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FOREWORD

I am so excited to introduce the musical, *Isaiah Jones and the Seekers of The Lost Christmas Treasure*. I'm sure you can imagine the excitement when I told our kids choir we were doing a *video game* musical! The mere concept of turning kids into 8-bit, pixelated video game adventurers has made this a really fun musical for my own choir to present. Aside from all the great musical and creative aspects, there is an important message that shines through: in giving us His Son, God gave us His most precious Gift. The secret to "winning the game of life" and finding your true purpose is living a life that is used by God's Spirit to give His love away to others.

As the musical opens, we hear a voice that resounds above the epic adventure music, telling the tale of Isaiah Jones. He braves overwhelming obstacles in his search for the Lost Treasure. Not until the music morphs into video game sounds do we realize that although it is Christmas Eve, a bov is playing his favorite handheld video game, "Isaiah Jones." After brushing off his little sister's request to go caroling, he falls asleep and the unimaginable happens—he wakes up in the video game!

As he journeys through the game levels with wo dventurers, Ellie Ellington and Savanna, they meet two members of the IRS (Item Relocation Specialists) on the Road to Bethlehem, who promise to help guide them safely to the Cave of Wisdom at the end of the game. When they finally reach the Cave of Wisdom, they realize with horror that they have been traveling with the King of Thieves in disguise! He swipes the key to the Golden Gate, throws Isaiah Jones into a pit of gummy worms, and steals the ancient Treasure of Myrrh! Savanna reminds Isaiah that no matter how hopeless our situation seems, God is always with us - Emmanuel. When the King of Thieves grabs the Treasure of Myrrh to win the game, nothing happens. Having expected to win the game, he comically sobs and leaves to return to the Desert of Doon Isaiah Jones is helped out of the pit by his fellow adventurers and meets a Wise Man who is traveling to see a King. Wanting to help, Isaiah and his friends give Balthazar the Treasure of Myrrh. Immediately the game stops and they are all declared the winners! What really won the game was giving the gift away! Balthaxar guides them to a simple stable in Bethlehem where they find that the Baby is the Treasure—God's most precious Gift.

Please feel free to contact me with questions or to share the great things that God is doing in your groups. Check out my Facebook group: "Christy Semsen's Epic Kids Choir Forum." You can become a member and use it as a resource to communicate with other directors who have posted questions, photos, and videos of their productions! My email is csemsen@gmail.com and I'd love to hear from you. I'm thrilled to be a part of this journey with you!

Christy Semsen

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SCENE 1

(1) (music begins to "Isaiah Jones." Stage is dark. We hear a voice that resounds above the epic music, telling the tale of Isaiah Jones. Not until the music morphs into video game sounds do the lights come up on a boy, and we realize he is playing a handheld video game)

BOY.

(In an "announcer" voice in the darkness) Through treacherou mountains, he forges ahead. Braving unimaginable obstacles will fight until he wins the prize. He will seek until he finds the Lost Treasure. With a grin on his face and a spring in his step, there's nothing he can't do-he's Isaiah Jones!

(Spotlight comes up on Boy and Little Sis. Music changes to video game sound and we realize he is playing video game. On the accompaniment DVD, you can see the adventure here, Isaiah Jones, jumping and moving through the course. He is wearing a distinctive, *Indiana Jones-type outfit)*

(In a normal kid voice, deeple immerced in the game) And now, if Isaiah Jones could just finda Power Up Lemonade Token, I could outrun the robbers and set the map to the Lost Treasure.

LITTLE SIS: (entering excitedly) Are you ready to go caroling?

Not now! I finally figured out how to defeat the Deadly Sugar Bees BOY.

in the Desert of Doom!

LITTLE SIS: Can't you play it later?

BOY: acted) What? No! If I stop now I'll lose all my progress . . .

LITTLE (sweetly trying to convince him) But it's Christmas Eve.

> (not hearing) Hmmmm . . . And jump! And punch . . . punch . . . **punch!** (lights fade off on Boy and Little Sis)

(During the song, the video game world "comes alive" all around him, with Sand Princesses there and kids playing jungle-type drums; Boy continues playing game, looking down)

Isaiah Jones













*Sand Princesses are also included on the accompaniment split-track.



LITTLE SIS: (during song at meas. 75) Mrs. Hinkle next door gave me two

cookies, even though I wasn't caroling. I brought them so we could

eat them together.

BOY: (distractedly takes both and stuffs them in his mouth) **Thanks.**

LITTLE SIS: Hey!

BOY: (momentarily looks up) Oh, did you want one?

LITTLE SIS: (sigh) No. It's okay. It's Christmas, but all you care about is that game.

BOY: (matter of fact) It's a great game. (back to his game) I'm not topping

'til I find the Lost Treasure—even if I have to stay up all night







Dream Sequence



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SCENE 2

(Cue-music begins to "Dream Sequence")

(Spotlight comes up on the boy asleep on the floor, curled up with a blanket, the game controller still in his hands. "Dream Sequence" ends. Stage lights up. His surroundings have changed; he is shocked to find himself dressed like his hero, Isaiah Jones)

(Walks to stand over him, talking very fast and excitedly. She doesn't pause between sentences, and speaks as if the paragraph were a run-on sentence.) Well, if I knew you were going to take a nap I wouldn't have used the Lightning-Lemonade Power Up. It doesn't last forever, you know? Whoo! Those "power-up" tokens really give you a boost, you know?

BOY/

ISAIAH. (sleepily) Hmmm?

ELLIE: (continuing fast, in one breath) But, if you think I climbed up

> Mistletoe Mountain, braving the Deadly Sugar Bees to get that Lightning-Lemonade Power Up, just to "WASTE IT" watching **you sleep...** (takes a huge comic breath) **well, you're crazier than**

thought! (pause) (velling) WAKE UP, IZZY!

ISAIAH. (confused) Izzy?

(Still energetic and fast) Oh, don't tell me now von don't ELLIE:

> nickname? For the longest time it was like, (imitating Isaiah Jones) "Call me Izzy... Call me Izzy... Isaiah sounds like a poet, not an adventurer," and I was like, "Okay, I'll call you Izzy and now you

don't *like* it anymore?

(incredulously) Isaiah!? Am I in the ISAIAH.

(answers for him) ... Deser of Poom? Yes. We passed through the ELLIE:

Sticky Sandstorm to get here, remember? That sand must have

really knocked you out

(under his breath, to himself) I must be in the video game! This is ISAIAH:

AWESOME! And she must be Isaiah Jones' spunky sidekick, Ellie

Ellington

ELTIE: ng to her name) Yes?

s throat) Uh, nothing, Ellie. (saying grandly) And "Izzy" ISAIAH:

would be fine, thank you.

ELLIE: (continuing on) Well, I'm glad you think so because this Lightning

Lemonade is really doing the trick and I think we need to get going

before it wears off and . . .

SAVANNA: (running onstage) Did you see it?

SAIAH: (excitedly) See what?

SAVANNA: The Shooting Star. I tracked it to this location!

ELLIE: We lost track of that when we got caught in the Sticky Sandstorm.

But before that, Izzy saw it, right Izzy?

ISAIAH: (grandly trying to embrace his new role) Uh, right. I saw it in the

... uh ... in the ...

ELLIE: (impatient) . . . in the City of Strangers. (apologetic) His pixels have

been a bit scrambled since the Sandstorm got us. I'm sorry, where are my manners? I'm Ellie Ellington, and this here is THE great adventurer, Isaiah Jones. We are traveling to the Cave of Wisdom

to find the Lost Treasure!

ISAIAH: (embracing it) You can call me Izzy.

SAVANNA: My name is Savanna, and I'm seeking the Lost Treasure, too. The

rumor is that the treasure is myrrh—an ancient gift worthy of a king! You mind if I travel with you? I found the Golden Clue to get

to the next level. (pulling it from pocket or pouch)

ISAIAH: You did? Great!

SAVANNA: It says, "Travel the Road to Bethlehem, and beware of robbers who

will take you in."

ISAIAH: (confused) Bethlehem? \ dow't remember the Cave of Wisdom

being located in Bethlehem. . this isn't a Christmas game! Huh. I

must have forgotten.

SAVANNA: You have to crave the Road to Bethlehem, because it leads to The

Ritzy Inn in Level 5.

ISAIAH: (puzzled) Pid you say, "The Ritzy Inn-Inn"?

ELLIE: The Ritzy what-what?

ISAIAH I'm pretty sure I heard you say, "The Ritzy Inn-Inn"?

SAVANNA: No, I said, "The Ritzy Inn . . . in Level 5" . . .

ALL THREE: Oh ... ahh ... right, gotcha, etc. ...

(music begins to "Follow the Star", page 19)

ISAIAH: (to himself) I actually don't remember The Ritzy Inn being a level

in this game . . .

ELLIE: *(confused)* Uh, Izzy, we've never been to Level 5.

ISAIAH: Uh, never mind—you're right; I may have gotten my pixels

scrambled. Will you refresh me on the levels we are playing next?

Follow the Star























SCENE 3

SAVANNA: We'd best keep moving. We don't want to be on this road once the

timer starts counting down.

ISAIAH: Tell me about it—when the time starts running out, sometimes I

have to use ten different lives to get through that part of the course.

ELLIE: Ten lives? What in the world!? (matter of fact—to self) My Lemonade

Power Up must be wearing off . . . that's what it is.

SAVANNA: (whispering) You know, they say there are robbers on this road

ISAIAH: (nonchalant) Oh, there are; they're pretty easy to defeat, though.

ELLIE: There's the Izzy I know!

SAVANNA: You've been this way before?

(Cue-music begins to "Tiny Cactus Oxcerscore",

Tiny Cactus Underscore



ISAIAH:

Only up through Level 4, but what you really want to watch out for is a Dancing Cactus. They'll steal 15 points from you if they tag you. What you need to do is use the Ice Cream Rocket Launcher. You can freeze them so you don't lose any points.

ELLIE:

See that tiny cactus over there? (she points to a tiny cactus that is moving and dancing a bit) He seems harmless, but when he grows up, he will really cause some damage. (When music changes, Ellie pulls out sparkly ice cream powder and throws it on the Tiny Cactus that freezes.)

(Shooting Star [optionally, could be Little Sis], runs across towards stage left. An embedded Shooting Star SFX immediately follows the Tiny Cactus freeze.)

ISAIAH:

There's the Shooting Star!

SAVANNA:

(excitedly) Yes! They say the Shorting Star guides you to the Treasure of Myrrh at the end of the game. But we will need to find the next Golden Clue; that will help us get to the hidden entrance to the Cave of Wisdom.

ELLIE and

ISAIAH: Ooooooo—the Cave of Wisdom!

(Ellie and Isalah are so enthralled by the path of the star, they nearly back into two castus enemies.)

SAVANNA: (seeing the cacti) Watch out!

13 (Cue-music begins to "Breakdancing Cactus Underscore", page 34)

ELLIE: (startled) Dancing Cactus! (several Breakdancing Cacti dance toward them, surrounding them.)

SAIAH: Where?!

ELLIE: (yells) Everywhere! They're closing in on us.

SAVANNA: And it's the most dangerous kind—the Breakdancing Cactus!

ISAIAH: (nobly) Hold on, everyone—Isaiah Jones will take care of you!

... Wow, (jumping around to avoid them as they encircle them) this
is bouldn't real life.

is harder in real life.

KRUZ: (pops up with Scarlett; he holds up an Ice Cream Rocket Launcher)

Here, use this!

ISAIAH: Wow! An Ice Cream Rocket Launcher!

ELLIE: Who are you?

SCARLETT: Never mind! Just take it! (throws Ice Cream Rocket Launcher to

Isaiah)

ISAIAH: **POWER UP!** (when music changes, this is the cue to shoot the Ide

Cream Rockets to freeze the Cacti)

(breakdancing cactus music stops here)

ISAIAH: Wow! Thanks!

KRUZ: (smoothly) No problem!

SAVANNA: (to Scarlett and Kruz) Where did you come from?

KRUZ: I'm Kruz, this is Scarlett. Let's just say . . we are experts in cactus

fighting.

SCARLETT: We are always happy to help neonle passing through.

SAVANNA: Are you adventurers, too?

KRUZ: Absolutely! We have a long lineage of ... "adventurers" ... in our

family.

SCARLETT: (motioning all around) Welcome to our home. Can I get you

anything?

ELLIE: (still energetic, but less fast talking) You live in the Desert of

Doom?! Wait, [226] [14] (Cue-Power Up) the only people that actually LIVE in the Desert of Doom are the Cactus and . . . and the Robbers! (Ellie points Ice Cream Rocket Launcher at Kruz and

Scarlett)

SCARLETT: If you don't mind, we prefer "Item Relocation Specialists." I.R.S.

for short.

KRUZ: **Do you mind if we join you?**

ELLIE: (suspiciously) You're not going to "specially relocate" any "items"

from us, are you?

KRUZ: No need to. We are happy to guide any fellow travelers safely on

the Road to Bethlehem.

(Ellie is still not sure about Kruz and Scarlett on the team. She eyes them cautiously.)

15 (music begins to "Road to Bethlehem", page 35)

ISAIAH: Welcome to our team, Kruz and Scarlett! We are grateful for your experience navigating the Road to Bethlehem. Lead the way!

(During song, the kids change set pieces from cacti and desert hills to end the song with the set for The Ritzy Inn—a few small lounge tables and a singer and a musical "band." The set change becomes part of the movement of the song, since they are "traveling" the road to Bethlehem.) (See instructional DVD for simple set ideas.)

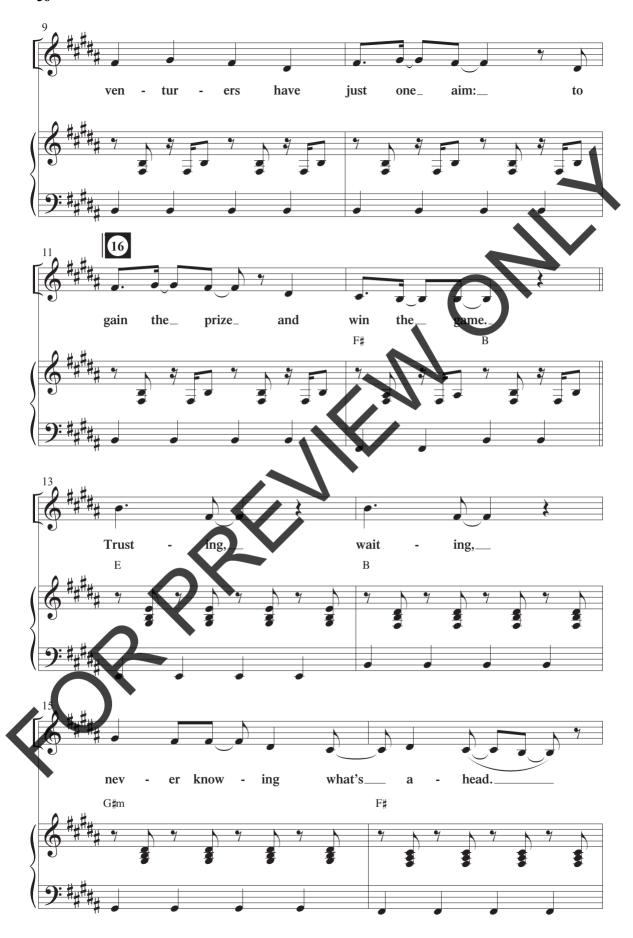
Breakdancing Cactus Underscore



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Road to Bethlehem











NARR. 1: (During song, m. 44) "In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world.

NARR. 2: So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth to Bethlehem. He went there to register with Mary, who was expecting a Child."

(adapted from NIV)





SCENE 4



ELLIE:

We made it to Level 5, everyone! (sheers) (SFX-Cue) And there's the next clue over there! [She picks up a gold card from the floor and gives it to Isaiah]

(music begins to "Ritzy Inn Underscore IN" page 44)

ISAIAH: The Ritzy Inn-Inn! I mean ... Inn. I've never seen this level before.

ELLIE: (looking at him as if he were crass) Of course, you haven't—we just

got here!

ISAIAH: (reading the clue with Ellie) "You've safely traveled the Bethlehem

road, like Mary and Joseph so long ago. Search for the Key where

there was no room for a baby.

ELLIE: (continuing) But choose correctly, or you will be back at the top and

all progress will come to a stop."

SCARLETT: Back at the top? I wonder what that means?

ELLIE: ("know it all," still peppy) It means we would have start the level

over again—which, if you ask me, is a huge waste of time.

SAYANNA: We know that before we make it to the Cave of Wisdom, we have to

unlock the Golden Gate. The place we find the Key is where there

was no room for a baby . . .

ISAIAH: (finishing for her) No room . . . in the inn. That sounds like a Bible

story I've heard before. Hey, this is an inn, so the Key should be

here!

INNKEEPER: (walking up to them) Welcome to The Ritzy Inn. I'm sorry to tell

you that we are completely sold out for the night.

SCARLETT: Oh, we're not staying—just passing through.

ISAIAH: We need to find the Key to the Golden Gate.

Ahhh, another treasure hunter. Come on in. (They enter into a INNKEEPER:

hotel 1940s-era lounge with waiters holding room service covered gray

trays; see instructional DVD for cut-out versions)

I definitely do not remember this level. ISAIAH.

INNKEEPER: A word of advice—when seeking the Key, check under something

> gray that keeps something warm. But if you'll excuse me I'n check on a couple out in the stable. (To himself) Why anyon want to stay in a stable is beyond me. (Shooting Star runs in same

direction with him)

Izzv, the Shooting Star went toward the stable SAVANNA:

Okay, but first we need to get the ISAIAH: under something gray

... keeps something warm

that the waiters are holding. We just KRUZ: It must be these covered trav

need to pick the right one!

SCARLETT: How do we know which waiter to choose?

Jones just knows. (walking up to a waiter) Excuse ISAIAH:

May I take a look at the tray?

WAITER: ertainly. (uncovers tray; it is filled with gummy worms.)

It's not the key—those are (**DVD** 11 (23) *Cue–Lose 1, page 45*). **ISAIAH:**

Gummy Worms! I HATE Gummy Worms!! (Lights go out)

(The actors reset quickly to the beginning of the scene during the blackout. Lights up on the adventurers at the entrance of the Inn as

music to "Ritzy Inn Underscore 2" begins.)

Ritzy Inn Underscore 1



*Accompaniment split-track fades here, 3rd time.



*If needed, and to accommodate the pacing of individual performances, an additional repeat (fading at measure 12 each time), is provided on the Accompaniment Split-track for Ritzy Inn Underscores 1, 2 and 3. As performance 'times' may vary, when you are ready for the next Gummy Word "Lose Cue", simply progress to the next CD Point (23, 25, and 27).

(music begins to 24 "Ritzy Inn Underscore 2", page 46)

INNKEEPER: Welcome to The Ritzy Inn. I'm sorry to tell you that we are

completely sold out for the night.

ISAIAH: (confused) Have we been here before?

Ah, another treasure hunter. Come on in. (They enter into a hotel INNKEEPER:

1940s-era lounge with waiters holding room service covered gray

travs.)

SAVANNA. We must have made the wrong choice and ended back at the

beginning of the level!

A word of advice—when seeking the Rey, check under something INNKEEPER:

> gray that keeps something warm. But if you'll excuse me, I need to check on a couple out in the stable. (No himself) Why anyone would

want to stay in a stable is beyond in

Excuse me, sir? May I take a look ISAIAH. (walking up to a different wal

at the tray?

WAITER: Certainly. (Op. is cover to tray—it is filled with Gummy Worms.)

[25] SFX-Lose 2) Aaaahhh! Gummy ISAIAH. That's not the

hts go

Ritzy Inn Underscore 2

SILENT NIGHT! HOLY NIGHT (Music by Franz Grüber)



Arranged by Daniel Semsen





 $*Accompaniment\ split-track\ fades\ here,\ 3rd\ time.$

(The actors reset quickly to the beginning of the scene during the blackout. Lights up on the crew at the entrance of the Inn. Pick up the pace of the dialogue this time. 26 Cue-music begins to "Ritzy Inn Underscore 3", page 48)

INNKEEPER: Welcome to The Ritzy Inn. I'm sorry to tell you that we are

completely sold out for the night. (Innkeeper walks off stage)

ELLIE: We're wasting time! We keep picking the wrong waiter.

ISAIAH: Wait... the Innkeeper said the Key is under something gray that

keeps something warm. I have an idea. (He runs off stage and gets

the Innkeeper.)

INNKEEPER: Can I help you?

ISAIAH: I thought it was the waiters—but really you are the one with the

Key! Your hat is gray and your head is warm under the hat! The

Key is under your gray hat!

INNKEEPER: (smiling, takes off his hat and hands him the Golden Key)

Congratulations! (27 Lue-Winner, page 49) you have

solved the riddle of The Ritzy Inn . . .

ISAIAH: ... Inn. Friends, I present—the Key to the Golden Gate! (everyone

cheers)

Ritzy Inn Underscore 3





*Accompaniment split-track fades here 3rd time.

INNKEEPER: Now, I don't mean to be rude, but we have paying customers that have reserved rooms here. (28) music begins to "No Room", page 50) I even booked the stable in the back. You really cannot stay here tonight. You're welcome to enjoy the music, but there's no room. We're just too busy.

No Room







ISAIAH: Seriously—was there a Christmas upgrade added to this game? I really don't remember there being so many Christmas elements.

ELLIE: (matter of fact) Everybody loves Christmas, Izzy!

ISAIAH: (doubtful) **Okay...**







SCENE 5

SAVANNA: I think I see another clue up ahead. (SFX-Clue.

She grabs a Gold Clue) "Once you've passed the place that had no room, take the city path past the emerald rocks to the Cave of

Wisdom."

ISAIAH: Let's see where the entrance to the Cave of Wisdom is! (They look

at map)

[33] (music begins to "Running Out of Time Underscore", page 18)

ELLIE: Oh, no, we've wasted too much time on Level 5—the countdown

clock has been activated—we're running out of time.

ISAIAH: OK, the entrance to Level 6 is up ahead—come on everybody!

KRUZ: I'll run around the back of these rocks and see if there's an

opening. (he circles around behind rocks)

ISAIAH: (continuing reading the class) "Before a player can complete the

Final Level and find the tabled Lost Treasure of Myrrh, the player

must defeat the King of Thieves.

ELLIE: How do we find the King of Thieves?

SAVANNA: (Reading the) Players must unlock the Golden Gate to gain access

to the Cave of Wisdom." But where's the Golden Gate?

ELLIE: *(talking fast again)* That's easy . . . by calculating the distance from

the emerald rocks, I think it would be right (she runs over) over

... here. Yes! Here it is!

SAVANNA Quick! Use the Key to open the Golden Gate!

ISAIAH: (looking for it) I can't ... seem to find it ... it was right here in my bag.

(pocket).

SAVANNA: It must be there—you had it a little while ago.

("Running Out of Time Underscore" abruptly ends)

KRUZ: (enters from side of cave—now dressed as the King of Thieves) **If only**

you hadn't been so trusting, so naïve. Didn't your mommy tell you

to never trust a stranger?

SAVANNA: You!? But, I don't understand . . .

ISAIAH: (realizing) He's not Kruz, from the I.R.S! He's . . .

KRUZ: (grandly) Kruz, the King of Thie— (aside comment) Scarlett, my

audio vocal enhancer!

SCARLETT: (running over to him and adjusting something on his belt) Oh, sorry,

[34] (SFX and Cue-music begins to "King of Thieves Underscore"

(lipsynching to SFX) Kruz, the King of Thieves!

boss.

60)

KRUZ:

ALL: Oh, no ... how could this happen, etc?

SAVANNA: Why would you do this?

KRUZ: Simple. Since you don't have the Key to enter the Cave of Wisdom,

you will not be able to level up with the Wisdom Armor to fight and defeat me. And for ONCE, I can win the Ancient Treasure of Myrrh!

ELLIE: You will never get away with this! Isaiah Jones will always figure

out a way to defeat you!

KRUZ: Yes, Isaiah Jones ... (jokingly mocking) "Izzy." I must admit that

you were... different than I expected. Younger, maybe. No matter. There is no way you will be able to defeat me when you are stuck in a pit of Gunmy Worms for all eternity! (He pushes Isaiah in a

"pit." (saial kneels partway down behind a "rock.")

ISAIAH: Cumny Worms?! NOOOO!!!

(Screen shows all points reset to "0"; "King of Thieves Underscore"

ends)

Oh, no! What are we going to do?, etc.

Scarlett, let's go get my royal crown. I want to watch them squirm

a bit, before I take my Treasure and defeat this game. (Kruz and

Scarlett walk off)

ISAIAH: (discouraged) That's just great. I can't even win my own game.

SAVANNA: Isaiah, you have to trust that God sees the whole picture. Even

when we don't understand why things happen, we can trust that He is with us. When the Israelites were crying out for a Savior, God sent Emmanuel down to earth. A Savior! (22) 35 music begins

to "Emmanuel", page 62) God with us!

Running Out of Time Underscore





King of Thieves Underscore





Emmanuel



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SCENE 6

SAVANNA: I didn't bring these ropes for nothing! Here, Izzy—grab ahold and

we'll pull you out of the pit. Pull, Ellie! (They pull Izzy out of the

"pit".) (**221** 43 SFX–Ropes)

[44] (SFX-Shooting Star) There goes the Shooting Star!

ELTIE: Why would the Star be going that way, when the cave with

Treasure is right here?

(SFX-Low Battery, Flashing red light indicates low batter)

ISAIAH. What's that?

ELITIE: (still energetic but not too fast) We don't really know but it happens

almost every day. A red light flashes and all our progress in the

game disappears, and we are sent back to Level 1.

(Knowingly) The Great Rese SAVANNA:

Ooooh—the Great Reset ALL:

ISAIAH: What? Oh, no, you mean . . . the battery dies?

(resigned) Of that's probably it. Yes, that makes sense, etc. ALL:

ELLIE: I wouldn't be too concerned. The worst case scenario is that we

just have to start over.

ISAIAH: . . what if there was a *new* character introduced into the

game? Someone who might not be who you thought he was? What

would happen to him?

That's simple, he'd be deleted forever!!

(nodding in agreement) That sounds about right.

SAIAH: WHAT? I'd be deleted forever??

(46) (SFX–Lower Battery; beeping gets faster as battery level decreases)

KRUZ: (walks on with Scarlett. He is so confident in his win that he doesn't

see that Savanna and Ellie have moved quickly to stand in front of the newly-freed Isaiah) It seems that's my cue. You all can stay here while I grab the Treasure and win the game. Scarlett—my crown! SCARLETT: (Puts the crown on his head) Here it is, boss. (The low battery music

stops)

KRUZ: And, now... the Lost Treasure of Myrrh!! Myrrh!! (47) SFX-

Cricket 1. He grabs it and holds it over his head for his winner's announcement. Nothing happens) Hmm...that's odd. I thought the game was supposed to end when I grabbed the Treasure. One more time—the Lost Treasure of Myrrh! (48 SFX—Cricket 2. He grabs it ceremoniously and poses—again, nothing happens.)

SCARLETT: (nervously) Uhhmm ... maybe there is a malfunction in the game,

boss.

KRUZ: WHAT? You tell me I have been slaving in this game, 4,356 times

through these levels, and the game doesn't even let me WIN?

SCARLETT: (scared that he's going to be angry) \ Ya ...

KRUZ: (Suddenly gets tears in his eyes and breaks down crying) It's just such

a letdown, really . . .

SCARLETT: (comforting) I know it is, boss.

KRUZ: You work hard for something your whole life . . .

SCARLETT: It's gonna be okay, boss. Let's go back to the Desert of Doom and

chase some Cacti. (treating him like a little boy) Would that make it

all better?

KRUZ: (pouring) It would be a start. (They exit)

ISAIAH. All that effort and it doesn't even win the game!

BALTHAZAR: (entering) Excuse me, did you see a Shooting Star come through

here? I am seeking a great Treasure.

SAIAH: The Shooting Star went that way. But I'm sorry to tell you, we

already found the Treasure. It's not what we expected, but we

might still be able to get something for it on eBay[®].

BALTHAZAR: Oh, that's ... not the Treasure I'm seeking ... I'm seeking a Baby.

(WISE MAN) The Baby is the Treasure.

ELLIE: Well, in that case, the Shooting Star went that-a-way! Always glad

to help a fellow adventurer in this game of life. This is the great

Isaiah Jones by the way, and this here is Savanna, and I'm Ellie Ellington.

BALTHAZAR: Very nice to meet you. I'm Balthazar. I got separated from my

group because I wanted to stop to find the perfect gift to give this Baby King. But I was just robbed by two strangers down the road.

ISAIAH: Was one of them crying?

ELLIE: And not a pretty crier?

BALTHAZAR: Indeed, he was. And no, not a pretty crier. But, regardless, they

took all I had.

ISAIAH: Why don't you take this Treasure?

BALTHAZAR: Oh, thank you, young man.

ISAIAH: (He gives him the Myrrh). Here you go



(Cue Win the Game is played. Immediately, a few characters come ant and put medals around the adventurers' necks. The game is over. Everyone cheers.)

We beat the game! I'm so proud of us, I could just climb Mistletoe Mountain all over again! (looking around) But, I'll just stay here and celebrate with y'all.

SAIAH But how did we beat it?

VANNA: (thoughtfully) All the time we thought that finding the Lost Treasure of Myrrh would win the game, (music begins to It Away This Christmas", page 73) but it seems that what REALLY won the game was giving the Treasure away!

BALTHAZAR: Follow me—I think you're going to want to see this Treasure. (They walk off stage, or perhaps into the audience. They can search in the aisles and end up back on stage after the song.)

Give It Away This Christmas



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SCENE 7

[54] (SFX–Sparkle and Baby Cry)

(Stage lights come up on a simple scene with Mary and Joseph beside a manger. No one else is there.)

SHOOTING

STAR: (peacefully) Welcome. You've arrived at the Secret Bonus Level—

the real Treasure!

ISAIAH, ELLIE and

SAVANNA: (awed) The Baby is the Treasure . . . (Baby heard crying)

ISAIAH: I KNOW I've never been to this level before.

ELLIE: (hushed) Me, neither.

SAVANNA: The highest level of the game is . . . a simple stable?

[55] [music begins to "Hallewjah (Light Has Come)", page 83]

ISAIAH: Is this where you were leading us all along?

SHOOTING

STAR: Yes. The true Treasure is here . . . this Baby in a manger . . . God's

most precious Gift.

(Mary holds Baby Jesus and sings; an angel quartet joins her)

Hallelujah (Light Has Come)



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SCENE 8

(Lights come up on the Boy, who is asleep with his game controller in his hand. As Little Sis stands directly over him, he awakens with a start.)

LITTLE SIS: (annoyingly hovers in his face) Hellooooo?!

BOY: (flustered) Wha—? The Baby is the Treasure!

LITTLE SIS: Baby?

BOY: (confused and waking up) I mean, hi. (Turning to try to hide what he

does, but whispering frantically to his video game, Elle? Are you in

there?!

LITTLE SIS: Are you talking to your video game?

BOY: Never mind. Let's go caroling. I'll take you right now.

LITTLE SIS: (flatly) It's 8 in the morning

BOY: Oh, well, let's go anyways.

LITTLE SIS: Okay...

BOY: We get the chance to tell people about the biggest treasure EVER—

God's Areasure in a manger!

LITTLE SIS: What happened to you?

BOY: I had a dream that, well, it showed me what's really important.

Let's go. (He stands up and something falls out of his pocket) Oh, what's this? (It is the medal he won in his dream. 231 62 Music

begins to "Finale", page 91.)

LINLESIS: Oooh, a medal! Can I have it?

ROY: (pausing, slowly smiling) **Sure. You know, what really wins the game**

is giving the gift away. (He puts it around her neck)

LITTLE SIS: (beaming) Thanks! And I have a gift for you, too! (She hands him a

bag of gummy worms)

BOY: **Gummy worms??! NOOOOOOO!!!!!**

Finale includes Give It Away This Christmas, Emmanuel and Isaiah Jones



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Bows includes Isaiah Jones



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THE ADVENTURERS (Lead Roles)

BOY/ISAIAH JONES

Boy who loves playing video games; becomes his hero, Isaiah Jones, in a video game; has a gummy worm phobia

ELLIE ELLINGTON

Isalah's aldekick/friend in game; energetic, fast talking

SAVANNA

Intellectual adventurer who joins Isaiah in the Desert of Doom

KRUZ

Character who befriends Isaiah but then reveals himself to be a robber and nemesis, The King of Thieves

SCARLETT

Kruz's sidekick and partner in crime

CHARACTERS IN THE GAME (Medium/ Small Roles)

ITTLE SIS

Boy's sister; in opening and closing scenes; wants to spend time with her brother; may double

as Shooting Star

INNKEEPER

Innkeeper of The Ritzy Inn; Key Master for next level

BALTHAZAR (optional adult)

Wise Man searching for the

True Treasure

SHOOTING STAR

Tiny child who runs across the stage periodically (can double as Little Sis); 2 lines/2 small solos

NARRATOR 1 Choir member who can step

forward to read Bible verse in

"Road to Bethlehem"

NARRATOR 2 Choir member who can step

forward to read Bible verse in

"Road to Bethlehem"

NON- SPEAKING PARTS

Dancing Cacti Obstacles to defeat in Desert

of Doom

Sand Princesses (3+ girls)
 Group singing roles

Waiters/Waitresses
 Obstacles to defeat at The

Ritzy Inn

Singer at The Ritzy Inn Solo

"Band" at The Ritzy Inn (opt.)
 Pantomime playing instruments

Mary
 Marger stere

Joseph Manger scene

Angels (quartet)
 in "Hallelujah (Light Has Come)"

Wise men (optional)

SOLOS, TRIOS QUARTETS

Song 1: Isaiah Jones Sand Princesses (trio)

*Sand Princesses are included on the accompaniment split track)

Song 2: Follow the Star Sand Princesses (trio),

Ellie (solo), Savanna (solo), Tumbleweed Rapper (rap),

Shooting Star (solo)

Song . No Room The Ritzy Inn Singer (solo)

Song 5: Emmanuel Solo (opt.)

Song 6: Give It Away this Christmas Solo 1, Solo 2

Song 7: Hallelujah (Light Has Come) Mary (solo),

Angels (quartet),

Shooting Star (solo)

Song 8: Finale Sand Princesses (trio)

Song 9: *Bows* Sand Princesses (trio)

HOW TO PREPARE ISAIAH JONES WITH A SMALL CHOIR:

Cast and Choir - 11 Members Total

In order to do this presentation with a small number of cast and choir, you can easily combine the parts of Little Sis and the Shooting Star. It makes sense that in the Boy/Isaiah's dream, he would interact with people that he knows. You can use 2-3 Sand Princesses who sing on the first two songs and then supplement their responsibilities with other non-speaking roles (i.e., serve as a type of chorus who do fun things throughout the presentation: Dancing Cactus, Waiters, Waitresses and Wise Men). If you have limited children to cast, ask an adult to play Balthazar (with only a few lines, it should not be difficult to recruit an adult to play this Wise Man). If you don't double cast the Sand Princesses for bit parts, you can quickly transform the Tiny Cactus into a Breakdancing Cactus by adding a baseball cap. The Narrators 1 and 2 dialogue can be combined.

Breakdown for Small Choir

- Boy/Isaiah Jones
- Ellie Ellington
- Savanna
- Kruz
- Scarlett
- Little Sis/Shooting Star
- Sand Princesses (3 or more singers); can also double as Dancing Cacti, Waitresses, Innkeeper, Narrators 1 & 2
- The Ritzy Inn Singer (solo)
- Mary (solo)
- Balthazar (optional adult)

HOW TO PREPARE ISAIAH JONES WITH A LARGER CHOIR:

50-200 Cast and Choir Members Total

There are ways that you can use more children for each of the non-speaking roles. First, increase the number of Sand Princesses to total 8-12 girls. This is a great chance for older girls to be featured if they can confidently sing 2-part harmony in a group. These older girls can easily show how enamored they are of the great Isaiah Jones! Increase the

Tumbleweed Rapper role in "Follow the Star" to a group of Tumbleweed Rappers that can be costumed. If you have many younger children, use between 5-15 kids as "Tiny Cacti" (change the script to read: "See THOSE Tiny Cacti over there?..."), who can freely jump around the stage during the Underscore music. Use 10-15 older kids who can dance as "Breakdancing Cacti." Add 10-12 waiters and waitresses circling the room in The Ritzy Inn scene (carrying covered room service trays); they can become swing dancers for the song "No Room." Add a band to play 2D 8-bit instruments (refer to the Teacher Resource Kit for photos). Take your cast into the game world by using the 2D Props and Sets that are available for purchase from Word Music (www.wordmusic.com)

Cast children to play shepherds, sheep, Wise Men, and angels (add between 4-10 angels to sing together on the harmony parts) for the manger scene. You may also costume kids as some of the elements/ obstacles that are alluded to in the video game, such as the Deadly Sugar Bees or the Gummy Worms (in the pit). Castly, cast an older child as Balthazar.

Breakdown for Large Choir

- Boy/Isaiah Jones
- Ellie Ellington
- Savanna
- Kruz
- Scarlett
- Innkeeper
- Balthazar (optional adult)
- Little Sis
- Shooting Star
- Narrator 1
- Narrator 2

Non-Speaking Parts

- Tiny Cacti (5-15 younger children)
- Breakdancing Cacti (5-15 older kids)
- Sand Princesses (3-12 girls)
- Waiters and Waitresses (2-10 children)
- Singer at The Ritzy Inn
- Big band at The Ritzy Inn (3-6 instrumentalists)
- Mary
- Joseph

- Angels (4-12 children)
- Shepherds
- · Wise Men

THE COSTUMES:

The "Isaiah Jones" t-shirt available at wordmusic.com is a great costume for your choir! Just add black pants or jeans and black shoes to complete the look!



CAST

Below are some costuming suggestions. Refer to the TRK Teacher Resource Kit, #080689353970) to view costume photos of each character.

ISAIAH JONES

"Indiana Jones" adventurer-type costume; Jacket and hat to slip on for costume change; khakis or brown jeans, Christmas-colored shirt, sneakers

LITTLE SIS

Dressed for caroling in the first scene; changes costume according to other small roles; Christmas pajamas for closing scene

ELLIE ELLINGTON

Dressed as sidekick to Isaiah Jones: khaki skirt or pants, boots with tall socks, white button down-shirt, bandanna, headbands with 8-bit bows fastened (one red); small pouch with glitter for cacti scene

SAVANNA

Similar costume to ELLIE ELLINGTON: khaki skirt or pants, boots with tell socks, white button-down shirt, bandanna, headbands with 8-bit bows fastened (one green)

KRUZ (a.k.a. THE KING OF THIEVES)

All black clothing; need crown and robe to slip on when he reveals he is the King of Thieves

SCARLETT

As Kruz's sidekick, costumed in all black clothing; *optional*: coordinating skirt for the King of Thieves reveal

INNKEEPER

1940s-style suit jacket (we used a white tuxedo jacket that we had on hand); red cummerbund, 8-bit red bowtie, and a grey hat with a key (an element in the game) hidden inside

BALTHAZAR

Wise Man robe

SHOOTING STAR

White or sparkly robe or clothing; sparkly shoes; cardboard 8-bit star for actor/actress to hold

SAND PRINCESSES

Hot pink or yellow wigs; white shirt, hot pink skinny jeans, black/hot sink flip flops, 8-bit starfish attached to costumes and hair clips

AFRICAN DRUM/BONGO PLAYERS

Miscellaneous costumes; each can wear an 8-bit bow tie fastened to a ribbon

GUMMY WORMS

Red beanies with 8-bit eyes, red t-shirt, purple sweat ants

TUMBLEWEED RAPPERS

Sunglasses, black sweatshirts, brown shirts, stocking hats

TINY DANCING CACTUS /CACT

Boys: green t-shirt, black pants, 8 bit lizard attached to costume,

green beanie

Girls: green t-shirt, green leggings, green tutu, headband,

8-bit flowers attached to headband or costume

BREAKDANCING CALTI

Green skin suits; green shirts and shorts worn over skin suit; green hats; pipe cleaners sticking out of the skin suit and hat

THE RITZY IN SINGER

Long 1940s-style flowing dress, 1940s-style wig, headband with 8-bit red flower, wristlet with 8-bit red flower

THE PROPS:

- Handheld video game controller
- Plate
- Christmas cookies (2)
- Glitter (enough bags for Ellie to toss on the Tiny Cacti during dress rehearsal and for each performance)
- Golden Clues (4)
- Rope
- Ice Cream Rocket Launcher (consider making it 2D and 8-bit) taped to a Nerf ball gun to shoot the "ice cream balls" at the Breakdancing Cacti)
- Grey covered serving platters (consider making 2D and 8-bit) (2 of the trays will hold gummy worms)

- Adventurer Hat
- Band instruments (consider making 2D and 8-bit)
- Lost Treasure of Myrrh
- Audio Vocal Enhancer (can be a type of microphone)
- King of Thieves crown
- · King of Thieves robe
- Gummy Worms (for waiter's grey serving trays)
- Gummy Worms (gift from Little Sis)
- Star (8-bit)
- Manger (may be a cardboard silhouette)
- Medals (8-bit)

Available 8-bit sets and props for purchase through Word Mus.

THE SET:

The set for this show, as always, can be as elaborate or simple as you like. We chose to make cardboard cutouts of 8-bit video game set pieces; contact Word Music at wordmusic.com for availability of some 8-bit set pieces.







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Isaiah Jones
Follow the Star
Road to Bethlehem
No Room
Emmanuel

Give It Away this Christmas Hallelujah (Light Has Come)

Finale

INCLUDES Give It Away this Christmas, Emmanuel, Isaiah Jones

> Bows INCLUDES Isaiah Jones



