

# Shepherd or Crook?

*Cast:*

*Shepherd 1: Amos.*

*Shepherd 2: Jacob.*

*Voice of Angel: off stage over sound system.*

*Policeman. PC Muchimus Plodicus.*

*Nativity characters*

*Sound effects:*

*Bleating sheep.*

*Opening bars of "Glory to God" from the Messiah to be repeated.*

*Crying Baby.*

## **scene 1. There were Shepherds a-snoozing in the field.**

The Shepherds are in the field, sitting down.

There is one cuddly lamb on the stage.

Sound effect: Bleating sheep.

Lighting: as little as possible to start. Lights will need to flash and to stay on during drama 1.

Voice: Meanwhile, there were shepherds a-snoozing in the field, sort of looking after their sheep.

Amo: (Long yawn)

Jac: (long yawn)

Both fall asleep and snore loudly.

Music: Glory to God.

Lights Flash.

(Amo and Jac stay asleep.

Voice: Er Hem.

Amo and Jac stay asleep.

Music: Glory to God - Louder.

Lights Flash.

Amo and Jac stay asleep.

Voice: (Louder), Er Hem.

Amo and Jac stay asleep.

Music: Glory to God (very loud).  
Lights flash.

Voice: (impatiently) Er Hem, er hem . (silence) O wake up you dozy!...

Amo and Jac wake up with a start.

Amo: W .. W .. What's going on?

Jac: W... W.... Where am I?

Voice: (exasperated) Isn't this just what I said would happen? I mean, look at these two! Well he can't say I didn't warn him. As soon as God said "Shepherds" I said, Well your onto a hiding to nothing there Lord. I mean, Shepherds? Why Shepherds? Everyone knows that they are lazy, good for nothing, liars, cheaters, swindlers, and usually stupid as well!!

Amo: Ah, that's not fair!

Jac: We're not that bad.

Voice: Oh no? What were you doing just now then?

Amo: Err...

Jac: Err....

Voice: Quite! Looking after the sheep eh? I could have stolen the lot without you even stirring, let alone waking up!

Amo and Jac look guiltily at the floor.

Voice: Anyway that's enough of that. Aren't you going to ask me anything?

Amo: Err... Ask you what?

Voice: Well let's see shall we. You were sitting in the middle of a field in the middle of the night "looking after" your sheep when suddenly there is a brilliant light and a voice that is speaking to you from nowhere. Is that normal?

Jac: Err... come to think of it, it didn't happen last night did it Mo.

Amo: (Thinking hard and scratching his head) Err... Err.... No Jac I don't think it did.

Voice: (Exasperated noises) Look here I'll tell you what to do. Ask me who I am.

Amo & Jac: Who are you?

Voice: I'm the Angel Gabriel, alright.

Amo: Oh that's a nice name.

Jac: Err... Hello Gabriel.

Voice: Right, now ask me what I want.

Amo & Jac: What do you want Gabriel?

Voice: I've got a message for you both. A message from God. Just a few minutes ago in Bethlehem a baby was born.

Amo: Oh that's nice.

Jac: How sweet.

Amo: A baby with little tutsies.

Jac: A little baby with a ....

Voice: Oh shut up and listen will you. Look I'll give you the message and tell you what to do, alright? A baby has been born in Bethlehem, but this is no ordinary Baby. He is special. He is the Christ, the saviour of the world. You'll find him all wrapped up and lying in a manger in a stable. Now your job is to get off to Bethlehem and find him and tell his Mother that I've been to see you. Is that clear?