

STUDENT AUDITIONS FOR: "Arrest These Merry Gentlemen"

WHAT WILL THE AUDITION FORMAT BE?

- Auditions will take place from 10:30-11:45 on Sunday, August 24 and Sunday, August 31 in Room 2500 (4th/5th Grade Boys' Classroom). If your child desires to audition but is unable to make either audition date, please contact Jenny Vicenik at jen7keys@yahoo.com
- Children will audition in small groups (a schedule will be sent out a few days before your child's audition date).
- Children will be evaluated in area(s) of speaking, singing, and basic motions. This will include volume and expression (speaking) and volume, pitch, and expression (singing), and basic coordination.
- Several adults working with the program will listen to and evaluate kids in each area.
- Process will be as fair and equal as possible.
- Parents and students are welcome to sit and observe quietly during auditions.

HOW WILL WE BE NOTIFIED OF A SPEAKING OR SINGING ROLE?

- Students who are selected for a main speaking; or solo role will be contacted (by phone) following the August 31st audition date.
- A **PARENT AND STUDENT** meeting for those with a speaking role in "KidsCreek Christmas: Arrest These Merry Gentlemen" will be held on Wednesday, September 10th from 5:15-6:15 PM at Church in the KidsCreek Clubhouse. Scripts will be distributed at this point in time.

WHAT DOES MY CHILD NEED TO KNOW / PREPARE?

1. SINGING- -Each child will be asked to sing "Jesus Loves Me" without accompaniment.

Jesus loves me this I know- For the Bible tells me so
Little ones to Him belong - They are weak, but He is strong

Yes, Jesus loves me - Yes, Jesus loves me
Yes, Jesus loves me - The Bible tells me so

2. COORDINATION- -"Stand Together" is a fun song that was introduced in KidsCreek. Below, please find the link below. We may play this song, review the motions and ask your child to participate with us in leading motions.

<https://vimeo.com/springcreekchurch/review/940955791/4c70331751>

3. SPEAKING PORTION- -Children will all be asked to read one or more of the following speaking parts (they do not need to be memorized). However, please note that

your child is not necessarily auditioning for this specific part. Rather, we are trying to assess speed, annunciation, clarity, volume, and expression of speaking. *(NOTE: If your child is not yet able to read, we will work with him/her to "repeat" lines. Your child will NOT be penalized if he/she is not yet able to read fluently.)*

STAND ALONE READING

This is the city, Bethlehem, Judea. City of David, ancient capitol of Judah. A quiet, sleepy little town. People here farm and raise sheep. It's a peaceful place to live. But when people want to disturb that peace I get involved. I'm a peace officer. My name is Joe Sabbath. I wear a badge. It may be quiet right now but I can smell it ... there's trouble brewing. With all these people here to register for the census, I think that informant was right—some big trouble is about to happen. We had gotten a tip that something was gonna happen that night in Bethlehem. Something *big*. So I headed downtown. That night started out quiet. A silent night. All was calm, all was right. People were sleeping in peace. Heavenly peace. But it didn't stay that way. Things changed in a hurry.

PARTS

TRAVLER: They're coming!

SEAMSTRESS: They saw angels!

ROOKIE: Quiet!

SEAMSTRESS: But...angels!

ROOKIE: Angels are on the way here?!

TRAVELER: No! Shepherds are on their way!

SEAMSTRESS: But the Shepherds saw angels!

JOE: Quiet! Sergeant Joe Sabbath here! And this is my rookie patrolman, Patrolman Rookie!

ROOKIE: And you're all under arrest!

JOE: Noooo, they're not! But you see this star? It means I'm the Peace Officer in this town and it's up to me to keep things quiet! And if

anybody disturbs the peace, I'm gonna run 'em in! So now, what's going on?!

ROOKIE: Quiet!

JOE: Listen! In the last few weeks we have had disturbance after disturbance. First the Census, now this! This has to end! I'm gonna make an example out of someone! Now, just one person, tell me what's going on here. *Please*.

SEAMSTRESS: You won't believe what I just heard! I was coming into town and I met a bunch of shepherds and they were acting *strange*!

JOE: Strange?

SEAMSTRESS: Well, they seemed crazy! They were telling everyone!

JOE: Just the facts ma'am, just the facts!

SEAMSTRESS: Well, they said they saw angels!

ROOKIE: Angels?! In this day and age?

SEAMSTRESS: That's what I thought! And then they said the angels told them a *king* was born in Bethlehem tonight!

ROOKIE: A king?! In Bethlehem? They *were* crazy!

SEAMSTRESS: They're all on their way into town, dozens of them. They're shouting, screaming, singing, they're just loud! They were very merry gentlemen, they were.

JOE: Merry?

SEAMSTRESS: Happy! Jumping up and down! Excited! You know, merry!

ROOKIE: Were these gentlemen disturbing the peace, ma'am?

SEAMSTRESS: I guess you could say they were!

JOE: You know what we have here, don't you?

ROOKIE: What, Boss?

JOE: We got ourselves a "4-5-6-6-7-3-2-A...Merry Gentlemen with Intent to celebrate." I'm gonna throw the book at 'em.

ROOKIE: Hey, Boss. Do you really think they saw angels?

JOE: I've been around the block kid, and I've never seen an angel.
Nobody's seen angels in generations! You gotta learn the streets!
They're always up to something, there's always a reason they make
this stuff up. But I'm on to 'em, Rookie. Just you watch.

ROOKIE: You gonna show 'em who's boss, Boss?

JOE: It's not about being the boss. The people count on me to keep peace
around here. If we let things get out of control, well, things get out of
control...fast!