

Youth 2017 x-mas <Gabriel's trip to earth>

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Plot ideas

1. People gather and argue about the true purpose of Christmas: gifts, food, union, tradition (play), and sales. They come to realize that the value lies in the birth of christ
2. A dumb yg decides that a christmas play is dumb. However, the amazing protagonist shows everyone how important the play is as a tradition and a way to praise God
3. These so called millennials and centennials have ruined the meaning of christmas and the older generations have decided to re-teach the youngsters the real meaning of christmas
4. A music video (thanks to Ethan)
5. moosicale

Cast

Daniel -lines
David -lines
Harrison -lines
Sydney -lines
Rachel
Matt -lines
Nicky
ethan
hannah-lines
amy-lines
james-lines
gina

Part I

(All(matt, james, harrison, hannah, amy, nicky, ethan, gina) sitting on couch with their phones. Some YG playing with the ball . Esther is trying get attention.)

Esther: Okay guys , come on let's get started! we need to do the Christmas play

(everyone ignores, esther sighs)

(Sydney comes in)

Esther: oh, sydney can you get these people off their phones?

Sydney: Oh, it's really easy, just do this (takes out phone and texts yg)

(everybody in yg, checks phones and starts listening)

Matt: Oh hi esther, did you start teaching again

Esther: No im retired from you guys, I'm just here to remind you guys about the play!(excitedly)

YG: (collective groans)

(Yg passes)

ethan: Okay Esther so like actually nobody wants to do the play. Like actually, do you guys want to do the the christmas play?

Matt: i don't know man, to be honest, i think the play is overrated. We never liked it, why do we need to do it?

Harrison: wait guys, so what is the christmas play? Is this like a youth group thing?

Hannah: it's a play that the youth group does every year when esther was here. They were all soo bad and cringy

James: well, not all of them. Matt do you remember "the best things come in small packages"

Matt: NO. We're skipping this year.

(David and daniel come in with boba)

Daniel: yo, who wants diddy reese?

David: dude, daniel, we just got boba

Daniel: fine, what about in n out

James: sure i got some money. Let's go now

Amy: wait, we need to know if we're actually gonna do the christmas play.

Matt: i thought we already decided no

Sydney: c'mon stop being so edgy. I never got to do one

Matt: you'll regret it

Daniel: wait, is this even a question?

Hannah: i know, a play is so overrated

Daniel: no, we need to do this play, it's tradition

Harrison: I don't know, doesn't sound that fun

David: i agree with daniel, it may be inconvenient, but this is an annual tradition for us

Sydney: well... I'm not a part of this tradition, and maybe I don't need to be

James: yea, also we just don't want to stay up late doing this again

Daniel; wait wait, sydney, harrison. Ever since you became part of this youth group...you became a part of us. Thus you guys need be part of the activities we do too.

David: yea, also, even though winter break is a great time to relax, we need to establish what this youth group does. And that is to make bad, cringy plays.

Daniel: (thinks about it.) This is not only what we do, this is our way to praise god.

Harrison: All right, i kinda like it. Sounds pretty important

Sydney: i agree. Most of us have only 2 years left, and next year, we may not even be doing this because college apps.

James: dannnng, i never considered that this could be our last

Hannah: yea, we can't just deny the value of tradition, we need to do something together for God this winter break

David: Then i think that's a yes

Daniel: yeah! Okay lets go to in n out now. umm Esther we'll be right back!

(everybody gets up quickly and leaves)

Esther: Wait, where are you going? We need to practice!

(esther is left alone, the youth leaving behind a bunch of garbage per usual, exasperated sigh throwing her hands up

END PART I

Christmas Play 2017

Cast

Gabriel-Sydney

God- voice (Ephraim..)

Husband - James

Wife - Gina or Rachel

Person 1 -Ethan alpha leader okay at first , but then mean tipsy edgy drunk

Person 2 - Nicky alpha leader's friend. Okay at first , but then mean tipsy edgy drunk.

Person 3 -Daniel not mean , nice. Science bowl

Person 4 -Harrison went to church a few times, curious about Jesus

Party goers - everyone

Angel Gabriel: (dressed in angel, running around, laughing, and having fun)

God: Gabriel, (*angel hums and still not aware, God speaking little louder*) Gabriel!

Angel Gabriel: Oh, sorry, Lord! I was just so fascinated by the atmosphere. It is so full of joy, Lord! The smell of the grass, the flowers... Everywhere I look, everything is perfectly in peace. I just wish everyone can come and enjoy this place so full of your love and presence! If only they knew how beautiful this place is, they'd want to come.

God: (little sad) It's my wish too that everyone can come and enjoy this place, But I'm afraid that more and more people are falling away from me.

Gabriel: God, how about I visit people and report back to you how they are preparing themselves to come here? After all, it's the Christmas season, and they should be thinking about Jesus more than any other time of the year.

God: That's true, but I'm not so sure you will bring any encouraging news back to me.

Gabriel: Oh, please send me! I'm ready to go and see!

God: Then, go, Gabriel! Come back and tell me what you see!

Gabriel: Aye, aye, Sir!

Gabriel: (dressed in regular clothes, walks around the street with Christmas music, visibly excited to be with humans)

Husband: (walking while holding many presents in his arms. His wife was walking next to him and when she just asked him to be careful of Gabriel, he bumps into Gabriel and drops all his presents) What the heck! Are you blind? Can't you see that I'm carrying a bunch of stuff? Why didn't you move!

Wife: Oh, no! What are we gonna do? The kids were waiting for these christmas gifts, and now they all look ugly!

Gabriel: (helping pick up presents) I am so sorry, I didn't see you. These are Christmas gifts? How exciting!

Wife(stressed): Exciting?! Do we look like we're excited! It's the most stressful time of the year! Kids are clamoring for toys that they want. Look at this list of things they want to get for Christmas. (pulls out list of things) I'm so tired!

Husband: We're late. Come on we have to get back before the kids start screaming

Wife: True. Kids get "Hangry" these days when they're hungry and angry.

Gabriel: Excuse me, just one more question. Do you tell them about the Christmas story? How God sent His most precious gift, His Son, to the world?

Husband: Who talks about such old fairy tales these days? Hah, They'll laugh!

Wife: They won't even bother to listen.

(As they are walking away with presents)

Gabriel: Then what's the meaning of celebrating Christmas???
(Shouting towards them) Don't your children already have their

own birthdays to get their presents? (speaking as if defeated)
Christmas is for Jesus' birthday...

(As she walks more, he sees people (~4 harrison, ethan, nicky, daniel) excitedly rushing by her)

Gabriel: Where are you going? Is something happening tonight?

Person 1(slightly drunk): Only the best Christmas party in town! There's gonna be kids from a ton of different high schools there

Person 2(slightly drunk): Yap! Last year's Christmas party was so lame, but I heard that this time, there won't be any parents in the house. It's gonna be sooo lit fam!

Gabriel: Oh? That sounds kinda fun! What are you guys gonna do there?

Person 3: If you're that curious, you should just come with us. Come on! (grabs Gabe and pulls her off screen)

(They walk into a room where students are dancing, drinking, one is puking, beerpong, couch people)(person 1 walk off to drink table)

(gabe examines around the room)

Gabriel: (surprised, turning to Person 2) This is a Christmas party? I thought you'd be celebrating Jesus's birth at the party!

Person 2: Jesus? You mean Jesús?(spanish) His birthdays not today

Person 4: No not Jesús... Jesus, like from Sunday School

Gabriel: Yeah, Jesus! God's precious Son. Sent to earth to atone for everyone's sins

Person 1: (coming over, looking drunk(burpee? hickupy?) Look, you, a stranger. You sound like you came from the Mars. Don't you realize that we live in a different time here in America?

Not many of us went to church growing up. Honestly, how many of you guys went to church on sundays?

(person 4 about to raise hand but gets cut off, and shyly puts arm down)

Person 2: SERIOUSLY! I had soccer matches on Sundays so I never had time to go to church.

Person 3: Yeah, I was always busy getting ready for Science Bowl with my friends. Heck, sometimes I was busier on weekends than on weekdays.

Gabriel: Well.. Have any of your friends *tried* to invite you to church, at least?

Person 1: Oh, One of my friends did , but when I told My mom, she got all mad at her for telling religious stuff to me and told her never to invite me to church.

Gabriel: Then, how did you end up going to church on Sundays?

Person 4: Well, I didn't go consistently, but whenever my cousin visited, his whole family would all go and I tagged along.

(Gabe looks really concerned and confused at everyone.. silence)

Person 1: (turning to Gabriel) WELLLL I say, YOU are a party pooper. We want to have fun tonight and not to have a religious discussion.

Gabriel: But, don't you want to know why you are even celebrating Christmas during the holiday season?

Person 1: Look, I don't mean to be mean or anything. But you are being so narrow-minded. Christmas is not the only holiday. You know that, don't you? There are Hanukkah and Kwanza too. We just say, Christmas party because it'll attract more people. I mean we can't say it's a Hanukkah or Kwanzakaa party. It would sound awkward, and on top of that, that would be only for the Jewish people or for like African American people, right?

Person 2: All right, you know what. You are such a judgmental religious person. why don't you just leave us alone and celebrate your weird Jesús party somewhere else

Gabriel: Okay, but can I just say a few things, and then I'll leave.

Person 2: Fine. What is it?

Gabriel: (going up to the chair) Fellow students! (people stop and turn to face her) My name is Gabriel. I am an ange-.... New kid in town. I see many of you who came, just want to have a great time at a Christmas party and yet, not many of you even know what Christmas is. It's not a time to drink, dance, and to have fun. I mean, It's good to have fun, but you're supposed to be remembering how much God loves you and forgave your sins by having His Son Jesus come to this world. to die for you and resurrect so that all of you can be in a perfect place where there is no tears, sadness, pain, or death. That place is 1000 times- no, infinite times better than even the best party on earth

(silence, scanning room. then booing)

People (person1 person 2) start booing first: Boorrrringg . what a lamer. Come down and get out! You're not welcomed here. Get her out of here. Get out of here. Kick her out (chanting).
(random objects thrown)

Person 1 motions person 2 and they forcefully bring her down from the chair and takes her out of the place.

Gabriel (thrown outside the room and is so sad to the point of crying)
(person 4 is outside out of frame with her)

Person 4: (empathetically) Are you okay?

Gabriel (crying on knees on ground): I just really want people to know how much God loves them and wants them to be with Him eternally.

Person 4: (taking his time) You know, when I went to Sunday school with my cousin, I heard stories about Jesus... but I still don't really know who He is. You think you can tell me more about Him, and this perfect place with no sadness or pain?

Gabriel: (his face brightened) Really?? Of course! I will! I will for sure. Now I know what it means when the Bible says when

even one soul returns to God, many angels will rejoice in heaven.

Everyone comes out and sings "People Need the Lord," and do body motions.