New Testament Rewind  (09/05/09)  pg. 1

Scanning on projected screen like Star Wars...

A long time ago in a land far, far away.....
God's Story
Episode II
The New Testament

The evil Roman Empire has taken control of the ancient lands once belonging to the Jews, including the holy city of Jerusalem.

While the Romans do allow the Jews to live their lives in praise to God, they are nonetheless still being run by the Romans.

Many of the Jews believe that the Messiah spoken about in the prophecies will be a king who frees them from the Romans and builds his palace in Jerusalem. They do not understand that God's plan is much bigger than that....

(enter and setup RS original 4 (crib, Ben, Eric, Gabbie, Isaiah) from end of OT Rewind)

Charli: (LS) Scene one, the birth of Jesus.

Eric/Actor 3: Or...welcome to our world.

Gabbie/Mary: One silent night in the town of Bethlehem.

Ben/Actor 1: The cry of a newborn baby was heard from the depths of a filthy stable. (all leave)

Charli: Meanwhile, (moving RS) out in the fields nearby, some shepherds were watching their sheep.

Drew & Laura/Shepherds 1 & 2: (dressed in headdress & staffs, come out RS, at the same time say)
Dudes! (center stage acting happy)

Charli: when suddenly an angel appeared in the sky

Drew/Shepherd 1: (turn toward BD, walk toward BD, point staff) Dude

Laura/Shepherd 2: (follow) dude? (Angel w/ halo pops up behind BD)

Drew & Laura/Shepherds 1 & 2: (both, scared say at the same time) DUDE! (take three steps backward, arms/legs kick)

Cheyenne/Angel: Relax dudes! I mean... do not be afraid. God has sent me with good news. The savior's been born, He's here. Go to Bethlehem, you'll find him there. (pop down)
Drew & Laura/Shepherds 1 & 2: (at the same time, like “cool”) Dude! (exit RS)

Charli: (moving just shy of CS) The shepherds did find Jesus in a stable in Bethlehem. And after they worshiped him, they went and told everyone about the new king that had been born. But, when word reached king Herod (step up on stool – enter Herod w/ crown LS to CS) in Jerusalem he was furious.

Eric/Herod: I’m furious! (arms crossed, angry face)

Charli: He was afraid that this new king he had heard about might take over his thrown.

Eric/Herod: I’m afraid this new king I have heard about is going to try to take over...wait a minute...you just said that. (point at Charli)

Charli: Ahh-huh

Eric/Herod: Oh, (looking around) guards, (move LS) bring me those three men that are following that star to Bethlehem. (Three Wise men enter RS and cross to Herod and bump into each other in a row, - Herod, W-1 (ben), W-2 (Zeke), W-3 (Jake) all wearing hats)

Eric/Herod: Hey, you three kings of Orient are, right?

Ben & Zeke & Jake/Three Wise men: (all together) Yeah

Eric/Herod: Bearing gifts you tra..verse afar, right?

Jake/W-3: (tap W-2, say in his ear) What is he talking about?

Zeke/W-2: Just nod and smile. (Three Wise men all smile, nodding, laugh silly)

Eric/Herod: Listen (pointing) when you find that king your looking for I want you to come and tell me where he is so that I can go and KILL (make fist, then fingers together as if to strangle), Uhh, uhh, worship him, (fingers tapping together, like conniving) yeah that’s it, worship him. (charli move RS)

Ben/W-1: Uhh, I have a, I have a thing to...do, bye. (turn and walk off, RS)

Zeke/W-2: (sneeze in hand saying) Psycho, gotta go (turn and taking big steps, walk off LS)

Jake/W-3: Uh, tootles (waving fingers, walk off LS)

Charli: So, (Herod walks off RS) the 3 travelers followed the star, until they found Jesus. (someone make a knocking noise, Mary enter LS– wearing shoulder wrap)
Gabbie/Mary: Joseph, someone’s at the door….who is it? (stay LS looking RS)

Ben & Zeke & Jake/3 Wisemen: It’s the wise men!

Gabbie/Mary: The Weismanns?? (backing up to look behind prop) Joseph, do we know the Weismanns? (3 wisemen pop out RS one after another, each holding gift)

Jake/W-3: (singing, w/hand open to say hi) Hello

Zeke/W-2: (singing, w/hand open to say hi) Hello

Ben/W-1: (singing, w/ hand open to say hi) Hello

Ben & Zeke & Jake/All Wisemen: (do circular hand motion) Hell-o

Zeke/W-2: (push W-3 aside) Spread out! (walk CS, two others in line...1 then 3) We have come to worship the king. (holding up gift) (W-1 goes in front of 2, then 3 in front of 1 – like steps staggered)

Jake/W-3: (hand gift) Gold (then move behind W-2)

Ben/W-1: (hand gift) Frankencinse (move behind W-3)

Zeke/W-2: (hand gift) And...Myrrh

Gabbie/Mary: Oh, more Myrrh.

Zeke/W-2: Oh, did you already get Myrrh?

Gabbie/Mary: Well, you can never have enough Myrrh.

Zeke/W-2: (disappointed and walking frustratedly back RS) I knew I should have went with the Krispy Kremes! (turn, walk back to Mary) You, you can take it back I brought the receipt. (turn back RS, Wisemen walk off RS)

Gabbie/Mary: No, it’s great! He’ll love it! (turn-walk off RS)

Charli: So the three Wisemen worshipped the baby Jesus. God had warned them not to go back to Herod, so they went home another way.

Ben/W-1: (pop-up, 1 & 2) I knew we should have taken that left turn in Albuquerque.

Zeke/W2: Well, if you would have stopped and asked for directions! (both pop-down)

Charli: Herod still tried to have Jesus killed, but God protected Joseph, Mary, and Jesus.
And they eventually made their way back to their hometown of Nazareth. And to make a long story short...

All: Too late!

Charli: Jesus grew up.

Charli: Scene 2 - The life of Jesus

Laura: (pop up, no props) or....So that’s what it’s supposed to look like, who knew? (finger pointing fr head out - pop down)

Charli: When Jesus was 30 yrs. (move LS) old he knew the time had come for him to do what he had come to earth to do. To teach the people how God wanted them to live and then to die and rise again. So, he went out into the wilderness where a group had gathered to hear a wild man named John teach (enter John LS - wild clothes - netting over burlap - and beard, RS enter two listeners each wearing cowboy hats sitting down ).

Gabbie/John: (CS, arms wide open, southern accent) I......am John the Baptist (giggle) Okay, so I look weird.

Eric/Listener 1: (sitting RS w/ #2) Yeah... duh

Gabbie/John: Okay, so I eat weird food like honey and locusts

Cheyenne/Listener 2: (hand by mouth, like telling secret) Uh, did he say locusts?

Eric/Listener 1: Like bugs? (disgusted looking)

Cheyenne/Listener 2: Okay, gross!

Gabbie/John: But I’ll bring you an important message. See the old way of doing things is almost over. No longer will we have to sacrifice animals to pay for our sins. No longer will we have to work our way to God by doing good things.

Eric/Listener 1: Are you serious?

Cheyenne/Listener 2: What?

Gabbie/John: Yes, there is one coming who has the power to forgive us of our sins once and for all. It’s not me, but he’s comin’ soon. If you’re ready to follow him, you come down here and be baptized as a sign of that. (listeners exit RS)

Charli: But the Pharisees, who were the Jewish religious leaders (enter Pharisee - wearing
fancy felt hat w/ beads and gold-plated tunic - LS move Cs in front of John) did not like what they were hearing.

**Drew/Pharisee:** In... my... day... we didn't get baptized. We offered God an animal as a sacrifice, and then hit ourselves with a pain stick....and we LIKED IT! (exit RS - John move little RS)

**Charli:** Jesus (Jesus - wearing cotton cloak/hood - enter LS) arrived and was baptized by John.

**Gabbie/John:** Jesus, I should be baptized by you, and yet you come to me?

**Zeke/Jesus:** Yes, it is right that we do this (kneels at John's feet, John pretends to put water on Jesus's head, Jesus stands, look, smile - exit LS, John exit RS)

**Charli:** (move CS) The crowd scattered, and Jesus traveled deeper into the wilderness to be alone with God and prepare to do his work. (step up on box) He went w/out food and water for forty days so that he would be totally focused on God. But during this time of hunger and weakness, someone paid him a visit. (Someone make the western whistle sound)

**Ben/Devil:** (wearing devil headband enter LS, taking long slow steps, stop in front LS) Wha, wha, wha (Jesus enter RS taking long, slow steps, stop in front RS) Jesus (nod head)

**Zeke/Jesus:** Satan (nod head)

**Ben/Devil:** Say, I don't mean to pry, but uhhh, why don't you take them there (points) rocks on the ground, turn 'em into bread, have a little something to eat.

**Zeke/Jesus:** Nope (both take a step forward - like in gunfight keeping fingers loose)

**Ben/Devil:** Well how bout this then, (pointing out) you see the highest point of the Temple up there? Why don't you go on up there, and jump off. God will send his angels to catch ya, and everyone's gonna see how cool you are. Come-on....whaddaya say?

**Zeke/Jesus:** Uh--ahh (shake head no) (both take step forward)

**Ben/Devil:** Well how bout this then...boy. You see all them kingdoms of the world out there? Well, I'll give 'em all to ya, and all you gotta do is bow down and worship.. little ole me. Whaddaya say?

**Zeke/Jesus:** Not gonna do it, you know the rules Satan. Do not test the Lord your God....now beat it! (Devil takes long slow steps back toward LS, exits)

**Charli:** Jesus was now ready to begin his work. (Jesus exits RS) He started out by picking some helpers, Twelve men (step down and sit) that would follow him every where and help...
him teach. (2 people to be followers come out and prepare LS & RS)

Zeke/Jesus: (pop-up) Come, follow me. (pop-down)

Charli: And they did.

Drew/LS: (winter hat red) Peter!

Jake/RS: (brown scarf) Andrew

Drew/LS: (Santa hat) John

Jake/RS: (cowboy hat) James

Drew/LS: (red hard hat) James.....the other....James

Jake/RS: (straw cowboy had) (southern voice) Matth___ew

Drew/LS: (red, blue winter hat) Simon

Jake/RS: (goofy baseball hat) Thomas

Drew/LS: (wh. Ear muffs) Bartholomew (acting cold)

Jake/RS: (giant sunglasses) Thaddeus

Drew/LS: (bike helmet) Phillip

Jake/RS: (detective hat) And....Judas

Charli: (standing on box CS, hatwearers exit RS & LS) And for the next three years, the disciples followed Jesus around as he traveled all around the area telling people about God. During these three years, (Jesus & 2 followers - wearing cowboy hat & beret - enter LS cross RS) Jesus did many miracles.

Zeke/Jesus: (walking toward RS, two followers) I turned this water into wine.

Laura & Eric/2 Followers: (follow him, both say) Whoo–hoo!

Zeke/Jesus: (walking toward LS) Little girl your not dead, your just asleep. Get up!

Laura & Eric/2 Followers: (one on each side of Jesus, both say) Whoo–hoo!

Zeke/Jesus: (walking to RS) Blind man, open your eyes and see.
Laura & Eric/2 Followers: (follow Jesus) Whoo-hoo!

Zeke/Jesus: (walking toward LS) Paralyzed man, get up and walk.

Laura & Eric/2 Followers: (follow Jesus) Whoo-hoo! (all walk off LS)

Charli: And on, and on like this. But the Pharisees (stepping down off box) grew more jealous of Jesus.

Drew/Pharisee: (enter RS- strutting) In My day...we didn't go around doing miracles. If you were blind, you stayed blind. If you were dead, you stayed dead, we were miserable.....and WE LIKED it! (exit LS)

Charli: (move LS, Jesus & 2 followers - wearing cowboy hat & beret - enter RS to CS, two followers kneeling around stool, Jesus on stool) During these three years, Jesus taught many things.

Zeke/Jesus: If someone hurts you, try to let it go, do not get even.

Laura & Eric/2 Followers: (look at each other, both say) No Way!

Zeke/Jesus: Yes way, and if you want to be great, then you need to serve others.

Laura & Eric/2 Followers: No-way!

Zeke/Jesus: Yes way. And if you want to honor God, keep your mind and your heart pure and your actions.

Laura & Eric/2 Followers: No-Way!

Zeke/Jesus: Yes way. (all exit)

Charli: And on and on like this. Jesus taught in a way (move RS) that people had never heard before. And the Pharisees grew to hate Jesus.

Drew/Pharisee: (enter LS, angry) In MY day...we didn't say things like, don't - get - even. If somebody hurt us, then we got revenge. We were miserable, selfish and greedy (walk toward RS, stop turn back pointing) And WE LIKED IT! (continuing waggin finger at audience then exit)

Charli: During these three years, Jesus (enter 4 changed people - sit in circle CS - man w/ cowboy hat, Martha w/ scarf, Samaritan woman w/ scarf and Jyrus w/ winter fur hat - standing CS) met many people and changed them forever.

Ben/Jyrus: Hi! My name's Jyrus!
Chey & Gabbie & Jake/3 people: (all together say) Hi Jyrus!

Ben/Jyrus: Jesus brought my daughter back from the dead. He gave my little girl back to me. Jesus changed my life forever.

Chey & Gabbie & Jake/3 people: (all at once) Ooooo. (Jyrus sits)

Chey/Martha: (stands to CS) Hi, my name's Martha.

Ben & Gabbie & Jake/3 people: Hi Martha!

Chey/Martha: I used to be too busy to even sit and talk to Jesus. But he made me see that the most important thing, was just to be with him.

Ben & Gabbie & Jake/3 People: (all say) Ahhhhhhh. (Martha sits, Samaritan woman stands)

Gabbie/Samaritan Woman: Uh, I’m a Samaritan woman.

Ben & Chey & Jake/Group: (all say) Hi, Samar.....wait, booooo.

Gabbie/Samaritan Woman: I know, I know! Most Jews hate Samaritans. But Jesus is my friend. He accepted me, he changed my life forever.

Ben & Chey & Jake/Group: (all say) ohhhhhhh (all exit LS)

Charli: And on and on like this. But, the Pharisees now ... despised ....Jesus.

Drew/Pharisee: (enter RS) In MY day....we didn’t go around changing people. We were lucky if we changed our underwear, and WE LIKED.....IT!! (exit LS)

Charli: And during these three years, the disciples followed Jesus faithfully. Even though they didn’t seem to understand a lot of what Jesus said. (three disciples enter CS – wearing beret, 2 cowboy hats)

Jake/Disciple 1 (RS): Did he say blessed are the cheese makers?

Laura/Disciple 2 (CS): I thought it was peace makers.

Jake/Disciple 1 (RS): Oh

Laura/Disciple 2 (CS): (talking to disciple 3 LS) Okay....Did he say after three days the bread will rise?
Eric/Disciple 3 (LS): No, I think he said after three days He will rise.

Jake/Disciple 1 (RS): Well, what’s that supposed to mean?

Eric/Disciple 3 (LS): I don’t know

Laura/Disciple 2 (CS): (talking to D-1 RS) Okay, if he’s the son of God, why do we sometimes call him the son of man?

Jake/Disciple 1 (RS): Oh, its because he’s like... the son of God (using left hand), but he’s also like (using right hand) the son of man, and....yeah.


Jake & Eric/Disciple 1 & 3: (both say) Mine too. (exit opposite)

Charli: But, even though they didn’t understand at all, they still followed him. During those three years, tons of other stuff happened.

Gabbie/Reporter 1: (pop up BD) In an amazing story today, Jesus took five loaves of bread and two fish and made them into enough food to feed five thousand people, more at five.

Laura/Reporter 2: (pop up BD) In today’s top story Jesus of Nazareth calms a violent storm over the Sea of Galilee, by simply telling it to be....still. We’ll track that storm tonight with Doppler 5 radar.

Jake/Reporter 3: (pop up BD) Reports today confirmed that a man known as Jesus was seen walking on water near the town of Jenna-syrete, that and other stories at eleven.

Chey/Reporter 4: (pop up BD) During a funeral today in the town of Nayne, the coffin opened up and the young man who had been dead, got out and started talking. Now moments before, eye witnesses report that Jesus of Nazareth was seen touching the coffin and saying, “Young man, get up.” Jesus was not available for comment.

Isaiah/Reporter 5: (pop up BD) In Jerusalem today, crowds gathered and waved palm branches at the city gates. What caused all this excitement you may ask? Well, it wasn’t the entrance of the governor’s chariot, as some may suspect. But a single man riding into town riding on a donkey. This man was identified as Jesus of Nazareth, who many believed is the promised Messiah. What an exciting way to begin this weeks Passover festivities! I’m Steve Green, Channel 6 news, Jerusalem.

Charli: Jesus did many other things as well, and yet the Pharisees now hated Jesus. More that ever.
Drew/Pharisee: (enter LS) In MY DAY we didn't follow around every poor little carpenter, who said he was the Messiah. We followed the Pharisees, we were popular, AND...WE LIKED...IT! (looking evil - Charli move CS) The time has come to do something about this Jesus...ha. (exit RS)  
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Charli: Which leads us to scene three, the death of Jesus. (Chari sits CS) (lights dim) The Pharisees arranged to have Jesus betrayed by Judas, and arrested. They handed him over to the Governor and convinced him to have him killed. Jesus was nailed to a cross where he hung in pain for several hours.....before he finally....died. He had paid the price for all the sins of the world. And the disciples went home thinking everything was over.  
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Charli: (stand) (enter Mary RS- wearing scarf on shoulders & holding jar) Scene four - The Resurrection. Early on the third day, a woman named Mary went to the tomb. (Mary crosses LS to stool – lays down jar, 2 disciples enter RS and wait) But when she got there, the tomb was empty. She ran (Mary runs RS back to 2 disciples – wearing cowboy hat & beret) to find the disciples, but when she found them, they didn't believe her. (Charli move LS)

Eric/Disciple 1: (cowboy hat) What's the matter with you, saying Jesus is alive? That's crazy talk Missy. That's not right. (wagging finger in Mary's face)

Chey/Mary: (grab Disciple arm) No, it's true!

Zeke/Jesus: (enter LS) Yes, it is.

Laura/Disciple 2: (beret) Jesus!

Eric/Disciple 1: Jesus! (Jesus walk over to them)

Eric & Laura & Chey/Disciples and Mary: (jump for joy) JESUS!!

Laura/Disciple 2: Hey Jesus, it is so good to see you. (giggle, clap hands together) Hey remember the other day when we were all eating together and you said you were going to come back from the dead and we didn't get it, Ha, ha....remember that?! (giggle) Remember?

Zeke/Jesus: Yes

Laura/Disciple 2: That was...AWESOME! (pointing finger)

Zeke/Jesus: (grab d-2's arm) Thanks, but that's just the beginning, I got a job for you. (pretend to secretly tell them something)

Charli: And Jesus went on to tell them about the adventure that still awaited them. For all of his believers, that they would be the one's to spread the message about him to the
whole world. And then, he left them (Jesus exit RS) to go get heaven ready for his followers.

**Eric/Disciple 1:** (move CS) Alright boys, here’s where things get exciting. Telling everyone about Jesus is going to be the hardest thing we’ve ever done. You in.? (put hand in center and all hands in).

**Chey & Laura/Mary, Disciple 2:** Let’s do it. (Mary, D-1, D2 exit RS)  
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**Charli:** Scene five - The Church starts

**Jake/Person:** (pop-up) Or…today Jerusalem, tomorrow the world! (evil laugh that turns into choking, pop-down)

**Charli:** The disciples (move CS) all stayed in the town of Jerusalem for several days just as Jesus had told them to do. But on a day called Pentecost, God sent them a gift.

**Eric/Cowboy Disciple:** (runs out RS, cowboy hat) A gift, oh you shouldn’t have.

**Ben/Bl Beret Disciple:** (runs out LS, black beret) Is it candy? I love candy!

**Charli:** No, no it’s not candy

**Eric/Cowboy Disciple:** Don’t tell me! Let me guess, let me guess, I love surprises (clap hands) uh, it’s a bike!

**Charli:** No, it’s not a bike.

**Eric/Cowboy Disciple:** No, okay.

**Ben/Beret Disciple:** (grab Charli) A TV, a TV!

**Charli:** NO, if you would zip it, I would tell you.

**Eric/CD:** okay, okay, let me guess.  
**Charli:** Zip—it  
**Eric/CD:** But I wanna  
**Charli:** Zip—it  
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Eric/CD: (slowly) Let....me.....do...it.
Charli: Zip-it (look around in disgust) The gift that he sent was the Holy Spirit.

Eric & Ben/CD & BBD: (both) Whoa!!

Charli: This is what I am saying. (CD & BBD exit RS & LS) On the day of Pentecost, God sent the Holy Spirit to the first disciples in an amazing way. A violet wind blew and filled the whole house where they were. Then something that looked like tongues of fire came down from heaven and rested on their heads.

Gabbie/Person: (pop-up) OH, my hair!

Charli: It didn’t burn.

Gabbie/Person: Oh (pop-down)

Charli: It was the Holy Spirit. The disciples now had all the power they needed to carry out the mission Jesus had given them. And God still gives the Holy Spirit to (move LS) every person who decides to follow Jesus. The disciples began to spread the word about Jesus.

Drew/Peter: (enter RS, go out front, then toward LS, then CS) My name’s Peter! Let me tell you about Jesus (stay CS – hands on hips feet spread apart)

Zeke/Philip: (enter LS, go out front, then toward RS, then CS) My names Philip. Let me tell you about Jesus (stay CS – hands on hips, feet spread apart)

Cheyenne/Barnabas: (enter RS, go out front then toward LS) My names Barnabas. Let me tell you about Jesus. (stay CS – hands on hips, feet spread apart)

Charli: Sometimes people listened and huge numbers became Christians.

Chey & Drew & Zeke/Barn, Pete, Phil (all together) YES! (w/ hand motion fist pulling down, all exit)

Charli: But.... (enter Stephen RS to CS)
Ben/Stephen: (wearing hat) My name’s Stephen. Let me tell you about Jesus.

Eric & Jake/2 people: (pop-up, stabbing motion) AHHHHH (Stephen exit LS running) (people pop-down)

Charli: Sometimes it didn’t work out so well. Many of the Jewish leaders were against the message of Jesus, and persecuted the disciples by beating them, imprisoning them, and even...killing them. So, (move CS) many of the disciples fled away from Jerusalem and surrounding areas. But that only helped the message to spread farther than ever.

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Charli: Scene six; The Church Grows

Eric/person: (pop-up) Or...they're everywhere, they're everywhere, they're everywhere. (pop-down)

Charli: (up on stool) As the message spread, so did opposition. People began actually hunting down Christians to stop them from spreading the message. One of the most effective Christian hunters (enter Saul LS- wearing vest) was a guy named Saul.

Gabbie/Saul: I am Saul. This message about Jesus is wrong. And I’m gonna stop them from spreading it, even if I have to kill...... them .....all.

Chey/Person w/ cowboy hat: (pop-up) Oh lighten up.

Gabbie/Saul: (charging toward BD) Alright! Who said that?

Charli: But Saul was changed forever when Jesus appeared to him on the road to Damascus.

Zeke/Jesus: (voice only) Saul, why do you hurt me like this?

Gabbie/Saul: (scared) What, who’s there?

Zeke/Jesus: I am Jesus (Saul falls to knees – head down ) the one you are persecuting. Well, get up and go into the city. I have plans for you. (puts on dark sunglasses)

Charli: When he got up from the ground (looks up) and opened his eyes, he found that he couldn’t see anything.

Gabbie/Saul: Help, I’m blind!

Charli: But he made his way to the town of Damascus (Saul stands and moves RS feeling his way,
enter Ananias LS wearing derby hat, long vest, holding hand in prayer like position w/ index fingers up)
where a man named Anin, Anin-n, Anin-u

Laura/Ananias: (walk to Charli, grab chin, help her talk, jewish accent) An...a....nias

Charli: Ananias

Laura/Ananias: Ananias

Charli: Thanks

Laura/Ananias: Very nice (moves towards Saul)

Charli: Ananias found him.

Laura/Ananias: Saul! (Saul touching Anania's face) Personal...space (Ananais makes boundary motions) (Saul moves back) Saul, Jesus has sent me to ya. I'm here to help you see again (take glasses off and exit RS)

Charli: Jesus gave Ananias the power to heal Saul. And immediately Saul could see again.

Gabbie/Saul: I can see again! I have seen Jesus! I know he is who they say he is. I believe.

Charli: And to make a long story short

All: Too late!

Charli: Saul went to Jerusalem, joined the disciples, (Saul moves LS joined by 2 disciples (felt hat rs, cowboy hat ls) and started spreading the message of Jesus everywhere.

Gabbie/Saul: Okay boys, now before I go on tour, I was thinking about going under a different name. Ya know, since I don't kill Christians anymore.

Chey/Cowboy Disciple: How bout Methusala? That's a nice name.

Gabbie/Saul: I was thinking something a little more cutting edge, (moving arm out like putting words in the sky) like The Artist Formally Known As....Saul. What do ya think?

Jake/Felt Hat Disciple: Uh, how 'bout just Paul.

Gabbie/Saul: Do you think simple's best?

Jake/Disciple: I really do.
Gabbie/Saul: (clap hand) Okay, Paul it is. (all exit LS)

Charli: Paul went traveling on three different tours, telling people everywhere he went about the message of Jesus. (step down and sit) Everywhere he went, lots of people became followers of Jesus. (enter Saul RS move LS) But everywhere he went, people (enter 2 crowd—people RS, both w/ hats) who opposed the message, tried to stop him.

Drew/Crowd Person 1: Hey, isn’t that, that the guy that’s always talking about all the Jesus stuff?

Zeke/Crowd Person 2: Yeah! Hey, hey! That..that stuff makes fun of our laws. Get “em!!! (both run after him, exit LS) AHHHHHH!!!!

Charli: The crowd closed in on him and began to beat him. But..

Eric/Newspaper Man 1: (wearing born golphat enter LS, walk around front, exit RS) Extra! Extra!!! Paul escapes from rioting crowd, by Roman Soldiers

Laura/Newspaper Girl: (wearing black beret enter RS, walk around front, exit LS) Read all about it!!! Paul’s put on trial before the Jewish leaders and the Roman King.

Zeke/Newspaper Man 2: (wearing police hat, enter LS, walk around front, exit RS) Hot off the presses!!! Paul is in prison and awaiting trial with Emperor Ceasar. Read all about it!

Charli: And so it went, yet (stand move LS) all throughout Paul’s trials he continued to tell people about Jesus and what had happened to him on the road to Damascus. Paul was in prison awaiting his trial for over two years.

Ben/Emperor Caesar: (pop-up) Howdy folks, Emperor Ceasar here (giggle) Got a little guy in prison name of Paul, should get together, arrange a little meetin’ (snort) Not...gun...do-it (giggle) Not gun do-it, wouldn’t be prudent, at this juncture (snort, pop-down)

Charli: And during this time, people still continued to persecute the Christian churches. Things were often tough. It would have been very easy (both Arianastein & Akmen enter LS, sit on bench) for them to give up.

Laura/Arianastein: Oh, oh Akmen.

Drew/Akmen: What’s wrong Arianastein?

Laura/Arianastein: Duh, Akmen, what isn’t wrong? Paul’s in prison.

Drew/Akmen: Uh, your right.
Laura/Arianastein: And you know, even though our church is growing, everyone still hates us.

Drew/Akmen: Do you think that’s because we have … so much spirit?

Laura/Arianastein: No, because were Christians.

Drew/Akmen: Oh, gee I hope the churches don’t give up.

Laura/Arianastein: You know what they need.

Laura & Drew/Together: (both look @ each other, say) The perfect cheer. (cheer stance)

Drew/Akmen: Who’s the Christian that’s the best?

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Drew/Akmen: Who’s the Christian that’s the best?

Laura/Arianastein: It’s Paul, it’s Paul (both stand up)

Laura & Drew/Together: Uh-huh, uh-huh, uh-huh, uh-huh, uh-huh

Laura/Arianastein: Don’t worry Paul you’ll get out of prison soon.....and when you do, we’ll go play scrabble at my house! Whoo! Whoo!

Drew/Akmen: (looking confused and makes a L on his forehead) (cheer-chick starts clapping beat) They hate your churches, but don’t you fear it, ’cause you’re the ones with the Holy Spirit Whooo!!

Laura & Drew/Both: Romans drool, Christians Rule! Whooo!

Drew/Akmen: Whoo! (exit RS)

Charli: (LS) and in spite of the opposition, the churches continue to grow and spread. While Paul was imprisoned in Rome, he continued to send letters to the different churches, teaching them and encouraging them. The message continued to spread to the ends of the earth.

Charli: Scene 7 – Revelation

Gabbie: (pops up) Or…. It ain’t over ’til it’s over
Charli: Sometime around 95 a.d. John, the same John who had been one of the original 12 disciples, was condemned to an island called Patmos. During this time, Jesus appeared to John and gave him a vision of what was going to happen in the future. (enter 3 readers to CS – center one sitting and holding big bible) Now, a lot of what John wrote was kinda confusing...

Chey/Center Reader: and I saw them, four living creatures covered with eyes in the front and the back

Chey & Jake & Ben/All: Huh? (all look confused)

Jake/RS Reader: and when the lamb opened the third seal, I saw a black horse and it’s rider was carrying a pair of scales? What’s up w/ that?

Ben/LS Reader: and then the fifth angel sounded his trumpet and I saw a star fall from the sky to the earth. The star was given the key to the abyss??? I don’t get it.. (make disgusted face)

Charli: Like I said, a lot of what John wrote is ... kinda confusing but....this much is clear

Chey/Center Reader: (stands and walks forward) Jesus is coming back someday!

Ben/LS Reader: (moves forward) and when he does he’s gonna snap Satan like a twig!

Jake/RS Reader: (moves forward) all wrongs will be made right!

Chey/CS Reader: there will be no more suffering, no more pain, no more tears!

Jake/RS Reader: and those that are his followers will be with him forever!

Charli: until then, it’s up to his followers to spread the word about him!

Ben/LS Reader: In Jerusalem!

Chey/CS Reader: In Judea!

Jake/RS Reader: In Samaria!

Ben/LS Reader: and to the ends of the earth!

Charli: The story ain’t over until Jesus comes back!

Chey & Jake & Ben/All readers: Come Lord Jesus!

Charli: The story ain’t over till it’s over.