The Elf-angel-ist Evangelist (a Christmas script)

Set up a Christmas tableau in readiness for taking a photo with characters of the Christmas story. (Mary, Joseph, angel, shepherd, king, Zechariah.) Characters to be dressed in costume. You need a pastor or leader to take one other role. Ellen/Elmore the elf-angel-ist will be dressed with elf ears, elf hat and angel wings.

The tableau is set up by the pastor who prepares to take a photo for the church newsletter.

Once things are set Ellen/Elmore the elf-angel-ist bustles in – she/he appears to be running late.

EE : Am I too late? Is the position still open?

Pastor : The position? What position?

EE : The position of “elf-angel-ist” of course. I’ll be perfect. Look I’ve got my elf hat and my elf ears. I’ve got my angel wings. I’m all ready to go. Ellen/Elmore the elf-angel-ist at your service. Read to elf and angel it up as much as you need. You need presents loaded or some dreamy harp music I have it covered. When do I start?

Pastor: Sorry but there seems to have been some kind of mistake. I’ve never even heard of an elf-angel-ist whatever that is?

EE: You must have. I heard about that Matthew Schubert down in the Baldivis area. They said that he had just been appointed full time as an “elf-angel-ist” and mission facilitator down there. Now I have no idea what a mission facilitator does but being an elf-angel-ist sounded like fun to me. So I checked out your website here at St Luke’s and there’s no mention of you having an elf-angel-ist here. Sounds like you need one and I thought that’s just the job for me. So I present myself for service as your elf-angel-ist.

Pastor : Oh I think I see what’s happened. Matthew is an E-VAN-gelist.

EE An E-VAN-gelist. Never heard of it. Do they have a hat and wings?

Pastor: Well not particularly.

EE : Oh (sounding disappointed)

Pastor : But they do have a job!

EE: (interested again) – Now you’re talking. What is it?

Pastor: They get to share good news. That’s what evangelist means – someone who shares good news.

EE: I could probably do that. Is there any training required?

Pastor : Well we could hear from some evangelists. The Christmas story is full of them. I’ll ask our Christmas characters to tell us about how they told the good news.

You take a seat here and I’ll get them to tell us about being an evangelist.

Pastor interviews the Christmas characters.

Asks each one

Pastor : This is ………. from the first Christmas. …….. can you tell Ellen/Elmore how you were an evangelist?

(6 children take the following roles – others could be added as needed – e.g. Elizabeth)

* Amelia – Mary
* Lawson - Joseph
* Carter – Shepherd
* Pernilla’s children (Evangeline, Rome, Angelique)
  + Angel
  + Wise Man
  + Zechariah

Mary When I was told I would have a baby I was frightened at first. But when I understood who my baby would grow up to be, I burst into song and praised God. This was my song.

“My heart sings with thanks for my Lord. And my spirit is happy in God, the One Who saves from the punishment of sin. The Lord has looked on me, His servant-girl and one who is not important. But from now on all people will honour me. He Who is powerful has done great things for me. His name is holy.

Joseph There’s no more exciting news in the whole world than news of a new baby. But Mary and I knew that the baby that was coming to us was EXTRA special. We didn’t keep the news to ourselves. Instead we gave him the name “Jesus”. That said it all. It told the whole world who he was – “Jesus - the one who saves”.

Angel We angels were the first evangelists on Christmas Eve. A whole bunch of us were given the job of making a big announcement. Well we decided that it deserved a song. So first I told the shepherds – “I’ve got a message of good news and great joy for you. Today a saviour has been born. It’s the Christ, the Lord. If you go to Bethlehem you’ll see it with your own eyes. You will find a baby all wrapped up in birthing cloths and lying in a manger.” Then we sang our hearts out because it was all so good.

Shepherd When we heard the angels we had to find out for ourselves so we went to see the baby we had been told about. When we got there it was exactly like the angels said. We were so excited that all the way home we told everyone the good news this baby. We couldn’t help it – it was so exciting.

Wise Man We saw an evangelist in the sky. There was a star that told us the news that a king had been born. We followed it all the way to Bethlehem so that we could see for ourselves and worship him. Afterwards we told everyone we could about what had happened. Except for King Herod. We were told to keep it secret from him.

Zechariah When I saw Jesus in the temple I couldn’t keep the news to myself. Even though I hadn’t been able to speak for months suddenly words just burst out of me. I told everyone who would listen that Jesus would “give people the knowledge of salvation through the forgiveness of their sins”. I knew that he would “guide us so that we could walk in the way of peace.”

Pastor So Ellen/Elmore does all that help you see what an evangelist is?

EE Yes I think so. Every one of them told others the good news about the new child. They didn’t keep it to themselves – they got busy and shared it.

Pastor Exactly. That’s what makes an evangelist.

EE I have one more question though. The child was born a long time ago right. Is there any work for evangelists today?

Pastor Absolutely. Jesus is still good news today. He is still the saviour and he still is a gift of light and peace to anyone who hears the news and believes it.

There are still evangelists today – in fact I’m sure we have some here with us today.

Let’s ask around.

Hands up if you have good news to share with the world because you know Jesus.

Interview a person or two…

EE Now that I know what an evangelist is I feel inspired. I can share the good news too because it’s too good to keep quiet about.

Pastor Great. The world needs goods news and it needs people to share it. It needs all evangelists we can muster.

EE OK. Just one more thing though. Can I keep the hat and ears and the wings?

Pastor You want to be an elf-angel-ist evangelist.

EE Yes I do.

Pastor Well I guess this evangelists come in all sorts, and shapes and sizes. Go Ellen/Elmore the elf-angel-ist evangelist. Go and share the good news.

The End.

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