**The Miracle of Christmas**

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***Synopsis***:

This skit has two basic parts. In the first part, several of the letters of the alphabet hold a clandestine meeting to talk about rebelling and leaving the alphabet because they feel as if they are overworked at Christmastime. However, they come to realize that without them, Christmas would be missing something very important.

The second part is more reflective in nature, and it is in more of a dramatic reading style. It reflects on the miracle of the incarnation.

Either one of these two parts could be used independently of the other.

***Length:*** 5-7 minutes

***Cast***:

* 13 actors total
  + First part: 7 actors
  + Second part: 6 actors
* Cast could be as small as 7 if the actors from the first part also do the second part
* The second part could be tweaked for any number of actors
* The letter characters are written gender-specifically, but could be adjusted

***Props***:

* Each of the 7 letters should be marked in some way. It works well to give each of them a sign hung with string around their neck.

***Stage Setup Suggestions: (when looking at the stage)***

* Start with the letters in this order from left to right: MICARIL
* OR, simply have the letters standing as a group in a mixed up order

**Mr. M:** Good evening, fellow letters of the alphabet. As you know, we have gathered here, under the cover of darkness, because each one of us feels that we have been treated unfairly.

**Mr. I:** You’ve got that right! I'm overworked and underpaid! *I* do this, and *I* do that. Well, *I* am worn right out!

**Mr. M:** Mr. I, please try to keep the interruptions to a minimum, if you can.

**Mr. I:** I apologize.

**Mr. M:** Now, back to business. All seven of us feel strongly that we are being mistreated, and we are considering going to drastic measures to escape from the abuse. Who's with me?

**Mr. I:** Aye!

**Mr. M:** Yes, Mr. I. Thank you for your support. Now, some of us have already talked, and we feel that the only option we have is to leave the alphabet. It means being homeless, of course, but it seems it might be our only option.

**Mr. C:** I agree! I'm exhausted! You would not believe how many times I get used in a day! I'm completely drained!

**Mr. M:** Tell us about it.

**Mr. C:** Where do I start? Between the Christmas carols, Christmas concerts, Christmas cookies, Christmas candy, Christmas choirs, Christmas cards, and Christmas candy canes, I'm overused. Then there's the chocolate, the cheese, the chestnuts, the charities, the chimneys, and the chattering children. And the celebrations, ceremonies, cider, and cinammon...

**Miss A:** It is tiring, *eh*?

**Mr. C:** I'm so glad you *see* what I mean.

**Miss A:** I do! The way we're being treated isn't fair! No other letters get asked to do as much as we do.

**Mr. R:** I'm so tired by the end of the day, I don't even make it to my bed before I fall asleep!

**Miss A:** What *are* you talking about? I don't even get to sleep at all!

**Mr. I:** This can't go on. Every year at Christmas time, we work so hard that we hardly make it through the season. It takes until mid-February for us to fully recover!

**Miss A:** He's right, eh? Something needs to be done.

**Mr. M:** Which is why we have met to discuss this. But we need to be careful. If we make a hasty decision, it could spell disaster!

**Mr. R:** Yes, Mr. Y was invited but he chose not to come. He said it wasn't ethical.

**Mr. C:** (*shakes head*) I don't understand Y.

**Miss A:** I still say we just leave. Maybe everyone would appreciate us once we're gone.

**Mr. M:** Well, there's plan A. But we should hear from everyone first. L and E, you've been quiet. What are your thoughts?

**Mr. L:** Well, I guess I have the opposite problem as the rest of you. You all are getting used too much, but I don't get used enough! All Christmas long, all I hear is No L, No L, No L! It's downright depressing.

**Mr. M:** It's not nice to be underappreciated. Miss E, what do you think?

**Miss E:** I agree with you all. I do. I'm tired, too. But. . . I just keep thinking about what Christmas would be missing without us.

**Mr. I:** What it would be missing? I don't get it.

**Mr. C:** Yeah, what *would* it be missing?

*(other letters shrug shoulders and mutter to each other)*

**Miss E:** Well... (*directs the letters to switch places so that they spell MIRACLE)*

**Miss A:** Aaaaaay!

**Mr. I:** I

**Mr. C:** See!

**Mr. L:** If we left, we would take the miracle out of Christmas.

**Miss E:** And without the miracle, we wouldn't have Christmas.

**Mr. M:** You know, I think Miss E is right. Maybe we shouldn't be so quick to complain. Christmas isn't really about us, after all.

**Miss A:** It's true, eh? It's about the miracle of God loving us...

**Mr. I:** The miracle of God sending His son...

**Mr. L:** The miracle of Jesus being willing to be sent...

**Mr. R:** The miracle of Him becoming human...

**Mr. C:** The miracle of that kind of love.

**Miss E:** The miracle of Christmas.

**Reader 1:** The miracle of Christmas. God *developed* into a human being.

**Reader 2**: There was a moment when God, who is timeless, existed in a being that was only a few seconds old.

**Reader 3**: There was a time when God, who is infinite, was contained in a being that had a lifespan.

**Reader 4**: He squeezed His glory into cells, tissues, and organs.

**Reader 1**: And the One who holds everything together chose to be completely dependent on another for nine months of His life.

**Reader 2**: As Jesus’ human body developed, His every breath, every heartbeat, and every source of life came from Mary.

**Reader 3**: And all the while, her every breath, every heartbeat, and every source of life was coming from Him.

**Reader 4**: This is an absolutely amazing thing about God.

**Reader 1**: When He sent His Son to earth, He could have sent Him as a full-grown human who could take care of Himself.

**Reader 2**: But no.

**Reader 5**: He started the same way that each of us did—

**Reader 6**: Small, helpless, and incomplete.

**Reader 5**: He entered the world exactly like every other human being—

**Reader 6**: With nothing to offer except ourselves.

**Reader 5**: Except, in His case, offering himself was offering everything.

**Reader 6**: He loved us enough to become like us—

**Reader 5**: So that we could learn that we need to become like Him.

**Reader 6**: He humbled Himself enough to exist in a dependant and helpless child—

**Reader 5**: So that we could learn that nothing He asks us to do is beneath us.

**Reader 6**: He lived a holy life in a world full of sin and heartache—

**Reader 5**: So that we could learn that our surroundings do not have to define who we are.

**Reader 6**: As John put it in John 1:14,

**Reader 4**: “The Word became flesh and dwelt among us. We have seen His glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.”

**All**: And that is the miracle of Christmas.