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## **Synopsis**

A Little Star was never assigned a job to do. As Jesus leaves Heaven to be born on earth, he notices the star sitting all alone. Jesus gives the little star the most important job of all, letting the world know that a Savior was born.

This is a wonderful Readers Theater presentation for little children and youth. There are no lines to learn or memorize. The dialog is read by the storyteller. The children simply follow the movement as read in the story.

## **Ministry Focus**

Children's Christmas Story

## **Cast (any age or gender)**

Storyteller

Jesus (Male)

The Little Star (Should be physically shorter than other stars)

The Sun

The Moon

Several Other Stars (any number)

## **Costume:**

Storyteller - normal attire

Jesus - Robe

Stars - You can create actual costumes for the Stars, Sun, Moon or simply have the characters hold a cut-out of each entity.

## **Time:**

5 mins.

THE CHRISTMAS STAR

**STORYTELLER**

(Reading) This is the story of the smallest star in the Universe. In the beginning, God created the Heavens and the Earth. And in the Heavens, God created stars.

THE STARS, MOON, AND SUN ENTER. THEY ARE LOOKING AROUND IN WONDER AND AMAZEMENT AT THE HEAVENS AND AT THEMSELVES (HOW BEAUTIFUL THEY ARE)

Every star was unique, but there was one star that was very tiny. This star was smaller than every other star.

THE STARS PLAY TAG, BUT THEY IGNORE THE LITTLE STAR WHO ALSO WANTS TO PLAY.

Every time the stars got together to play, they would never play with the little star because he/she was very small and his light was not bright like theirs.

As millions of years passed, the stars grew bigger and bigger. Then one day, God called all the stars together.

ALL THE STARS LINE UP FACING THE AUDIENCE, HOWEVER THE LITTLE STAR STANDS BEHIND THEM

God told them that He had jobs for them to do. All the stars were excited and started jumping and waving their hands so God would choose them.

STARS JUMP UP WAVING HANDS HIGH IN THE AIR.

God promoted one star to be the Sun.

THE SUN STEPS OUT AND JUMPS UP IN EXCITEMENT.

Then God promoted another star to be the Moon.

THE MOON STEPS OUT AND JUMPS UP IN EXCITEMENT

Then God assigned each star a section of the world to shine over saying, "You will be over the Western world. You will shine over the Eastern world. You, the South and you the North." Then he divided the sections of the world and assigned every star to a country and land, except the little star. Then God returned to Heaven.

ALL THE STARS MOVE TO DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE STAGE (TO SHINE THEIR LIGHT) EXCEPT THE LITTLE STAR. THE LITTLE STAR IS LEFT STANDING ALONE AT CENTER STAGE, WAVING HIS HANDS.

THE LITTLE STARS LOOKS SAD.

So the little star did not have a job like the other stars. He walked around in space for thousands of years looking for something to do.

THE LITTLE STAR WALKS OVER TO THE SUN

He asked the Sun - "Can I help you shine and warm the earth?"

SUN SHAKES HEAD, "NO"

But the Sun replied, "Sorry you are not powerful enough"

THE LITTLE STAR WALKS OVER TO THE MOON

STORYTELLER (CONT'D)

Then he walked over to the Moon and asked, "Can I help you light up the night over the earth?"

MOON SHAKES HEAD, "NO"

But the Moon replied "Sorry but you are not big enough"

THE LITTLE STAR WALKS OVER TO DIFFERENT STARS

Then he asked the other stars if he could help them shine over the countries of the world they were assigned to.

OTHER STARS SHAKE THEIR HEADS "NO" WHEN THE LITTLE STAR APPROACHES THEM.

But they each said, "Sorry, there's not enough room for two stars over one city."

THE LITTLE STAR SITS DOWN (CENTER STAGE) ALL ALONE.

So the little star sat down in the Heavens all alone for thousands and thousands of years.

JESUS ENTERS STAGE

Then the day came when Jesus left Heaven to be born on earth. On his way down to the earth he noticed the little star sitting all alone.

JESUS SITS DOWN NEXT TO THE LITTLE STAR AND MIMES THE DIALOGUE

He stopped and asked the little star, "Why are you sitting alone. Don't you have a job like the other stars?"

THE LITTLE STAR SHAKES HIS HEAD, "NO"

And the little star told Jesus He was not given a job because he was small and God did not see him.

Then Jesus thought for a moment and said, "Don't worry I have a job for you."

JESUS AND THE LITTLE STAR STAND UP. THE STAR IS EXCITED.

The little star was so excited and he asked Jesus "What is it?" And Jesus said, "Come with me to Bethlehem."

JESUS TAKES THE STAR'S HAND AND BEGINS TO WALK, BUT THE LITTLE STAR DOESN'T WANT TO GO.

But the little star told Jesus, "there is already a star assigned to the city of Bethlehem. Besides, I'm too small to shine over an entire city."

JESUS KNEELS DOWN TO TALK TO THE LITTLE STAR.

But Jesus replied, "I don't want you to shine over the city, I only want you to shine over the place where I am going, a little barn on a hill in Bethlehem."

But the little star said, "if I just shine over a little barn, no one will see me."

JESUS POINTS TO THE EAST.

Then Jesus said, "There are three Wise Men looking for a sign that I have arrived. I believe you are big enough to light up a barn."

JESUS STANDS UP AND TAKES THE LITTLE STAR BY THE HAND AND WALKS AROUND ALL THE OTHER STARS, RETURNING TO CENTER STAGE.

Then Jesus took the little star by the hand and they headed toward earth. All the other stars watched as Jesus personally escorted the little star to Bethlehem.

JESUS MOTIONS THE LITTLE STAR TO STAND AT A SPECIFIC SPOT.

Then Jesus put the little star in place. And said, "When I go down, the light from my glory will leave a trail from you to a little manger, and everyone who sees you will know where I am."

JESUS EXITS.

THE LITTLE STARS STANDS PROUD AND TALL WITH BOTH ARMS OUT TO THE SIDE (TO REASSEMBLE A CROSS)

And the little star was happy because he finally a job. For on a quiet night over 2,000 years ago, this little star let the world know that a Savior was born.

Now every year the world remembers the little star that became known as the Christmas Star.

THE END

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