



## Cast of Characters, Costumes, and Props

### Speaking Roles and Costumes

- **Narrator (story)** – adult or older child, dressed either casually or in a flowing robe
- **Reader (scripture; optional up to five readers)** – adult or older child in dress similar to the Narrator
- **Ebenezer Scrooge** – adult or older child, dressed as an old man, with flowing beard, simple black nightclothes and (optional) nightcap
- **Bob Cratchit** – older or younger child, dressed in a “desk clerk’s uniform”
- **Angel (optional three angels)** – older or younger child, in a sparkling white robe with a golden halo

### Non-Speaking Roles and Costumes

- **Mary, Joseph, and Mrs. Cratchit** – older children, dressed in humble robes or clothes with head covering
- **Tiny Tim** – younger child, dressed in humble robes or clothes, with a crutch
- **Shepherds (optional)** – younger children, dressed in humble robes with head coverings and, if possible, shepherds’ staffs
- **Guests in the Inn (optional)** – younger children, dressed as peasants in their best “town” clothes
- **Manger Animals (optional)** – younger children, representing cows, sheep and donkeys; they can wear T-shirts that have been screened with their respective animal images, OR they can wear more elaborate costumes

### Props

- Bethlehem Inn: front desk or high counter for Bob Cratchit; optional sign for The Bethlehem Inn
- Scrooge’s room: small office desk, bed, large clock or grandfather clock, black cloak, and gold and silver coins, including a large silver coin for him to hold
- Cratchits’ room: Chair or rocking chair for Mrs. Cratchit
- Stable: Chair or bed of hay or straw for Mary in the manger; Baby Jesus wrapped in humble “swaddling” cloths;
- Podium for Narrator and Reader
- Crutch for Tiny Tim
- Shepherds’ hooks
- Angel halos

Note: An integral part of the story is the tolling of the clock bells to signal the appearance of the angel. The “bells” can be played by keyboard, chimes or handbells. Additionally, the accompaniment/performance CD features track IDs for each of the bell tolls.

# Overture: O Little Town Of Bethlehem

Choir / Opt. Keyboard Only

(During Overture, Narrator and Reader take their places. Choir enters singing [optional: keyboard only on Overture]. Mrs. Cratchit and Tiny Tim move to their room; Mr. Cratchit, Mary and Joseph move to front desk. Scrooge moves to his room, sits at his desk, and begins to count his money.)

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5 VOICES *mp* 7

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still we— see thee lie. A - bove thy deep and dream - less— sleep, the

\*Traditional Surrey village ballad; Words by Phillips Brooks (1835–1893).