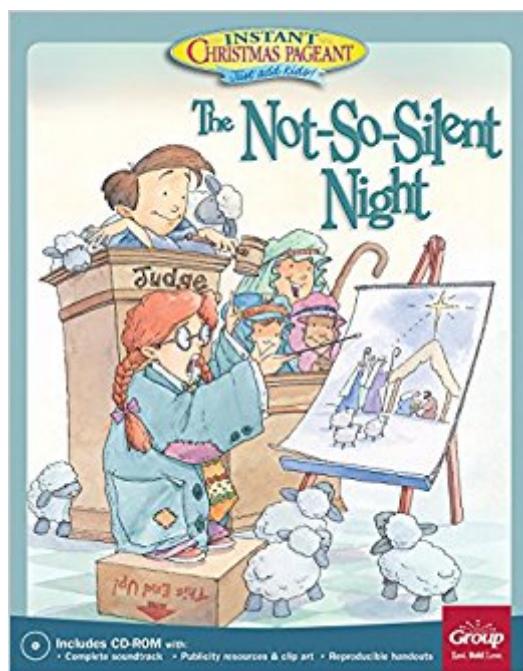


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# The Not-So-Silent-Night:: An Instant Christmas Pageant



## **Synopsis**

Make your Christmas program easy with this flexible, fully prepared pageant that lets kids of any size cast simply pantomime parts. A CD provides all voices, music, sound effects, and publicity helps! Patterns for simple costuming are also included. Scripts may be reproduced for the ease of student use. Follow three young shepherds who joyfully shout Godâ™s praises after visiting the baby Jesus. How were they to know they were âœdisturbing the peaceâ•? Youâ™ll join them in a Bethlehem courtroom for a hilarious trial and a surprising verdict!

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## **Customer Reviews**

We did this today in church- very well received! This is the 4th or 5th "Instant" pageant we have done. They each tell the timeless story in a new way and are light hearted enough to keep the children engaged. We do not use the CD at all, not a fan of the recorded lip-synching thing and we're fortunate to have a top notch accompanist. It's not "instant" but we do manage to do it with 3 hour long rehearsals (with a lot of encouragement to practice lines at home.) I also let children have notecards (hidden if possible) with their lines if they need them. Rarely do, but makes them less stressed= good. This particular pageant worked exceptionally well for those without a lot of rehearsal time. Because it's a court scene, there are very logical places and cues for most characters. (Eg the witnesses come up when they are told to come up.) The nonspeaking parts are a little trickier, but we put an older teen or parent with them to know when to go. Secondly, again because it's a courtroom, it makes perfect sense for your main characters (attorneys, judge) to have papers over the table- can include scripts. We had one shepherd not sure of his lines- we taped his to the side of

a large stuffed lamb he carried to the witness stand! We did drop most of the songs- they seemed to break up the flow of the story too much. The children sang Joy to the World at the end. Our pianist played Silent Night, We Three Kings, etc as background as those characters came in. Worked very well.

We are using this play this Christmas season. We had planned to use the cd version, which is hilarious, but we got it in enough time that the kids have listened to the Cd so many times they are able to use their own voices and even mimic the cd. It is a very easy play and very funny. It has a wonderful Christmas message!

A fun little musical for Christmas Eve. We used teen and preteen actors for speaking parts, which they memorized and rehearsed in weeks preceding, and then included younger children who showed up for the service as lambs, angels, and shepherds guided by older kids. Adults got a lot out of the message and loved watching it. Well-written and with some good laughs. We loved included the congregation in singing the carols.

I did this little Christmas play a few years back with 3 and 4 year olds. Easy to do, tells the Christmas story like you have never seen it before.

What a great Christmas play for our church! We did it with youth and children. They loved performing in it and the church loved the performance. The message was inspiring!

I found it too hard for a small Sunday School to perform. You need older youth to make this play work.

Not impressed. We ended up choosing something else! It only came with one book and no cd or anything else. I wouldn't recommend it.

Exactly what I needed for a church Christmas program, and well below the price I found in a local bookstore.

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