

THE LITTLE ANGEL'S HISTORY LESSON

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A Sunday School Christmas play

CHARACTERS

Gabriel	3 Wise Men
Little Angel	3 Shepherds
Adam	Jesus
Eve	Blind Man
Angel	Crippled Man
Mary	"Lights"
Joseph	(as many as desired)
Innkeeper	

PROPS

Tree for Garden of Eden	Spotlights
Sword for Angel	Large cross
Manger	
Inn	
Flashlights for each "light"	

SCENE

(House lights off)

Room is dark. Gabriel and Little Angel will not be seen at all. They will each need a microphone and small light to read script. Manger is set up and so is Tree and plants for Garden of Eden. (Place at opposite sides of stage.)

PIANO - Play Creation music. Pace is fast through Creation.

GABRIEL: Alright, Little Angel, open your Holy History Book to the first page. Today we are going to study the seven greatest days in history.

LITTLE ANGEL: Boy, it sure is dark! I thought this was the favored planet; the planet where the light of God came.

GABRIEL: It is. But we are at the beginning now. Let's read from the Holy History Book. "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep."

LITTLE ANGEL: I'm beginning to see a light now!

GABRIEL: Yes, on the first day God said, "Let there be light." and there was light.

LITTLE ANGEL: It sure doesn't look like much to me! I heard it was such a special planet.

GABRIEL: Be patient, Little Angel, and you will see just how special it is.

LITTLE ANGEL: Oh. I can see the sky now!

GABRIEL: Yes, God created that on the second day.

LITTLE ANGEL: (Little Angel begins to get more excited and amazed as he sees each of the days of Creation.) Look. There's the dry land appearing - and grass, and flowers, and trees!

(SPOTLIGHT: Spot on garden on low,)

GABRIEL: Yes, that was the third day.

LITTLE ANGEL: There's the sun, and the moon, and the stars!

GABRIEL: The fourth day.

LITTLE ANGEL: A bird just flew by! And look at those fish jumping in the water! What day is this?

GABRIEL: The fifth day.

LITTLE ANGEL: Look now! There are cows, and sheep, and lions, and tigers, and.....What is God doing now?

GABRIEL: He is creating man!

LITTLE ANGEL: Out of dust? Yuk! I thought man was the most special thing God ever created!?!

GABRIEL: He is. Watch....

LITTLE ANGEL: What is God doing now?

GABRIEL: Read here in your Holy History Book.

LITTLE ANGEL: "And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul." Wow! No wonder man is so special - the very breath of God is in him!

GABRIEL: That was the sixth day. And the seventh day God declared was a day of rest.

LITTLE ANGEL: So, those are the seven greatest days in History. That was easy. I should get an A on this test. I can remember them - light on the first day, sky on the second day.....

GABRIEL: No, Little Angel. You've got it all wrong. Although creation did take 6 days, and the 7th day was a day of rest, we shall count Creation as the first important day in history.

LITTLE ANGEL: Uh-oh! I think I'm in trouble. Six more days to learn! I don't think I can do it!

GABRIEL: Yes you can. Just watch. Look down there upon Earth and tell me what you see.

SPOTLIGHT: Spot on full on the Garden of Eden.

LITTLE ANGEL: I see a garden.....a beautiful garden.

GABRIEL: That is the Garden of Eden. And there's Adam and Eve.

ENTER: Enter Adam and Eve and stand before the Tree.

LITTLE ANGEL: They're walking over to the Tree in the center of the Garden. Isn't that the Tree God told them not to eat of?

GABRIEL: Yes it is.

LITTLE ANGEL: Look at that creature talking to Eve. Listen to what he's telling her! He's telling her it's all right to eat of the Tree God said not to. Ha! I bet she chases him out of the garden!

GABRIEL: Watch.

CUE: Eve picks fruit. Looks at it, and takes a bite.

LITTLE ANGEL: No! No! Don't touch that Eve!

CUE: Eve gives fruit to Adam and he takes a bite.

LITTLE ANGEL: Look what she's doing! She's giving it to Adam, and he's eating it, too! Stop! Stop! Don't listen to that serpent!

GABRIEL: Quiet, Little Angel. They can't hear you.

CUE: Adam and Eve hide behind plants.

GABRIEL: Even if they could, do you think they would listen to you if they would not listen to God? (Pause) Watch. God is killing one of the lambs.

LITTLE ANGEL: But why?

GABRIEL: Because on this day - the second important day in history - sin entered the world! (Pause) The Holy History Book says without the shedding of blood, there is no forgiveness of sin. So the lamb lost his life to cover the sins of man.

LITTLE ANGEL: Will it always be that way?

GABRIEL: No. God provided a better way, but that time is not yet.

ENTER: Angel enters carrying sword and runs Adam and Eve out of the garden.

LITTLE ANGEL: Look! Why is that angel doing that?

GABRIEL: Because God ordered him to. God loves man so much He banned them from the Garden.

LITTLE ANGEL: But why?

GABRIEL: Because in the Garden is also the Tree of Life. If man were to eat of it, he would live forever in his sinful state.

SPOT: Turn spot SLOWLY off the Garden.

LITTLE ANGEL: I see. Look! The light is fading!

ENTER: Mary and Joseph enter slowly from the side. Wait for next cue.

GABRIEL: Yes, that is what sin does.

PIANO: Softly play "O Little Town of Bethlehem".

GABRIEL: But look over there and you will see the beginning of the third important day in history, the day man calls Christmas; the day the Saviour was born.

SPOTLIGHT: Turn spot on Mary and Joseph.

CUE: Mary and Joseph slowly go to the inn and knock. The innkeeper comes out, shakes his head "NO!" and points to the stable. Mary and Joseph move slowly to the stable.

LITTLE ANGEL: Oh, I know that day. I've heard other angels talk about it. They couldn't believe God would give up His glory, and leave Heaven, and come to Earth as a mere man!

GABRIEL: Yes, such a great love is hard to understand.

LITTLE ANGEL: Look! That innkeeper turned them away!

GABRIEL: Yes. There was no room.

LITTLE ANGEL: No room! No room! For the Son of God! Hey innkeeper! Innkeeper! That's the Son of God you're turning away!

GABRIEL: I told you, Little Angel, they cannot hear.

LITTLE ANGEL: They're going to the stable! Surely God is not going to let His Son be born in a stable. He's a King! He should be born in a palace!

SPOTLIGHT: Light on in manger.

PIANO: Softly playing "Away in a Manger"

GABRIEL: It is as God has ordained. For it says in the Holy History Book concerning Jesus, "But he made himself of no reputation and took upon him the form of a servant and was made in the likeness of men."

So you see, Little Angel, a servant would not be born in a palace.

LITTLE ANGEL: How much He must love them to give up so much for their sakes!

PIANO: Begin loudly playing a hallelujah type chorus and quietly when speaking parts begin.

LITTLE ANGEL: (Let music play a bit before speaking.) The angel choir!

GABRIEL: Yes. They have just told the shepherds of the Messiah's birth and are now singing praise to God for His great gift to man.

PIANO: Piano softly playing shepherd type music.

ENTER: Shepherds enter from manger side of stage, go up to manger and kneel.

LITTLE ANGEL: They're coming to see the Baby.

GABRIEL: Yes. The angels told them they would find the Babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

LITTLE ANGEL: I'm glad someone came to see Jesus that first Christmas Day.

PIANO: Softly playing "We Three Kings".

ENTER: Wise Men enter from piano side, go up to manger, present their gifts, and kneel.

GABRIEL: The shepherds were not the only ones.

LITTLE ANGEL: The Wise Men!

GABRIEL: Yes. They have come from the East because they saw His star. They came to Jerusalem to inquire of King Herod where the King

of the Jews was to be born. After consulting with the chief priests and scribes, Herod told them He was to be born in Bethlehem. He then asked the Wise Men to return and tell him where they found the Child so he could go and worship Him, too.

LITTLE ANGEL: Herod! I heard he was an evil king!

GABRIEL: You heard right. You see, Herod's intention was not to worship the new-born King, but to find Him and kill Him, for he wanted no other kings beside himself.

LITTLE ANGEL: Hurry, Gabriel! Let's get down there and warn the Wise Men so they don't tell Herod!

GABRIEL: Don't worry, Little Angel. God has already warned them in a dream, and they will return to their country another way.

LITTLE ANGEL: Good! Imagine a mere man thinking he can kill the Son of God.

GABRIEL: You have a lot to learn, Little Angel, a lot to learn.

SPOTLIGHT: Spot off in manger. Spot off manger scene.

ENTER: Jesus enters from manger side in the dark and stands near center stage.

SPOTLIGHT: Spot on Jesus.

GABRIEL: The Holy History Book tells us that as Jesus grew, He increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with man and God.

ENTER: Crippled man enters from piano side, is healed, and exits, leaping, to manger side.

GABRIEL: And Jesus went about doing good and performing great miracles.

LITTLE ANGEL: Look! He healed that lame man!

ENTER: Blind man enters from piano side, hands out in front, feeling as a blind man would.

LITTLE ANGEL: Look! A blind man.

CUE: Jesus touches blind man's eyes and he is healed.

LITTLE ANGEL: Jesus healed him. He can see!

SPOTLIGHT: Spot light off.

EXIT: Jesus and blind man exit manger side.

CROSS: Turn on cross light.

LITTLE ANGEL: Boy, I bet everyone knows that Jesus is the Son of God now! I bet all men will praise and worship Him now, just as we angels do.

GABRIEL: No, Little Angel. Many would not believe. And what's more, many want to put Him to death.

LITTLE ANGEL: Death! The Son of God!

GABRIEL: Yes. Listen to those crowds.

CUE: Crowd cries, "Crucify him! Crucify him! Crucify him!"

LITTLE ANGEL: Crucify Him! Why surely He wouldn't let them do that!

GABRIEL: Watch, Little Angel, for this is the fourth important day in history.

PIANO: Softly playing appropriate music.

LITTLE ANGEL: But look what they are doing. They are beating Him, and mocking Him, and spitting on Him. I can't watch!

GABRIEL: You must. Look. They are making Him carry His own cross.

LITTLE ANGEL: Can't we stop them? Can't we help Him? Why does He let them do this?

GABRIEL: He could have called the angels - thousands of us - to help Him, but His love for man stopped Him from doing that. Remember the day sin entered the world?

LITTLE ANGEL: Yes.

GABRIEL: Do you remember, also, the lamb whose blood was shed to cover those sins?

LITTLE ANGEL: You don't mean.....

GABRIEL: Yes. Remember in the Holy History Book when John the Baptist saw Jesus?

LITTLE ANGEL: Yes. He said, "Behold the lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world." (Pause) I'm beginning to understand why He came, but it is too awful to think about.

GABRIEL: Yes. God sent His son into the world for this very purpose, to be that one final sacrifice for all the sins of mankind.

DRUM: Drum making slow beats like a hammer.

LITTLE ANGEL: What's that?

GABRIEL: They are nailing Jesus to the cross.

DRUM: Drum roll and cymbals crashing to simulate thunder and lightning.

LITTLE ANGEL: What's happening?

GABRIEL: God is placing the sins of all men upon Jesus. As the Holy History Book says, "God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God." (Long pause.)

DRUM: Drum roll and cymbals again.

GABRIEL: (Loudly, to be heard over the drums.) IT IS FINISHED!

DRUM: Stops abruptly as soon as Gabriel says, IT IS FINISHED!

CROSS LIGHT: Turn off cross light as soon as drum stops.

LITTLE ANGEL: The light is gone! What has happened?

GABRIEL: They have killed the Son of God. (Long pause.)

PIANO: After long pause, softly plays "The Light of the World Is Jesus".

CROSS LIGHT: Turn cross light on.

FLASHLIGHTS: Slowly lights from flashlights begin lighting randomly.

LITTLE ANGEL: Look! I see a light, and another, and another - thousands of them all over the world!

GABRIEL: Yes. This is the fifth day we've studied, but it is the greatest day of all! Jesus has risen and has broken the power of sin and death. He has sent His Holy Spirit to man. The Light of God comes to dwell in each one who believes in Jesus. As the Holy History Book

says, "But as many as received Him, to them gave He the power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name."

LITTLE ANGEL: But wait! I see a man down there that has no light! and a woman - and a child! Many, many people with no light!

GABRIEL: Some have heard and refused the Light. Some have not yet heard of the Saviour's great love for them.

LITTLE ANGEL: Come on! Let's go tell them!

GABRIEL: No, Little Angel. We told the shepherds, but God has now given that ministry to man. Those who have the Light must share it with those in darkness. (Pause.)

LITTLE ANGEL: What about the last two days, Gabriel? We have only studied five days.

GABRIEL: Yes, but the last two days you cannot see. I can only tell you about them, because they have not yet happened. The sixth day will be the rapture - the day Jesus comes and takes those who have believed on Him out of this world to be with Him.

LITTLE ANGEL: But Gabriel, if that happens, the light will be gone!

GABRIEL: Yes. And it will be a terrible time an Earth. More horrible than man has ever known.

LITTLE ANGEL: And the seventh day?

GABRIEL: That will be Judgment Day - the day when each person will stand before God to be judged. The Holy History Book says, "And this is the record that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He that hath the Son hath life, and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life."

LITTLE ANGEL: But what about those who didn't have the Son, the Light of the world?

GABRIEL: For them, it will be too late.

LITTLE ANGEL: But it's not that time yet. It's not too late now, is it?

GABRIEL: No, Little Angel, there is time yet, but the time is very short. Those final days are almost here.

SPOTLIGHT: Light on in manger. Spotlight on manger scene.

PIANO: Softly playing "Joy to the World".

LITTLE ANGEL: Don't you think that now - during this Christmas celebration on Earth, many will realize that Jesus is the Saviour and receive God's great gift to man?

GABRIEL: Yes, Little Angel. This is perhaps the greatest time on Earth - Christmas Day - when men begin to hear and realize what God has done for them, and just how much He loves them. The Light shines throughout the whole world on Christmas that men may hear the words in the Holy History Book. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved!"

CLOSING: Pastor gives invitation to those who want to receive Jesus as their Saviour. Audience sings an appropriate Christmas carol.