



A Super Christmas: A Christmas Play for Kids

A team of comic-book superheroes hears that a new hero is coming to save the world, and their Christmas Eve search ends at a manger.

FULL SCRIPT · 4 SCENES · 11 SPEAKING PARTS · CAST AND PROPS LIST

Christmas Eve

a play in four scenes, with Mary, Joseph and the shepherds

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The four scenes

Scene 1: The Superhero Meeting. A new hero is coming to save the world, and the team is worried about their jobs.	Superheroes
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Scene 2: On the Road to Bethlehem. The superheroes meet Mary and Joseph without knowing who they are.	Superheroes, Mary, Joseph
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Scene 3: The Shepherds in the Field. An angel brings the good news and explains grace.	Shepherds, Voice, superheroes
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Scene 4: At the Stable. Everyone meets the baby, and the superheroes learn what Jesus came to save us from.	Whole cast
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How to run it

- The play runs in four short scenes, and the script asks for no scenery. Players walk on and off.
- The angel never walks on. Read the Voice from offstage and let the spotlight do the rest.
- In Scene 2, Wonder Woman's line ends with a blank. She fills it with whatever Hulk has just picked up.
- At the end of Scene 2 the superheroes leave stage left, and Mary and Joseph leave stage right.
- In Scene 3, two lines name a congregation in Renton, Washington, and a pastor called Kirby. Swap in your own town and your own pastor.

Cast, Props and Stage Notes

11 speaking parts

4 scenes

No scenery needed

Character	Lines	Scenes	Notes from the script
Superman	11 lines	1, 2, 3, 4	Calls the meeting to order and does most of the asking.
Wonder Woman	8 lines	1, 2, 3, 4	Keeps the team in line, Hulk most of all.
Spiderman	6 lines	1, 2, 4	On stage with the team in Scene 3, with no lines there.
Hulk	8 lines	1, 2, 3, 4	Big muscles. Lifts a large object in Scene 2.
Batman	6 lines	1, 2, 3, 4	Sets off to question Mary and Joseph in Scene 2, until Superman steps in front.
Cat Woman	6 lines	1, 2, 3, 4	Jokes about tuna, catnip and squeaky mice.
Mary	13 lines	2, 4	Expecting in Scene 2. Wears a cloak.
Joseph	9 lines	2, 4	Wears a cloak. Faints in Scene 2 and is caught by a superhero. Holds the baby in Scene 4.
Shepherd 1	12 lines	3, 4	Bored with the job, and teased about a fancy phone.
Shepherd 2	9 lines	3, 4	Invites Shepherd 1 to church in Scene 4.
Voice (the angel)	7 lines	3	Heard, not seen: a voice from offstage, with a spotlight.

The six superheroes also share one group line in Scene 2, and the whole cast says the last line together. Joseph knows the superheroes on sight, so each one needs a costume the audience will recognize.

Props

- A large object for Hulk to lift in Scene 2. The script suggests a house.
- Things on stage for the superheroes to look under and behind in Scene 2.
- Cloaks for Mary and Joseph. The superheroes look under them.
- A spotlight for the angel in Scene 3. It comes on, and later it goes out.
- A baby doll for Scene 4. Joseph holds the baby.

Stage directions

The script uses these short forms: **DSC** downstage center, **DSR** downstage right, **USL** upstage left, **SL** stage left, **SR** stage right. Downstage is the part nearest the audience. Left and right are the actor's left and right.

The Script

Four scenes

Speaker at left, stage directions in italics

Scene 1: The Superhero Meeting

There is a huddle of superheroes DSC. They create a semicircle, and are busily talking loud and frantic.

SUPERMAN

ORDER! ORDER! I call this meeting of Superheroes to order!

The group is quieted with groans.

SUPERMAN

As some of you have heard, there is a rumor going around that a new superhero is coming to earth. They say that he is coming to save the world, and that he receives his powers from the big G-O-D.

HULK

I have heard the same thing! What does this mean!? WE save the Earth. WE have been here for years! What does this guy think he is doing?

WONDER WOMAN

Do we even know who this guy or WOMAN is? Doesn't he know that that is our job?

BATMAN

I have heard that this G-O-D guy means real business. Apparently he has a connection with all of us. He says that he loves the world so much that he is going to give us his SON. This new superhero is here to save the world from the villain SIN.

SPIDERMAN

Who is this SIN? I don't know this evil villain? Cat Woman, is he one of your arch nemeses?

CAT WOMAN

No. I don't know him, but I know that I could take him down and probably better than this new guy.

SUPERMAN

OK OK, let's calm down everyone. We don't know if this guy is going to take our jobs. He might be here to help us, as well as the rest of the world.

HULK

Well I don't need any help! Didn't you see me crush that bad guy last week? I saved a bus full of school children... with one hand!

Batman raises a hand for a high-five.

BATMAN

I did see that, man! You were awesome, but I think that next time you could...

CAT WOMAN

Whoa. Slow down guys. Let's focus on this new guy. We can share our glory stories later!

The Script (continued)

SPIDERMAN Do we know when this new guy is supposed to show up?

WONDER WOMAN I've heard as early as Christmas Day. That's tomorrow!?

HULK NO WAY. Christmas can't be tomorrow!? Is it really Christmas Eve?

WONDER WOMAN Yes, Hulk, tomorrow... I think the muscles are cutting off circulation to your brain.

BATMAN This means we have to act fast! We have to find this guy, learn what his weaknesses are, and find out his enemies... AGGGH... What if he has a SIDEKICK? We have so much to do...

SUPERMAN Well then we better start tracking this big guy down.

Superheroes exit.

Scene 2: On the Road to Bethlehem

Mary and Joseph walk DSR.

MARY I am so tired; can't we just book a room somewhere? I am so tired of this walking thing.

JOSEPH *(irritated)*
Only a little bit farther, love. I'm sorry that every Holiday Inn was full, but I didn't know we would be traveling this deep into the holiday season!

MARY Don't get huffy at me! I didn't ask if I wanted to flee my home, or if I wanted to become the mother of God's son!

JOSEPH Yes, dear. I know. How did that happen again? You were so frightened when you came to me.

MARY Well an angel came from God to me in Nazareth. He told me to get excited because God chose me to bear his son. I am to call him Jesus. I was so scared, but then the angel said do not be frightened for this means that God will always be with me. I'm still nervous and unsure about this whole thing. What if I'm not right? What if I'm not going to be a good mother to GOD'S son?

JOSEPH Mary, Mary, Mary! Stop your worrying, and breathe. God chose you for a reason, and he chose me as your husband for a reason. (Or at least that's what I keep telling myself.)

Superheroes swarm from USL. Looking under things, behind things, under cloaks, etc.

The Script (continued)

SUPERMAN Well, we haven't found him yet. This superhero sure knows how to hide himself. Or maybe he is in a disguise!

HULK *(Lifts a large object, such as a house)*
I have turned over everything, and he sure isn't hiding under anything.

WONDER WOMAN HULK. PUT THAT DOWN. Do you really think the man who saves the world would be hiding under a _____?

CAT WOMAN I'm tired of looking. Maybe he has a weakness, like tuna, or catnip, or those little squeaky mice, or those darn little balls of light that you NEVER can catch!

BATMAN Whoa, down kitty. Um, we don't know that stuff yet. Maybe these fine people have heard something about him. I'll go ask.
Batman starts walking, then Superman puts out his arm and strides ahead.

SUPERMAN *(clears his throat)*
Ahem, excuse me you fine citizens but do you happen to know of a new superhero?

MARY A new superhero? No? Joseph, have you?

JOSEPH *(shocked)*
No way. Are you really SUPERMAN? *(squeal)* Oh my goodness, and Wonder Woman, and the Hulk, and and and and...

MARY Oh get a hold of yourself! No, we haven't. Do you know of a place where we could stay? Apparently all the inns are full.

SPIDERMAN I know a man down the road who has a nice stable. You could ask if he knows of a place.

JOSEPH *(still in shock)*
Wow, you guys are all my heroes. You save the world, like EVERY DAY. And you're here. Right now. *(Squeal)*

HULK *(brushes his shoulders)*
Yes, we know. We are pretty powerful.
All superheroes begin striking fierce poses.

WONDER WOMAN Oh my! Miss, are you pregnant?

MARY Yes, I'm due almost any day. It may even be tonight.

CAT WOMAN Oh there is nothing better than a baby.

SUPERMAN Oh I hope we run into you again, I would love to hold your baby.

The Script (continued)

HULK Me too, I love to rock babies to sleep.

SPIDERMAN And you're sure you don't crush them? *(Laughs to himself)*
Mary has a look of terror on her face.

MARY Yes, yes that would be nice. I'm sure I will need all the help I can get.

JOSEPH You, you, you, would come see us AGAIN? Oh wow.
Faints. Supported by a superhero.

WONDER WOMAN *(Ignoring Joseph)*
Do you know if it's a boy or a girl? What are you going to name him?

MARY It's a boy, and his name shall be Jesus.
The superheroes give content sighs.
Joseph is revived.

MARY Well my feet are getting sore; I think we will give that man with the stable a try. Good luck with your search for this superhero...?

JOSEPH Uh, uh-huh!

SUPERHEROES *(a hubbub of noise)*
Congratulations on the baby! I am so excited for you. Good luck with the baby.
Superheroes exit SL, and Mary and Joseph SR.

Scene 3: The Shepherds in the Field

2 Shepherds relaxing DSC.

SHEPHERD 1 This job is sooooo LAME.

SHEPHERD 2 Hey, I wouldn't complain. It's paying for your data plan for that fancy phone. Heaven forbid that you couldn't text on the job.

SHEPHERD 1 Ha... ha... ha... you think you are so funny! No seriously. This job is so boring. Nothing exciting ever happens! I mean all my friends work at Starbucks and get free coffee, and what do I get? I get to "watch o'er my flocks by night" and shovel sheep poop! Gross.

SHEPHERD 2 Oh come on, it isn't that bad. It's a clear night on Christmas Eve. You can just stare out into the black sky full of stars and really appreciate the wonder that God created.

SHEPHERD 1 Ugh, you're one of those, those God people.

The Script (continued)

SHEPHERD 2	Well yeah. I guess I am. I mean. I don't know! I have heard that God is sending his son to save us from our sin.
VOICE	Mmmhmmm. You got that right! <i>Shepherds cling to each other in fear and scream.</i>
SHEPHERD 1	Who is that!? I am trained in karate and I'm not afraid to use it!
SHEPHERD 2	Better question... where are you?!
	<i>Spotlight.</i> <i>Shepherds block the light.</i>
VOICE	I'm right here. Do not be afraid! I am an angel from God. I bring you good news!
SHEPHERD 1	Sheesh, lay off the glare. Miley Cyrus called and she wants her sequined body suit back!
VOICE	<i>(Laughs)</i> Miley Cyrus has nothing on my shine. But I have to tell you that JESUS, the son of God, was born tonight! Rejoice! Immanuel, the savior of the universe, was born tonight, here in Bethlehem!
SHEPHERD 2	Oh my goodness! Are you serious?! How exciting! Where is he? Can I go see him?
VOICE	Yes! Please do! You will find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.
SHEPHERD 1	Um. I don't know what swaddling clothes mean, but I'm assuming when I see the baby I'll know I'm in the right place. But what does this mean? Why is this baby such a big deal?
VOICE	God sent his son, Jesus, so that we could be forgiven of our sins. When we do bad things, or make bad choices, we are sinning against God. When we sin, we are moving away from God. But God loves us so much that he is willing to send his son to us so that even when we do sin, we are forgiven. It's called grace. Isn't that great?
SHEPHERD 1	Wow. God's love is amazing.
SHEPHERD 2	I know a congregation in Renton, Washington that knows a thing or two about that grace thing. They have some crazy pastor always talking about it.
VOICE	Oh don't you worry. We know that congregation too, and that crazy Kirby guy.

The Script (continued)

SHEPHERD 1	I still don't get how sending a baby is going to help though? How is he going to stop me from sinning?
VOICE	Jesus is coming to help us build a relationship with God. He will be a way for us to see God, and know that he loves us. So no matter how far we try to move away from God, Jesus will be there to remind us that God will never give up on us. But seriously, get a move on over to the stable. It's right over there! <i>Light goes out.</i> <i>Superheroes enter looking weary.</i>
SUPERMAN	Excuse me fine... shepherds? Have you heard anything about a new superhero that is coming to save the earth?
BATMAN	We have been looking for him all day. We're tired.
CAT WOMAN	We're scared he is going to take our jobs.
SHEPHERD 1	Whoa, first an angel now superheroes?! Maybe this job isn't so lame after all!
SHEPHERD 2	I don't know anything about a new superhero, but did you hear that God's son was born tonight!?
HULK	Wait, did you say God's son? That's our guy!
WONDER WOMAN	Whoa, whoa, whoa Hulk. We have not been searching for a baby! How could a baby save the world?
SHEPHERD 1	I don't really get it either, but let's go see! I just want to see this Super-Baby-God... thing. <i>Exit.</i>

Scene 4: At the Stable

MARY	Oh. Isn't he wonderful?
JOSEPH	I never knew a baby was this wonderful. God has given us such a blessing. <i>Superheroes storm in.</i>
SUPERMAN	Alright you superhero, put your hands up! Nobody is taking my job!
SPIDERMAN	Yeah. What he said!
WONDER WOMAN	Oh my goodness. Boys. Settle down, can't you tell there is a baby sleeping!

The Script (continued)

SUPERMAN	Well. Yeah. But he is going to take our jobs, and and and oh but he is so cute!
MARY	Yes, he is. I didn't expect to see you guys again so soon. But what is this about my son taking your jobs?
CAT WOMAN	Well, we heard that Jesus is this new superhero coming to town. And they say that he is going to save the whole world from SIN.
HULK	So we thought that no one would need us anymore. But this is a baby! So we don't have anything to worry about guys! <i>(coos at the baby)</i>
BATMAN	You're right! Phew. I was getting worried. So, were they wrong? Is Jesus just a baby?
MARY	Well, right now he is. But God has great plans in store for him. He will grow up and save us from our own sin.
SHEPHERD 1	We heard all about that! An angel came to us and told us to not be afraid because Jesus was born. And that he will bring us grace!
SHEPHERD 2	You know, you're starting to sound like one of those "church" people...
SHEPHERD 1	Whoa! I am. Well, could I maybe come to church with you sometime?
SHEPHERD 2	Yeah, I think I know just the place to take you!
SUPERMAN	Hold on, hold on! So Jesus isn't going to take over my job? I still get to go out and save people?
JOSEPH	<i>(holding the baby)</i> Of course, you can still go save people. But, God sent his son so that we can be saved from ourselves and the sins we do. Jesus is reminding us of God's love, and how we can share it with others. So now, when you save people you can tell them about Jesus' power and about God's unending love for us.
SPIDERMAN	Wow! OK! I think I could do that! "Stop right there mister! I will save you innocent citizens! But Jesus will save you with God's love!" I like it!
MARY	I am so glad you all came to see Jesus and that now you will spread God's love. I am not afraid anymore, I am trusting God and his plan. This is a merry Christmas.
ALL	Merry Christmas, and God's Peace!

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