

ALL AGE CHRISTMAS SCRIPT



STAR ACADEMY

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Characters

- + Angel Gabriel
- + Angel Michael
- + Angel Celestia
- + Angel Harmon
- + Pop Star
- + Sports Star
- + Movie Star
- + Twinkle

Nativity Tableau

- + Mary
- + Joseph
- + Donkey
- + Angel Gabriel and Angels
- + Star

SCENE 1

Michael, Celestia & Harmon enter left and stand in huddle talking - Gabriel enters right

- Gabriel Ah, there you all are - so glad you could make it at such short notice.
- Harmon Too right it was short notice! I'd just got the angel choir practice going when your text message came. We'll never be ready for this shepherds thing if you keep interrupting our practices.
- Celestia I agree. I was in the middle of having my halo polished when you called. We're supposed to be preparing for an event that will change all history, and there's no way I'm going to Earth unless I look perfect.
- Michael And what kind of message was it anyway? *(Pulls out phone)* 'Star missing. Urgent help needed. Meeting NOW' When I looked up into the sky there were billions of stars, so why is it so urgent if one is missing?
- Gabriel Look, I'm sorry if this all seems a little odd, but I really do need your help. You see, part of the plan is that there should be a star to follow to Bethlehem, and yours truly has been given the task of assigning a star to the job.
- Harmon And you want us to help you find the missing star? *(Gabriel nods)*



Michael *(Looks puzzled)* But how will you know which one is lost - there's so many of them?

Celestia The star is not lost, Michael - it's missing. And we're going to help find it!

Michael But isn't missing the same as lost?

Harmon Not in this instance, Michael. Gabriel is asking us to help him find the star needed to fulfil God's plan. It's not lost, as it's never been found.

Michael Now I'm really confused.

Gabriel *(Sounding exasperated)* When you've all quite finished ...! The Almighty has placed an advert in this week's *Star Gazer* announcing the arrival of the Star Academy. Any star that wishes to be considered for this important role in the advent of the Messiah must come for an audition where they must prove why they are the missing star!

Michael But if they're missing, they won't see the ...

All Michael!

Michael Sorry, but ...

Gabriel Now listen. The Almighty has picked the four of us as the judges of this competition. Harmon for your musical ability, Celestia for your image and fashion sense, Michael for your sporting prowess, and me - well I'm to oversee the whole thing - a head-teacher sort of role!

Celestia This all sounds well and good, but as Michael quite rightly pointed out earlier, there are, quite literally, billions of stars. However are we going to choose just one?

Gabriel I don't think it will be too much of a problem. The Almighty has been very specific in the criteria required, so I'm sure that will narrow it down by a few million!

Harmon And just how long do we have to set up this so-called Star Academy?

Gabriel I'm was hoping you'd ask that! The auditions are scheduled to be held in the Galaxy Rooms ... tonight.

Celestia Tonight! Oh, that's ridiculous. How can we be expected to find the missing star so quickly?

Michael How about we get in touch with the guardian angels division - they should know where all the missing stars are! *(All glare at Michael)* What? What did I say?

Gabriel I'm sorry to do this to you all, but you know what it's like when the Almighty needs our help - it must be done. These are the schedules for the auditions and some briefing notes as to the kind of star we're looking for. Please read all this information carefully and I'll see you at the Galaxy Rooms at sunset. *(Gabriel hands out notes and exits)*



Harmon *(Reading notes and shaking head as beginning to exit)* This is going to be an impossible task!

Celestia How will we know who has all the right star qualities?

Harmon And how will we cope with all the disappointed hopefuls?

Michael Oh, that's really easy!

Celestia It is?

Michael Yes - we'll just give them a constellation prize!

Harmon & Celestia Michael! *(Harmon & Celestia drag Michael off)*



SCENE 2

Angels enter and sit behind tables, shuffling papers etc.

Gabriel OK then, everybody - are we ready for the first applicant?

Celestia As ready as we'll ever be!

Gabriel Excellent. The applicants know that we will ring a bell when we're ready for them. So perhaps, Michael, you would do the honours. *(Michael looks puzzled)*

Harmon He means ring the bell!

Michael Right - why didn't he say that! *(Rings bell)*

Enter Pop Star

Gabriel Thank you for coming to the Star Academy today. Perhaps you could begin by telling us who you are and why you've come for this audition.

Pop Star My name's Pop - Pop Star - and I'm a singing star to be reckoned with! I believe that my talent means I am the star you are looking for.

Michael Really? That's some claim - we'd better hear if it's true!

Pop Star *Sings*

Michael *(To Celestia)* He calls that singing? I've heard more tune in Gabriel's trumpet, and that's saying something!

Celestia Yes, but he does look quite good, doesn't he?

Harmon That was excellent, Pop. In fact, it's a shame you're not an angel 'cos I could just do with you in my choir.



Michael Well, he's not an angel, and we're looking for a missing star. So perhaps you could tell us how you see yourself fitting the role?

Pop Star Well, as a pop star with an extraordinary voice, I will be able to make the whole world stop and stare - not just a couple of travellers and some old kings. I know I can be the star of the whole event - everyone looking at me!



Gabriel Well, thank you Mr Pop Star. We'll be in touch. Michael, ring the bell.

Pop Star exits as bell rings and Sports Star runs on energetically!

Gabriel Hello, there. Thank you for coming to this Star Academy. Will you begin by telling us who you are and why you've come for this audition?

Sport Right. I'm Sparty, Sparty Star, and my all-round athletic ability and perfect physique make me a sure cert for this star role.

Celestia You certainly look fit to me! May I ask what training you undertake?

Sport I lift weights, do long-distance running and enjoy all extreme sports, as well as the occasional game of football and ice hockey. I've got some star references if you'd like to see them. *(Passes refs to Michael)*

Michael *(Reading from refs)* Good team player, excellent athlete, ability to go the distance and beyond ... I think these are excellent references for a missing star.

Harmon You would think that! But perhaps, Sparty, you could tell us why you think you are the star we're looking for?

Sport It's simple, really. I like to be the first at everything and just can't resist entering anything that means I prove my physical supremacy over the other stars. I know I'm a winner, but this guiding thing would put me in front of the rest - you know, the star of stars and all that.

Gabriel Thank you for your time, Sparty. You're obviously a busy star so we'll let you get back to your training. *(Sparty Star runs off! Bell is rung)*

Movie Star enters looking at the floor

Michael Sorry - is there a problem?

Movie I'm used to walking on red carpet, you know. It's a long time since I trod the boards.

Harmon We do apologise, but at this Star Academy all stars are equal. And you are?

Celestia Harmon, you must know that's Movie Star - I've seen her in *Angel OK* loads of times.

Harmon Never heard of her!



Celestia But she's been in all the top films. Didn't you go to see *A Star is Born*, or *Star Wars* - she was in them all and has won loads of awards.

Harmon Must be before my time.

Michael Did they make movies that long ago?

Gabriel Please excuse my colleagues, Miss Movie Star. We are very grateful to you for sparing the time to see us today. Perhaps you could tell us what made you consider auditioning at the Star Academy.

Movie It's quite simple really. The advert in the *Star Gazer* said that the Almighty was looking for the star of stars for a leading role, and therefore it has to be me because I am the leading star of our time.

Gabriel Quite. And how do you see yourself in this particular role?

Movie Well, I naturally need to be in the forefront at all times - and my agent will need to negotiate the appropriate fee. Oh, and of course, it may well be that the timing of this event may need a little adjusting for there to be the right window in my schedule.

Celestia I'm sure that shouldn't be a problem, should it?

Harmon No ... (*sarcastically*) this has only been part of the Almighty's plan since the creation of time - what would be the problem in altering it by a few weeks!

Movie Does that mean I've got the part?

Gabriel I'm afraid we can't say at this point, but we will be in touch.

Movie Make sure you are.

Movie Star exits

Celestia I think she's fantastic - there's no choice now, she is the star!

Michael Not at all. She's a has-been trying to resurrect a career that's currently got more windows than my computer! It has to be Sporty Star, in my opinion - he certainly has the endurance this special task requires.

Harmon That's all well and good, but I think Pop Star is superb. His singing and ability to shine are superb.

Gabriel I agree that all these candidates have some of the star qualities we're looking for. But I have to say I'm not totally convinced about any of them. You see, our task is to find a star that will shine brightly but will not seek to be the star of the show. I'm afraid that these stars we've seen all want to be THE star! Perhaps we should take a break to reflect upon our options and meet again at dawn. (*Gabriel exits*)

Michael Does this mean the missing star's still missing?



Harmon Yes!

Michael I'll just pop to the Lost and Found then, 'cos you never know, it might have turned up while we've been in here! *(Michael exits)*

Harmon *(Standing up to leave)* I worry about him at times.

Celestia Me too. It's the company he keeps that's the problem!

Harmon Really? I've not heard anything.

Celestia Well, between you and me, he's always away with the fairies! *(Both exit)*



SCENE 3

Twinkle star enters and skips across the stage. Gabriel follows.

Gabriel Excuse me, miss, but I wonder if you would be able to help me? *(Twinkle nods)* You see, I am looking for a star that will shine brightly and lead some very important travellers to Bethlehem. Do you think you could do that?

Twinkle I'd love to. I like to shine and brighten up the night sky - that's why I'm called Twinkle.

Gabriel Excellent. Come with me and I'll show you which way you need to go. *(Both exit)*

Song 'On a Starry Night'

Twinkle enters during singing followed by Nativity tableau. Gabriel watches from side

All exit at conclusion of song

SCENE 4

Gabriel enters and looks up into the sky. Other angels follow.

Harmon There you are, Gabriel old fellow - what a night!

Celestia A real triumph for the heavenly world.

Michael Outstanding in every way.

Harmon The Almighty certainly pulled out all the stops for this one.

Celestia Indeed - the world will never be the same.

Harmon I have to admit, Gabriel, you made an excellent choice regarding the star.

Michael Yes, Twinkle was beautiful - a real star!

Celestia A leading light in every sense.





Other angels realise that Gabriel is looking up at stars and so all look up

Michael Why are we all looking at the stars? Don't tell me another one's gone missing!

Gabriel No, Michael - the stars are all there in exactly the place the Almighty planned they should be.

Michael So why are you looking so sad, Gabriel?

Gabriel Well, I just don't understand them!

Michael What - the stars?

Gabriel No, Michael - the humans!

Celestia Who does? I don't think many of them understand themselves, so we've got no chance!

Gabriel I know - but it makes me sad to think of them. The Almighty has sent the Messiah as the Light of the World and yet they will choose to follow stars - pop stars, sports stars, movie stars. Some of them will even believe that their destiny is written in the stars and will choose to follow them rather than be guided by the One who created the stars in the first place.

Michael That is sad.

Harmon Does the Almighty know about this?

Celestia Of course he knows - he knows everything.

Harmon So what's he going to do about it?

Gabriel Oh, it's all in his plan. The light of Christ can never be extinguished in the world, and people of all times will remember and celebrate his coming at Christmas.

Michael So just as Twinkle star guided the wise men to the Christ-child, so the light of Christ leads men, women and children to the heart of God.

Gabriel Exactly!

Celestia I don't know about you lot, but there's a great rap party happening and I'm ready to join the celebration!

Harmon Lead the way, Celestia - I'm starving! *(Celestia, Harmon & Gabriel start to leave)*

Michael Hang on, you lot - are there going to be stars at this party?

Gabriel I think so.

(Michael picks up helmet and bat)



Celestia Michael! What are you doing now?
Michael Well, you know we've met pop stars, sports stars and movie stars.
Harmon Yes!
Michael This is in case there are any shooting stars!
(All exit)



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