me."

With bright eyes, the boy answered, "Long walk part of gift."



God came from heaven to a manger, from a manger to a cross, from a cross to the grave and from a grave back to heaven. And we ask, "Why all this trouble, God?" And God says to us, "Long walk part of gift."
(From *Celebrating A Christ-Centered Christmas* by Sharon Jaynes)

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." (John 3:16 KJV)

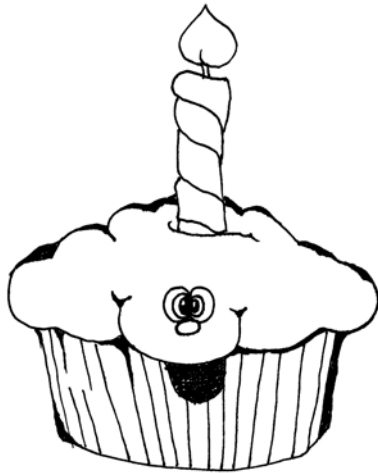
This is Sky Bird, your host with the most, your king of swing, your angelic relic, your jolly dolly, your fine-benign-divine-design! God's own favorite radio personality, coming straight from H.A.L.O. Radio Studios, One Paradise Parkway, somewhere just outside of heaven.

Stay tuned to 777 FM and 1225 AM on your Heavenly Radio Dial where it's time to say "Halo!" Until tomorrow: Good Day and Good Night.

CHRISTMAS CAROL: O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL



HARP AND HORN DINER RADIO PARTY



Assign party planning to one small group. This may be a few men and women hand picked for this purpose or an adult Sunday School class or women's group.

Offer delicious desserts, background Christmas music and casual fellowship.

PREPARATIONS BEFORE PARTY DAY

MENU: Plan the menu and prepare a Christmas Birthday cake. A pleasant option may be to ask people to bring their favorite Christmas dessert to share.

If this is a Sunday morning event, consider serving a Continental Breakfast complete with doughnuts, orange juice and coffee. Provide a variety of beverages.

SEATING: Decide the best arrangement for seating depending upon the size of the anticipated gathering. Position tables and chairs and serve buffet style with guests standing and moving around the room to chat. Place a few chairs in small circles throughout the area for small group conversation.

MUSIC: Fill the room with Christmas music. This could be live music performed by local church musicians or favorite CD performances.



CENTERPIECES: Cover tables as desired. Christmas centerpieces should be featured on each table.

Carry the radio theme into the party. Old typewriters, microphones and jars of pencils and pens make interesting visuals. Place nativity figurines near the items on each table.

PREPARATIONS ON RADIO PARTY DAY

Decorate the serving table and guest tables. Plug in the coffee pot and put tea water on to boil while the program is in progress. Set out desserts, cream and sugar. Make your favorite Christmas Punch and place on a nearby serving table.

DURING THE PARTY

Assign people to cut and serve desserts, pour beverages and refill creamers and sugar bowls as needed. Greet guests cordially as they come through the serving line. Move about the group to be sure everyone feels welcome. Find seats for those who may not be familiar with your church. Introduce people. Enjoy the program participants as they mingle.

AFTER THE PARTY

Don't forget! The **HARP AND HORN DINER RADIO PARTY** is not over until clean up is complete. Ask everyone to help with dishes, removing tables and chairs and sweeping the area clean.

**GO HOME...
KNOWING YOU HAVE BEEN
A GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT.**

