

# Children's Christmas Program

2019

## A couple of special notes for this year

### First,

did you know that we currently have a Children's Choir that's 45 members strong! When we started the prelude musicians' role, it was to provide an outlet for musically-inclined children to participate in worshipping Jesus through this program. Because our choir is at such a healthy place, **we won't have prelude musicians this year.**

*If this is very upsetting to your child, would you please let me know and we'll make an exception?* Again - we want the program to be a positive, Christ-centered memory, so speak up!

### Secondly,

the **Children's Choir** will be singing two songs at 6:30. If your child is in the choir, unfortunately, *they can't be a greeter*. And please be aware of some overlapping needs for the 12/4 rehearsal and warming up/getting ready before the program on 12/15. We'll need your help to get your dual-purposed kiddo where they need to be!



## Here's why we do it.

- We do the program so that, in the big hullabaloo of Christmas, one outstanding memory our children will have is **sharing the true story of Christ's coming.**
- Above all, **we pray that God will smile** as He sees what our children do to honor Him and His gift to us in sending Jesus.
- Second to that, we pray that **the program is a blessing** to our church family and visitors as they hear again of the true miracle of Christmas.
- **The program is by the kids and for the kids.** It won't be perfect, and that's what makes it perfect.
- **We'd love for every child to participate in some way!** Whether they only sit in the kids' section on the 15th or have a speaking part on stage, we want them to own the show and offer it as their gift to God for Christmas.
- **We'd like this to be a blessing to families as well.** So help your child choose a role that won't add stress or unnecessary complications to your family life. We'll have just a few rehearsals, simple costumes, and no cost.
- It's by and for the kids, but we will need a little grown-up help, so look at how you can jump in (on the back of this letter) and let me know where to plug you in. **This is a Grace church family production!**



## Christmas Program Parts

**All Kids:** They'll all learn songs for the program during Children's Church. It's fun and helpful for kids to come to the Dec. 14 rehearsal, but every child is welcome to participate by just showing up at 6:15 on Dec. 15. All children who want it will be provided with simple angel or shepherd headpieces and can sit with the kids down front. If this is the role for you, no need to sign up!

**Acting Role:** Actors will have a few lines that must be memorized, and need to be comfortable on stage. They must come to all 3 practices.

**Scripture Reader:** No memorization is needed for these roles. Readers can practice their verses at home, but must come to the Saturday rehearsal.

**Non-Speaking Part:** Non-speaking actors won't have lines, but should be comfortable on stage. Must come to rehearsals on 12/11 and 12/14.

**Artists:** If your kiddo is a stand-out artist and this is their thing, let me know and I'll find a perfect project for them. Must be done by Saturday rehearsal.

**Musical Performers:** No musicians this year, unless you tell me your child has been waiting for this moment, in which case, BRING 'EM ON!

**GraceKid Greeters:** Greeters offer a friendly smile and a "welcome" to guests the night of the program. They should come to Saturday rehearsal or arrange another time to meet with Mrs. Rauckman.

**Adult Helpers:** Contact Jenny if you can be the Accompanist (1 needed), Non-speaking Actor Support (2), a Saturday Room Monitor (5), Costume Sorter (4), or the Cookie Host (1, able to sit in back during the program).

## Noteworthy Dates

### Wed. Dec. 4, 5:30pm\*

Read-through rehearsal with speaking actors in Room 3. Bring a sack supper. *\*This time is subject to slight change to accommodate choir.*

### Wed. Dec. 11, 6:30pm

Rehearsal with speaking and non-speaking actors in the sanctuary.

### Sat. Dec. 14, 9:30-11:30am

ALL KIDS! Parents, hang out to help or do a last-minute gift shopping run. Pick them up from the sanctuary.

### Sun. Dec. 15, 6:30 pm

Grace Kids Christmas Program with actors and readers reporting by 6:00, and all other children by 6:15.

Contact me if you have any other questions or need help finding a good fit.

### Sunday, November 17th

Tell Jenny Lichte if you and/or your child want a part! Don't be late!

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