

The Best Christmas Pageant Ever
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CHARACTERS:

The Herdmans: Ralph, Imogene, Leroy Claude, Ollie and Gladys
Horrible kids, they steal, lie and smoke cigars.

Fred Shoemaker- the Herdmans burned down his house

Miss Brandel: the teacher

Miss Hemphill: the nurse

Mrs. Armstrong: previously was in charge of the Christmas pageant

Charlie: Beth's brother, played a Shepard in the play

Questions:

1. Whose tool house ^{did} the Herdman Children burn down? Fred Shoemaker
2. How did the fire start? The kids were playing with a chemistry set
3. Whose Chemistry set was it? Leroy Herdman
4. How many kids were in the Herdman family? 6
5. Where did the Herdman's live? Over a garage at the bottom of Sproul Hill
6. What type of animal did they own? A cat
7. Was the cat friendly? No
8. What was the name of the school that the kids attended? Woodrow Wilson School
9. Where was Mr. Herdman? He disappeared, no one knows where he is
10. What part did Charlie have in the Christmas Pageant? A Shepard
11. Did Beth and Charlie want to be in the Christmas pageant? No
12. What does Charlie wear in the Christmas pageant? His dad's bathrobe
13. Why did mom run the Christmas pageant? Because Mrs. Armstrong broke her leg
14. What part does Ralph play? Joseph
15. Who were the wise men? Leroy, Claude and Ollie
16. Who plays the Angel of the Lord? Gladys
17. Did the Herdman kids know the story about Christmas night? No
18. Why did the Herdman kids come to Sunday School? They thought they would get treats there
19. What is Frankincense and Myrrh? Precious oils and fragrant resins
20. Who sent the wise men to find baby Jesus? King Herod
21. Why did the Herdman kids want library cards? To read about Jesus and King Herod
22. How did Herod die? In his bed of old age
23. Did the Herdman kids show up on time to every rehearsal? Yes
24. Was that unusual? Yes, they were never on time
25. How did Imogene play the part of the Blessed Mother? Loud and Bossy
26. Baby Jesus is played by a doll, why? Because none of the Mothers wanted their babies to play the part because of the Herdman kids.
27. When was the last rehearsal? The night before the pot luck dinner

28. Who was Alice Wendleken? She played the Blessed Mother every year except this year.
29. Why didn't she play the part this year? Because Imogene threatened her, because she wanted the part
30. Who named Jesus? God sent an angel to Mary to tell what to name baby Jesus
31. What did Imogene do during recess and dress rehearsal? Smoke cigars
32. Who called the fire department because of the smoke from the cigars? Mrs Homer Mccarthy
33. What time did the Pageant start? 7:30
34. What was the opening song? Away in a Manger
35. What gift did the Herdmand's bring to Baby Jesus? A ham
36. What was different about Imogene's face? She had a black eye
37. What were some ways the Herdmans made the pageant better? Imogene burped baby Jesus, they gave the ham instead of gold and frankensence, and the wise men stayed and sat instead of leaving the stage.
38. What did Imogene do that surprised everyone? She cried
39. What did Gladys yell? Hey, unto you a child is born.
40. What did Imogene ask for at the end of the pageant? Bible- story pictures, she took out the picture of the Blessed Mother.

IN WHAT BOOK.....

Did the least expected characters make the show the best its ever been?

Did everyone learn a new meaning of Christmas?

Did everyone get to see the good side of the main characters instead of their rotten, mischievous side?