

## CHARACTERS

(Flexible cast of 12: 2 female, 9 male, 1 gender-neutral)

**Mr. Carter** (16 lines): Sunday School teacher and kind mentor to Ellen and Stanley

**Ellen** (44 lines): Excitable girl, slightly scatterbrained and usually blunt

**Stanley** (46 lines): Precocious boy with a large vocabulary and a knowing attitude

**Balthazar** (11 lines): Wise man bearing myrrh

**Caspar** (8 lines): Wise man bearing gold

**Melchior** (8 lines): Wise man bearing frankincense

**Shepherd #1** (12 lines): Leader of the simple, well-intentioned shepherds

**Shepherd #2** (9 lines): Shepherd convinced that Stanley cannot speak English

**Shepherd #3** (9 lines): Shepherd utterly confused by Stanley's way of speaking

**Angel of the Lord** (2 lines): Angel who announces Christ's birth to the shepherds

**Joseph** (8 lines): Mary's husband, anxious for his family's safety

**Mary** (5 lines): Christ's mother, grateful and trusting God for protection