

### 3 Church Women – Adults/Older teens

*Helen Armstrong usually directs the play but has broken her leg. She is a take charge person and runs many events in the church*

*Mrs. McCarthy wants to be in charge like Helen*

*Mrs. Slocum is nice but concerned*

This is a telephone conversation. Each women is on a separate phone call.

Mrs. McCarthy: Jane? Edna McCarthy. Did you hear about the...Well, it must be Grace's fault somehow. How else would all six of them end up in a Christmas pageant? They oughta all be in jail!

Mrs. Slocum: Vera?...Irma Slocum. I just heard that Imogene Herdman is going to be Mary in the Christmas pageant and I...Is that a fact? All six of them? Vera, I live next door to that outfit and I'd rather live next door to a zoo! Has Grace gone crazy?

Helen: Where did they come from? Who let them in?...Imogene Herdman?...Why what kind of child is that to be Mary the mother of Jesus? Where was Reverend Hopkins, I'd like to know...He was what?...visiting the shut-ins?! Well, I'm a shut-in and he didn't visit me!

Mrs. McCarthy: I said, why don't you let them hand our programs at the door? Grace said we never have programs for the pageant. I said...

Mrs. Slocum: ...better nail down the church and lock up the silver service and hide the collection of plates before they clean them out...

Helen: What is the matter with Grace? Couldn't she have sent them away? Tell them to go home? Oh I feel responsible...if I'd been up and around this never would have happened!