THE CHRISTMAS CROSS
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CHARACTERS: Mary, Joseph, 6 shepherds, 3 wisemen, 3 kings, 6 angels, musician, soloist.

MUSIC: Christmas Music - "Hark the Herald Angels Sing", "Away in A Manger", "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks", "Glory Be To God", "We Three Kings of Orient Are", "Joy To The World".

PREPARATION: Each person taking part should be dressed in character. If it would help you may draw a cross on the floor with chalk so that all may find their places more easily. All angels have candles, a few have other props as indicated.

PROGRAM

Soft Christmas music. Enter two angels, both with unlighted candles, one with a star. They are carrying a manger and baby. They place manger and babe on the floor as indicated in diagram. The angel with the star stands at top, other in center.

Song: "Hark the Herald Angels Sing".

Mary and Joseph enter, taking their places. Mary holds baby and Joseph kneels.

Song: "Away in A Manger".

Six shepherds enter, 3 from each side, one group led by another angel with candle. They take their places - 3 shepherds on each side and angel in center of tail of cross.

Song: "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks".

Three wisemen bearing gifts enter, deposit gifts, take their places between the two angels in tail of cross.

Song: "Glory Be to God".

Three kings bearing gifts enter, deposit gifts, take their places at foot of cross.

Song: "We Three Kings of Orient Are."

Three angels appear with candles, one with a Harp, one with a Horn, one with an open Bible. They take their places - one at each end of the arms of the cross, one at the foot. Lights are turned out, all but angels kneel, candles are lit and audience sings "Silent Night". Angel with Bible leads out and others fall in.

Songs may be sung or played as action is taking place.