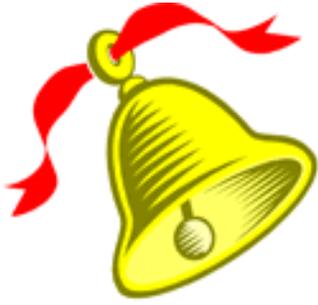


Christmastime or Tinseltime?



Synopsis of Musical Play

Five - Act Play

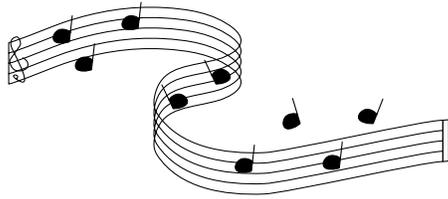
- Act 1** **Church Rehearsal.** Twins Hannah and Jimmy Johnson struggle at the children's choir practice for the upcoming Christmas musical at church.
- Act 2** **Driving to the Mall.** Jimmy and Hannah's father, a widower with little money, drives his children to a busy shopping mall to buy their Christmas gifts.
- Act 3** **Shopping at the Mall.** Jimmy adores the glitter and tinsel, while Mr. Johnson is appalled at the commercialism associated with Christ's birth.
- Act 4** **Going Home.** A horrible traffic accident on the way home from the shopping mall nearly takes Hannah's life and shatters the Christmas spirit.
- Act 5** **At the Hospital.** Jimmy finds new life as he gives his blood to save the life of his sister, Hannah.



Characters



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| 1. | Narrator | 6. | Mr. Johnson, widowed father of Jimmy and Hannah |
| 2. | Mrs. Smith, the children's choir director | 7. | Male soloist |
| 3. | Jimmy, a junior age boy | 8. | Shopping mall choir |
| 4. | Hannah, Jimmy's twin sister | 9. | Doctor |
| 5. | Other boys and girls at the rehearsal | 10. | Nurse |



Songs

1. **"Away in a Manger."** Jimmy butchers this sweet, familiar Christmas carol as sung by the children's choir.
2. **"Christmastime or Tinseltime?"** The children's choir sings the theme song.
3. **"Climbing Mountains."** Mrs. Smith leads the children in this rousing action song about the shepherd David.
4. **"Precious Cargo."** An offstage radio singer sings this precious song about the donkey which carried Mary to Bethlehem.
5. **"Sing Christmas Is Coming."** Mr. Johnson duels the shopping mall choir in this hilarious, yet triumphant, song of the real meaning of Christmas.
6. **"We Have Found Jesus."** Mr. Johnson and the shopping mall choir sing this Christmas shepherds' song of what happens in their life when they find Jesus.
7. **"Christmastime or Tinseltime?"** Hannah and Mr. Johnson reprise the theme song on the way home from the shopping mall.
8. **"Christmastime Medley."** All of the characters and choirs combine for the finale.