

## Puppet Christmas Sketch 2013

Irma and Cliff enter dressed as angels. Pink wings and halo above their heads.

They are carrying a bit silver star. There needs to be a way to suspend the star on the puppet theatre.

Adult: Now we are going to have our nativity play. All the boys and girls, can they come up onto the stage....

Irma: [Puppets enter carrying a big star] This way Cliff – ouch ouch ouch

Cliff: No – this way Irma – ouch ouch ouch

Irma: It's HOT HOT HOT

Cliff: I can't hold it any more

Irma: Don't drop it. It will explode!

Cliff: Whoops [drops star over the edge of theatre – puppets look over]

Adult: Are you Angels?

Irma: Yes, that's us! Irma and Cliff – 2nd Angel Mobile Stars / Comets / Meteor Division First Class!

Adult: I think you dropped your star.

Cliff: Don't touch it – it is incredibly hot!

Adult: [picks it up] It doesn't feel hot.

Cliff: Wow – how does he do that ? My fingers are still burning.

Irma: Must have hands of Teflon

Cliff: Now we need that putting up here if you don't mind. Then we are finished.

Irma: I could do with a lie down – that star was heavy.

Cliff: Oh but it was worth it though

Irma: Oh yes it was

Adult: What was worth it?

Cliff: Seeing him born. We saw it all!

Irma: Yes, shall we tell everyone what has happened?

Adult: That sounds like a good idea. I'll sit down over here.

Irma: Good idea – the boys and girls will help us tell the story wont they

Kids: [yes!!!!]

Cliff: It was a dark and stormy night!

Irma: It doesn't start like that.

Cliff: Yes it does.

Irma: No. It starts with Mary. Mary was going to marry Joseph.

Cliff: One day out of nowhere, the Angel Gabrielle appeared to her.

Angel: Mary God is choosing you to do a very special job. You are going to have a baby, God's son who will save the whole world.

Irma: Despite it being a shock to Joseph he married Mary. Mary and Joseph had to travel to Bethlehem to be counted as the government then wanted to know how many people there were and what they did. [M and J walk around a bit until they come to Bethlehem]. They travelled back to the city of their birth and they walked and rode a donkey all the way. When they got there after their long journey, the hotels were all full. Mary was ready to have the baby and there was nowhere for them. [Joseph knocks on the inn door].

Inn Keeper: There is no room in the inn

Cliff: But the Inn Keeper did have a barn that they could stay in.

Irma: Mary and Joseph did not complain. They were thankful. Mary gave birth to Jesus and they wrapped him in swaddling clothes and put him in the manger. It was a very humble entrance

for any baby – not just God's son.

Cliff: When Jesus was born, off in a field in the same country, shepherds were watching over the flock that night. An angel appeared before the shepherds and God's glory shone all around them. The shepherds were so afraid. It's not every day somebody comes before you glowing! (I mean, Irma and me are used to it but not everyone else!)

Irma: The angel told the shepherds...

Angel: Fear not: for I bring you great and joyful news; news for everybody. Today in Bethlehem a saviour has been born

Cliff: And suddenly there was with the angel, (on the left) George, Bob, Marcia, Lucy, Alfred...

Irma: thousands more angels...

Cliff: All praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, good will toward men.

Irma: The shepherds left their flocks and raced to Bethlehem. It was just as they had been told and they were amazed!

Cliff: Three wise men in a distant land saw a bright star (this was our bit!) that God placed in the sky over the place where Jesus was born and they followed it all the way from their home in the east, all the way to the barn in Bethlehem where Jesus was lying.

Irma: When they found Jesus, they gave him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. Wow what a day!

Cliff: But do you know what Irma. I find it hard to know why Jesus had to be born. It's amazing and all that. I like the star bit best mostly. But why did Jesus have to be born?

Irma: Well it's obvious! Jesus went to get the gifts. I think.

Adult: No, that's not really the reason. At all. Do you really not know? I thought Angels were supposed to be close to God and know what was going on?

Cliff: Well we kind of missed the big briefing as we were talking about escape velocity, vectors and gravitational slingshots with our Captain.

Irma: I was practising spectrographic analysis on paper clips.

Cliff: We missed the explanations bit.

Adult: The thing is it is such a special birth because Jesus was not a normal baby, this was God himself coming down to live with people. Just like one of us. The king of the universe – comets...

Irma: and stars!

Adult: ... and stars and everything – leaving all that power and greatness behind and becoming a little baby, born into a family as poor as a family could be. It was all written about hundreds of years before and they had a special name for Jesus – Emmanuel, which means God with us.

Cliff: Wow. God really does love these Humans. It's amazing as they are not perfect like us angels.

Irma: I am particularly perfect me [blows nose and wipes on sleeve]

Cliff: That's right. I mean what did he do it for. Won't he catch some nasty disease from them and end up being as rotten and mean as they can get?

Adult: No. That was the amazing thing. Jesus lived his life in an utterly perfect way. Somewhat better manners than you Irma too. He never did anything wrong. Then he gave his life for us so we could be forgiven by God and live with God forever. Jesus brings the best gifts into the world. He gives us joy, peace and love.

Irma: Wow. That's cool. This guy is good Cliff. He knows a lot of stuff

Cliff: That's right. Can we ask you some more questions?

Adult: Sure.

Irma: There is something we always wanted to know...

Cliff: How many Angels can you get in a triangle?

Adult: Pardon me?

Irma: That's silly Cliff, every one knows the Angels inside a triangle add up to 180.

Cliff: Yes, I mean how many Angels can dance on the head of a pin?

Adult: I don't think that is such an important subject as compared to the story of God coming to earth?

Irma: Hmm you could be right. I think it is 22. 35 if they are not those little fatty cherubims.

Cliff: Come on Irma. It's time to get back to work for us. We need to move several planets into the Habitable Zone.

Irma: Bye everyone... Oh just one more thing... Why do we wear these Frisbees on our heads?

Cliff: Come on Irma! Bye!