

A Super Christmas

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Characters (Difficulty):

- Heroes:
 - Wonder Woman (Lead)
 - Iron Man (Lead)
 - Hulk (Medium)
 - Supergirl (Medium)
 - Batgirl (Easy)
 - Spiderman (Easy)
- Mary (Medium)
- Joseph (Medium)
- Scribe (Easy)
- 2 Shepherds (Medium)
- Voice/Angel (Medium)

Song Suggestions (if desired, especially before or after the epilogue):

- Superhero by Hillsong Kids (Beci Wakerley, David Wakerley)
- Go Tell It on the Mountain
- We Wish You a Merry Christmas

SCENE 1

*Superheroes enter. Concerned and worried faces. Nervous chatting.
Wonder Woman enters from opposite side after the rest of the heroes.*

WW: Order! Order! Heroes, I asked you here to join me in a fight to reclaim Heaven.

Superheroes groan and get quiet

Iron Man: Woah. I told you, I don't want to join your super-secret glee club.

WW: Listen! There's something big happening tonight. I can see the beauty of the heavens. I can see the poetry in their motion. And look! *(a star light comes on over stage; WW points)* I see a new star in the sky; it's telling me that a new Super is coming to earth. ... Tonight!

Spiderman: Tonight!?

Iron Man: Becoming a Super is not a right... it's a privilege! Who told this new Super they could come to earth?

Hulk: New Super not welcome. Hulk smash puny Super. HULK save Earth.

Supergirl: Now wait just a minute. We don't know anything about this Super. Maybe they'll be a hero. Some of us with superpowers try hard to make the world a better place. I know that's what I try to do.

WW: Exactly. We must find this new Super and learn whether they are here for good. Or for evil!

Batgirl: Right. So here's the plan. Um, what's the plan?

WW: We'll follow the star. Scour the Earth from east to west. And even if I must barter my own life on this quest, we will find this Super.

Iron Man: Drama queen much?

WW: Tony, do you think you can focus for one minute and use your tech to follow that star and track down this Super?

Iron Man: I'll check Iron Man's schedule and see what I can do.

Air typing, speaking to self: So much to do. So little RAM.

To group: Ah, yes, there we go. I've tracked this Super to Israel.

WW: Then we're off to Israel.

Spiderman: Israel? I can't go to Israel! I – I got... homework!

Iron Man: Alright, I'm gonna pretend you didn't say that.

Hulk: Hulk want smash. Hulk go now! Heroes follow or Hulk get angry.
Hulk exits same side as entrance.

Supergirl: Well. No turning back now.
Superheroes exit same side as entrance.

SCENE 2

Mary and Joseph enter from opposite side of heroes exit.

Mary: [*holding belly*] I am so tired. Can't we book a room somewhere? My legs will not take one more step!

Joseph: [*irritated*] Only a little bit farther, love. I'm sorry that every Holiday Inn was full, but how was I to know that the holidays are their busy season?!

Mary: Don't get huffy at me! It wasn't my choice to leave home; that was all the Caesar's doing. And was I supposed to say "no" to being the mother of God's son?!

Joseph: Yes, dear. I mean no! (*scratch head confused*) Or yes??? Remind me, how did that happen again?

Mary: An angel came from God to me in Nazareth. He told me to get excited because God chose me. I would bear a son, and I am to call him "Jesus". The angel also said the Holy Spirit would come upon me and that the baby would be God's son. I was so scared, but then the angel said do not be frightened because this means that God will always be with me. I really believed the angel that day, but now I'm unsure about this whole thing. (*talking faster*) What if I'm not ready? What if God made the wrong choice? What if I'm not going to be a good mother to GOD'S son?

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

Superheroes enter from same side as they exited. Heroes searching around, looking under things, behind things, etc.

Iron Man: You know, being a Super detective isn't all it's cracked up to be. We've been searching all night!

WW: Sometimes searching is such hard, heroic work.

Spiderman: Will we ever find this Super?

Supergirl: I don't know much. But if Wonder Woman and Iron Man are working together, and they're searching for someone – Then they'll find them.

Hulk: Hulk never give up. Never surrender. Hulk know what to do... (*Lifts a large object like a doll house and looks under it*)

WW: HULK! PUT THAT DOWN. Do you really think a Super would be hiding under a boulder?

Batgirl: This is too hard.

Iron Man: Who said it would be easy? Let's ask around and see if anyone has heard about this Super. Maybe these people have heard something.

WW: (*clears throat*) Ahem, excuse me, fine citizens, but do you happen to know of a new Super?

Mary: A new Super? No? Joseph, have you?

Joseph: *(fanboy)* No way! Are you really WONDER WOMAN. *(squeal)* And Supergirl, and the Hulk, and and and and...

Mary: Oh get a hold of yourself! *(grabs Joseph's shoulder to pull him back)* No, we haven't. But do you know of place where we could stay? Apparently all the inns are full.

Spiderman: I saw a stable down the road.

Batgirl: It's not much, but it's something.

Joseph: *(still in shock)* Wow, you guys really are my heroes. You save the world, like EVERYDAY. And you're here. Right now. You guys are amazing! *(Squeal)*

Hulk: *(brushes his shoulders)* Hulk know. Hulk strongest there is. *Hulk flexes. Then all Superheroes strike super poses.*

Iron Man: You know, it's moments like these when I realize what a superhero I am.

Mary: Oh! *(grabs belly in pain)*
Superheroes suddenly relax, looking concerned. Supergirl goes to help.

Supergirl: Oh my! Miss, are you OK?

Mary: Yes. Just the baby kicking. I'm due almost any day. It may even be tonight.

Batgirl: Babies are the best!

WW: Oh I hope we run into you again. I would love to hold your baby.

Hulk: Hulk too. Hulk does not smash children.
Mary has a look of terror on her face

Mary: *(hesitantly)* Yes, yes that would be nice. I'm sure I will need all the help I can get.

Joseph: Y-y-y-y-you, would come see us AGAIN? Oh wow.
Faints. Falls into Hulk or Iron Man.

Spiderman: Is it a boy or a girl? What's the name?

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 stable a try. Good luck with your search for this Super...?

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; Mary & Joseph exit.

SCENE 3

Superheroes enter from same side as they exited, looking tired.

Batgirl: Look! A fortress!

Spiderman: Maybe the Super's there!

Supergirl: Supers always live in a fortress or a lair or something awesome like that. Let's go! ... Hello, is anyone here?

Scribe enters.

Scribe: Hello. Welcome to Jerusalem. Can I help you?

WW: Yes, you can. We are looking for a new Super. A star appeared in the sky tonight foretelling their arrival, and the star led us here. Do you know anything about this Super?

Scribe: A new Super, you say? And a star? *(pauses to think, scratching chin)* Yes, yes, yes, I remember hearing a story once. Let me look. *(searches through a very large book)* Ah, yes, here it is.

Iron Man: Let me see that. *(takes the book)* Hmm... It says here that when the star appears, it means someone named G-O-D is sending his Son called "Messiah" to fight someone called SIN.

WW: I have heard of this G-O-D. Really big name in the heavens. Apparently he has a connection with all of us. They say that he loves the whole world.

Supergirl: At least now we know this Super, the Messiah, is going to be a hero.

Spiderman: But who is this SIN?

Batgirl: I've never heard of him.

Hulk: Hulk fight SIN. No new hero needed. Hulk not scared.

Iron Man: No? Wait until you hear the bad news. It says here this Messiah is going to be the Savior of the whole world. As in THE ultimate hero. It says, "Authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace."

Supergirl: Wait! What did you say? Endless peace? Are you saying we'll be out of a job?!!

Superheroes start chatting about losing their jobs.

WW: OK OK, let's calm down everyone. We don't know if this guy is going to take our jobs. The world of humanity is filled with people in need. It sounds like this Messiah is here to help, and I don't know any hero who can't use some friends. Now that we know who we're searching for, let's find this guy.

Iron Man: *(to the scribe)* Do you know where we can find this Messiah?

Scribe: Yes. May I have my book back? (*takes book back*) The Messiah is supposed to arrive in the city of Bethlehem. It says so right here: And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among all the rulers, for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd all my people.

Spiderman: Bethlehem!?

Batgirl: But we were just there!

Supergirl: There's not a moment to lose! Let's go.

WW: (*to the scribe*) Thanks for all your help.

Scribe: You're welcome. Good luck on your quest!

Superheroes and Scribe Exit

SCENE 4

2 Shepherds enter and sit down to relax.

Shepherd 1: This job is sooooo LAME.

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

Shepherd 1: Ha... ha... ha... you're so funny! No seriously. This job is so boring. Nothing exciting ever happens! All my friends work at Baskin Robins and get free ice cream, but 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. You can just stare out into the black sky full of stars and really appreciate the wonder that God created.

Shepherd 1: Ugh, all I wonder about it why God created sheep poo. Save me, God!

Shepherd 2: Well, I'm not sure if God's going to save us from caring for creation – that's our job – but I have heard that God is sending his Son to save us from our sin.

Sudden bright light.

VOICE: Mmmhmmm. You got that right!

Shepherds scream and cling to each other in fear.

Shepherd 1: *(voice trembling)* Who is that!? I am trained in karate and I'm not afraid to use it!

Shepherd 2: Better question... where are you?!
Shepherds block the light.

VOICE: I'm right here. Do not be afraid! I am an angel from God. I bring you good news!

Shepherd 1: Fine, but can you at least lay off the glare? Miley Cyrus called and she wants her sequined body suit back!

VOICE: *(Laughs)* 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, right 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! Go to the stable on the edge of town, and you will find a babe wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.

Shepherd 1: Um. I don't know what swaddling clothes mean, but mangers are feeding troughs for animals. Why would anyone put a baby in a feeding trough? And why is this baby such a big deal?

VOICE: God sent his son, Jesus, to defeat Sin. Sin is anything that hurts our relationships with one another or pushes us away from God. But God doesn't want anything to get in the way of his love for us. God sent Jesus to save us by forgiving sin! And Jesus won't stop forgiving us until Sin is gone for good! It's called grace. Isn't it great?

Shepherd 1: Wow. God's love is amazing!

Shepherd 2: But I still don't get how sending a baby is going to help us? What's he going to do? Cry until I stop sinning and give him his bottle?

VOICE: Jesus is coming to build our relationship with God. He will show us God's love. No matter how far we are from God, God's love in Jesus Christ never gives up on us. That's a gift! That's grace! Go see for yourselves at the stable!

Light goes out.

Superheroes enter looking tired.

Iron Man: (*pointing toward the distance*) There's Bethlehem! We're almost there!

WW: Excuse me... shepherds? Have you heard anything about a new superhero in Bethlehem that is coming to save the earth?

Supergirl: We're scared he's going to take our jobs.

Batgirl: And we're tired!

Spiderman: And I still need to do my homework!

Shepherd 1: Woah, 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!? We're going to see him right now.

Hulk: God's son? That our guy!

WW: Woah, woah, woah 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-Hero ... thing.

Exit

SCENE 5

Mary and Joseph sitting beside the manger and the baby Jesus.

Mary: Oh. Isn't he wonderful?

Joseph: I never knew a baby was this wonderful. God has given us such a blessing.

Superheroes storm in. Shepherds follow from behind.

Supergirl: Alright, you superhero, put your hands up! Nobody is taking my job!

Batgirl: Yeah.

Spiderman: What she said!

WW: Oh my goodness. Heroes! Settle down, can't you tell there's a baby sleeping!

Supergirl: Well. Yeah. But he's going to take our jobs, and, and, and, oh, but he is so cute!

Hulk: Hulk want smash. But Hulk not smash puny god. *(baby-talk voice)* Who's a puny god? That's right, you're a puny god.

Mary: I didn't expect to see you guys again so soon. What's this about my son taking your jobs?

WW: 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.

Iron Man: We thought when Jesus arrives no one would need us anymore. But this is a baby! We don't have anything to worry about guys!

Spiderman: You're right!

Batgirl: Phew. What a relief!

Supergirl: Wait. What am I missing? I thought we were looking for a superhero. But Jesus is 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: The angel said that grace is a promise that Sin will always lose out to God's love for us. Jesus will never stop fighting on our behalf.

Iron Man: Hold on, hold on! So Jesus isn't going to take over my job? I still get to go out and save people?

Joseph: *(holding the baby)* 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.

WW: True. The world of humanity is still filled with people in need. And now we have the remedy. *(striking a hero pose while looking up and away, as if talking to the balcony)*

"I will save you, innocent citizens! And I come with a message. No matter what's happening or what you've done, Jesus will always be right here to give you God's love. Even you, evil doer!"

Spiderman: I like it!

Batgirl: Awesome!

Supergirl: Now I wish there was a way we could say thank you.

Iron Man: That's kind, but you don't need to thank me. Thank the hero who will defeat SIN.

WW: Christmas is a time when you share what you have and give gifts. Does anyone have a gift we could share?

Iron Man: Woah. When I was a kid, I didn't share very well. Had a bad incident with some Lincoln logs...

WW: Tony...

Iron Man: Don't make me out to be a saint... Fine. Here. *(gives Mary his Iron Man glove)*

Mary: Uh, thank you. Isn't this... pretty.

Iron Man: Pretty! The Mark 1 Armor isn't about pretty!

Supers: Tony!

Iron Man: But, uh, you're welcome.

Shepherd 1: And we have a wool blanket.

Shepherd 2: *(hands blanket to Joseph)* It's not much, but it'll keep baby Jesus warm.

Joseph: Thank you. This is exactly what Jesus needs on a cold night like tonight.

Mary: I'm 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!

EPILOGUE

Heroes by themselves center stage.

Iron Man: Do you think people are ready for a Savior? Do you think they're worthy of forgiveness?

WW: It's not about what you deserve; it's about what you believe, and I believe in God's love.

Supergirl: Ready or not, now there's a light in each and every one of us. The spirit of Jesus has filled our hearts, and it can't be snuffed out.

Iron Man: You're right. Things are about to get bright. Before tonight, I wouldn't have believed a baby could ever move the world, not even an inch. But Jesus – he's the key.

WW: Exactly. Today, I choose to have hope. I choose to inspire and be inspired. And I choose to believe that with Jesus, we can build a brighter, better future. After all, if God can send his Son to earth, then maybe someday earth will be the new kingdom of heaven.

Batgirl: It feels like I've been given a gift.

Spiderman: And it's time to share it.

Hulk: Hulk go up mountain. Tell world 'bout Jesus.

Spiderman: Heads up, true believers!

Batgirl: Jesus is my superhero!

Supergirl: Holy of Holies, Batgirl! That's it! Jesus is the hero of heroes, the super-est of supers, the most wonderful wonder, the strongest of them all!

Iron Man: Merry Christmas to all!

WW: And peace on all the earth!

All: Have a merry Super Christmas!