

A BABY CHANGES EVERYTHING

Cast of Characters

The Storyteller. Male or female, age 25-45, preferably singer.

The character of the Storyteller ties the events of the story together and also takes on the role of worship leader. The character has an engaging and high-energy persona, possessing the ability to talk directly to a large audience and hold the stage. (Think of the Narrator in *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* or the Leading Player in *Pippin*.)

Miriam. Female, Age 20s-40s, character actress.

Innkeeper, widow, affable, stubborn...and loud. Comfortable with children. Miriam can certainly be played by a non-singer. Think Angela Landsbury.

Cassius. Male, Age 45-60. Baritone/short solo

Cassius is a world-weary, hardened Roman census-taker. Begins with a bitter and darkly reflective mood, which later turns around. Cassius needs to sing a modestly-ranged solo.

Hannah. Female, Age 15-30. Preferably singer, but possibly not.

Hannah is a tender-hearted, sad young girl who has worked at the Inn for many years. Adopted by Innkeeper she is both servant and big sister to Sarah and Aaron. Lonely and feels abandoned by God.

Seth. Male, Age 25-40. Character actor/optional singer.

Shepherd, practical, believes only in what he can see and feel. Uncle to Rebekah, a young female shepherd.

Nathan. Male (possibly female,) Age 25-40. Nonsinger.

Nathan is Seth's brother and Rebekah's father. Opposite of his brother Seth, a dreamer, optimistic, excitable, and somewhat of a large child.

The Children

There are three major parts for children. They should have the discipline, maturity...and *time*...to devote to our production. (Children of adult performers may be good choices since they can travel with their parents and be looked after between scene rehearsals.) All three children's parts can, conceivably, be played by either gender and at any age between 5-12. None of them have to sing solos.

Aaron. Male, Age 5-15.

Aaron is Miriam's youngest child. Precocious, inquisitive, and blunt-as only-small-children-can-be. A bit of a pistol, who befriends Cassius.

Sarah. Female, Age 6-16.

Miriam's older child, and close friend to sad Hannah, Sarah, possess an infectious wonder at the event of birth.

Rebekah. Female, Age 8-12

Seth's niece, an excitable dreamer like her dad. A young girl firm in her faith, oldest of the three children.

Singing-Only Parts

Gabriel. Male/tenor - sings solo in "Gloria in Excelsis Deo." I

Soloist for "A Baby Changes Everything" and Reprise." Female powerhouse ballad.

The children. Sing Medley around manger – this is precast as our youth choir.

Non-Speaking Parts

Joseph
Mary
Jesus

Bethlehem Extras (optional / 4-8 men/women/children)

Several shepherds. (2-3 men/women/children.)