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CHARACTERS:

Jude   Joseph
Ezra   Shepherds
Laban  Wise Men
Nathaniel  Verse Choir
Mary   Chancel Choir
Angel Choir

(Procession: All sing “Joy to the World.” Choirs and actors march from the rear of the room to take their places on the stage. Verse Choir--front sanctuary; Angel Choir--left stage; Chancel Choir--right stage; Shepherds seated on floor in center of stage before a fire; Mary, Joseph, and Wise Men are behind stage. Dim spot on shepherds as they appear to be engaged in conversation.)
(Other songs instead of those mentioned may be used if desired.)

CHANCEL CHOIR: Sings “Silent Night.”
VERSE CHOIR: And in that region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.
JUDE: The sheep are producing good wool this season.
EZRA: I hope the price for wool remains high.
LABAN: Yes, so do I. Sarah tells me there is to be another mouth to feed at our house this year.
(They all give Laban congratulations.)
NATHANIEL: The night is very still.
JUDE: I have never seen the stars so bright. Especially this one star over Bethlehem. It seems to grow brighter by the minute.
LABAN: It must have been nights like this our father, David, composed his Psalms.
JUDE: And what magnificent Psalms they were. “The Lord is my shepherd. I shall not want.”
NATHANIEL: Our father, David, was a great man.
JUDE: But there shall come one even greater than David. “And the government shall be upon His shoulder. And His name shall be called, Wonderful, Counselor. Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of His government and of peace there shall be no end.”

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