

## THE BEST CHRISTMAS PAGEANT EVER

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**Beth:** The herdman were the worst kids in the whole history of the world. They lied and stole and smoked cigars, even the girls, and talked dirty and cussed their teachers and took the name of the Lord in vain and set fire to Fred Shoemaker's old broken down tool house. There were six of them - - Ralph, Imogene, Leroy, Claude, Ollie, and Gladys - - and they went throught th eWoodros Wilson school like those South American fish that strip your bones clean. They went around town the same way - - stealing things and tearing things up and whamming kids...so it was hard to et away from them. There was only one safe place...