## NorthLife Weekly Schedule

#### Sunday

9:30am Sunday School for all ages.

10:30am Weekly Celebration Service - Playroom is open.

Children's Church 10:45am

Tuesday

7:00pm Celebrate Recovery A Christ centered recovery

program for men, for any Hurt, Hang up, or Habit

Wednesday

6:00pm Ladies Bible Study Check out the NorthLife Women

Facebook Group for updates and events.

7:00pm Bible Study NorthLife library. 7:00pm Young Adults meet in room 307.

**Thursday** 

Moms N' Tots A drop-in for play and socializing time

for moms and their young children. Check out their Facebook page for times and weekly updates.

Friday

7:00pm Youth Bible Study meet for fun, food, fellowship. 7:00pm

Men's Prayer group contact Dave Oger at

780-799-3669.

7:30pm Filipino Family Bible Study contact

darrelbenas13@gmail.com

Saturday

7:00pm Mancave Drop in time for men to socialize at NLFBC.

Looking for a Discipleship Opportunity? Contact Pastor Mark 780-792-6888

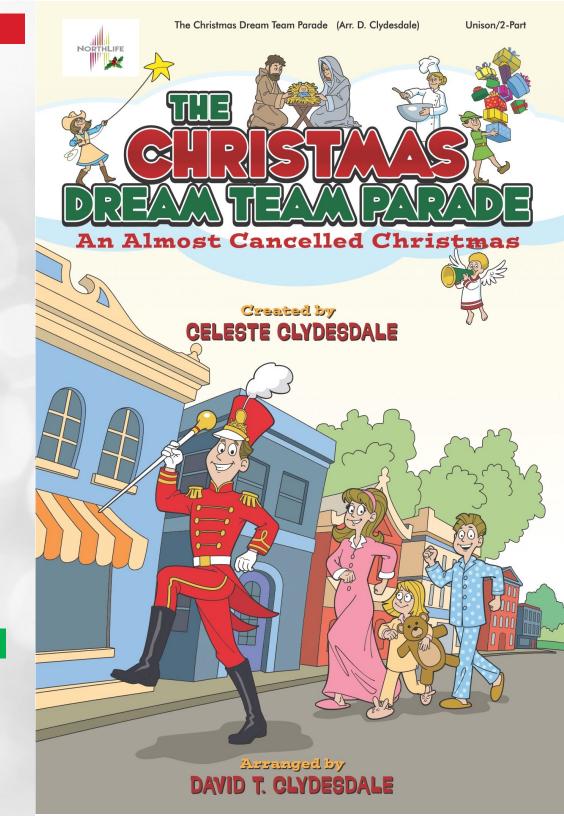
Soup Kitchen https://www.facebook.com/ NLSoupKitchen

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## **Characters:**

Mom - Tender-hearted and compassionate lady.

Dad - Kind and sensitive father.

Sophie - A typical older daughter.

Sam -The middle child who wants to be a

drummer.

**Sarah** – The cute little sister with attitude.

**Brody** - The charming drum major.

Dixie - A friendly cowgirl.

Chef Bella - The French chef.

Giff - A forgetful Christmas giffster.

Gloria - The Christmas angel.

Parade Brigade - Marching band.





## Nativity Word Search

NATIVITY NIGHT
CHRISTMAS SHEEP
MANGER MOTHER
DONKEY GIFT
STABLE
DECEMBER
ANGEL
SHEPHERD
BABY
STAR

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# The Christmas Dream Team Parade

It's Christmas Eve at the Carter home, and everyone is excited about the Christmas parade. However, the Carter kids begin to lose sight of the true reason we celebrate Christmas. This musical from *Celeste and David T. Clydesdale* combines fun songs and engaging drama to teach kids that Christmas is not simply about the gifts underneath the tree, but about the gift of Christ's life. Join the adventure as the characters learn about the importance of following Jesus and celebrating His gift of life above everything else.





Annabelle Laidlaw - Mom - Soloist "My Savior Gave To Me" - Narrator Bible
Annabelle is a well practiced actress. Having over 9 plays and performances under her belt, she loves to sing and work with children within the production. She has played a multitude of sports and loves to donate her time to help others who might need help. Annabelle is a strong skater and swimmer, loving to bring others with her to outdoorsy events and activities.

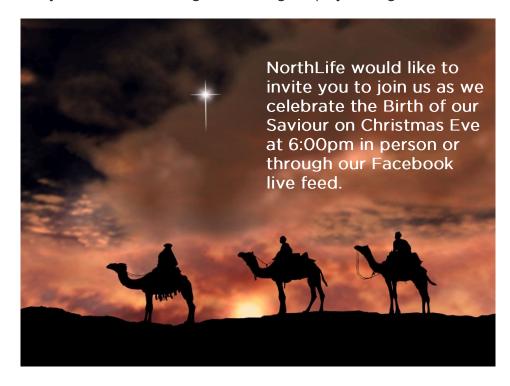
Josh Martin - Dad (Sunday) Narrator (Saturday) - Soloist "My Savior Gave To Me"- Narrator Bible - Joshua is 14 years old, and is in the 9th grade. He has a younger sister named Lexi. He loves to perform and looks forward to the NorthLife Christmas play every year. This is his 6th year being involved. Josh spends his free time playing both the piano and the euphonium. He loves playing hockey with his buddies in the winter and spending all his days on the golf course in the summer. Joshua hopes everyone loves the show. He

greatly appreciates Ms. Karen, and all her hard work on the play every year. Thanks too, Mom and Dad.

## **Acknowledgement**

Kate Platt - Thank you for being with us each week at practice running the music for the children. Kate is one of our LIT teens, and her leadership and past experience in the plays was what we needed to make sure this year was a success.

Our Church Family - Thank you for praying and being there for the children. Ask any of them what is one of the most important things about putting on this play each year and they will tell you it is performing it for all of you. I would also like to thank everyone who baked and donated to our cookie buffet. The children in the play will tell you that the best thing about doing the play is the goodies.



Join us for a cookie buffet after the program in the foyer.

## Acknowledgement

Angela Austin and Anna and Sophia Bodnarchuk - for volunteering their time to be our backstage crew and dressing room coordinators. They made sure the kids were put into the correct costumes, were lined up and are ready to go when it was their time to shine. We appreciate all that you do, and the kids really love you. Thank you so very much.

Carol Cleminson and Nina Evaskevich - Saturday night and Janet and Allison Crain - Sunday morning - for putting together the Cookie Buffet for everyone to enjoy. I want to thank you for being there to give this gift to all the children in this year's play. This is one thing they truly look forward to and you make it possible. Your time is greatly appreciated.

**Stage Crew** - I would like to thank Stephen Sturgis and all those that volunteered to help build the set for our production. With your work schedules, we know how important your time is and we want you to know that we appreciate the time you gave us. I also would like to thank everyone who came in throughout the week to help us put the set together and decorate it.

**Devlin Laidlaw and Alexander Oger** - for volunteering to be our prop managers and scene changers. Did you know they even worked on building and creating part of the set? I can't thank these two boys enough for wanting to help. Devlin was also a master at getting the children in line during practice and making sure they paid attention—I truly appreciated all of their hard work and talents.

Hope Martin and Missy Platt - For being there every Wednesday for the children. They did everything from lining up the children, to sewing costumes, hemming, organizing costume racks, shopping, movements for the songs, running the music, and directing. I know at times you think you are not doing much, but I want you both to know you do so much. Having those extra hands, eyes and ears is so helpful even if at times you are just telling the kids to be LOUDER.

## The Cast



lan Hampton - Dad (Saturday) Narrator (Sunday) - Soloist "My Savior Gave To Me"- Narrator Bible - This is lan's 7th time in the Christmas play. He loves school, basketball, being with his friends, and family. He's now in grade 8 and has one brother who is also in the Christmas play. He hopes that in doing this he brings people closer to God.



Leila McDonald - Sophie (Sunday) - Narrator (Saturday) - Leila is 11 years old and in the 6th grade and this is her 5th year doing the Christmas play. She loves animals, especially birds, and enjoys playing the piano. Baking and reading are things she also likes, and spending lots of spare time with her nose in a book. She is the youngest in a family of six. Leila loves performing in the Christmas play, and she truly hopes you have fun watching it. Enjoy and Merry Christmas!!



Lexi Martin - Sophie (Saturday) - Narrator (Sunday) - Lexi is 10 years old and in the 5th grade. Her older brother is Joshua. Alexis loves hanging out with her friends, playing hockey, piano and golf. This is her 4th year performing in the Christmas play at NorthLife Fellowship Baptist Church. Lexi would like to thank Ms. Karen, Mr. Josh, and her mom and dad for their encouragement and support. She hopes everyone enjoys "The Christmas Dream Parade."





Declan Walker - Sam - Declan is a gentle hearted 9 year old. If you can't find him at home, school or church, he will probably be on a rink playing hockey. He finds joy in playing goalie for his team. Declan has a boldness for Christ and the salvation of his loved ones, friends and teammates is always foremost on his mind and prayers. Declan loves drawing and making comics and music. He really loves learning the meaning behind the songs he likes. This is Declan's 3rd year in the Christmas production and loves to share his love for Christ through song and acting.

## **Acknowledgement**

**Northland Lumber** - We are so grateful to them. They donated all the materials needed to build the extras for the set from the crèche to the stair steps. We are so thankful to them for helping us keep this production going with this very generous donation.

Aluma Systems - for donating all the materials that you don't see behind the set. They donate all we need to make the structure that holds it all together. Thank you so very much for being there for us another year. We couldn't do it without you.

Kentucky Fried Chicken in Timberlea - for sponsoring this year's play by giving each child in attendance a coupon to KFC. Each year Max comes through and helps out with our party for the children in the play. This year was no different. We love Max and we love KFC. So we would truly like to thank him and KFC for being there for us again this year.

**Tim Horton's** - We would like to thank you for supplying all the coffee for our guests to enjoy at the cookie buffet. Your generosity is truly appreciated. We thank you for making sure that all of our guests were taken care of on Saturday and Sunday.

Pastor Mark Usher - Thank you for always showing your support and for lifting us up in prayer. Thank you for being so encouraging, for your involvement and commitment to this part of the Children's Ministry. The kids would especially like to thank you for understanding that the Christmas play is really important to them and that they truly do love being a part of it.

Laura Dunnett - A production like this cannot be done without Laura. She is not only my friend, but someone who is truly an outstanding office manager here at NorthLife. Each and every year, Laura takes the time to put together the whole program for the children. She is also a huge help in advertising for the play. From running off flyers and posters to be distributed, to making sure it is up and running on Facebook, Laura is a true partner to me in Children's Ministry. We are so thankful that God gave us such a tremendous gift in Laura. Thank you for all your hard work and support.

### The Christmas Dream Team Parade

#### Scene 1

Tomorrow is Christmas Christmas at the Carter's

#### Scene 2

The Christmas Parade It's All About Him The Christmas Parade

#### Scene 3

Follow the Light Christmas Parade

#### Scene 4

Cookin' With the King The Christmas Parade

#### Scene 5

My Savior Gave to Me Colors of Christmas

#### Scene 6

It's Early Christmas Morning Finale



## The Cast



Melanie Walker - Sarah - Melanie is an outgoing 7 year old. Melanie loves spending time with her family and friends, and always has room in her heart for new friends. She has a huge imagination and loves making up games for her and her two brothers to play and making bracelets to share with friends. She finds joy in being active through gymnastics and soccer. Melanie was so excited when she was old enough to join the Christmas production and this is her 3rd year in a play. Most importantly she wants to be able to tell others the true Christmas Story.



Ethan Oger - Brody - This is Ethan's 3rd year in the Christmas Production and his 1st time with a major part. He is so excited to be playing Brody, and loves being the leader. He is homeschooled and he is so glad to be here and tell others about God. Merry Christmas!!





Emma McCandless - Dixie - Soloist - "Follow The Light" - Emma is 11 years old, in the 6th grade, and this is her third year in the Christmas play. Emma loves to act, play the piano, dirt bike, play sports at school, and is on her ringette team. She also loves going to church at NorthLife and being involved in different activities. Emma has a pet bunny rabbit who she loves very much and she also loves her cat Boomer. Emma truly hopes you enjoy the show and that all of you have a very Merry Christmas.



Emma McDonald - Chef Bella - Soloist "Cookin' With The King" - Bonjour!!!! Emma is 13 years old, turning 14 in January, and in the 8th grade. This is her fifth year in the Christmas play. Emma's favorite place is the outdoors, and she loves spending time with animals, especially her dogs. She is very excited to get her learners permit and start driving later this winter. Emma hopes you will enjoy this play as much as she does and more. Merry Christmas.

## A note from Karen...

"It's All About Him" - keep Christ first and foremost at all times in your life, and follow His path - Colossians 1:17

"Follow the Light" - stay on His path, looking towards His light, Jesus will be there for you in everything - Psalm 119:105

"Cookin' With the King" - always remember when you are missing home, or struggling with day-to-day activities, lean on God - Psalm 34:8

**"My Savior Gave to Me"** – Jesus gave us wonderful gifts. When you hold onto those gifts, everyday is a great day – **James 1:17** 

"Colors of Christmas" - Red, Green and White - What Christ did for you and all promises He made are yours - Jeremiah 17:8 & Isaiah 1:18

"Finale" – Remember who you are to Christ, and that He designed you for His purpose and glory. Never forget that you are a Masterpiece – Ephesians 2:10 – Christ lives in you, and you are His child. Thank Jesus daily for His gift of life and love the Lord with all your heart, soul and mind. Show that love to others all around you. John 13:34-35

This isn't goodbye in the long term, but in the short term. You are loved and will be missed so very much.

God has given me so many great gifts – these two young women are some of the greatest I have received. What I am so thankful for this past year is that I was the one God chose to work with both of them again. God allows me to see a small part of how He works wonders in our lives. Psalm 77:14

May everyone's Christmas be as bright as the star that shined from the night sky to tell us our gift of life had arrived.

Karen Sturgis
Children's Ministry Director
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## A note from Karen...

Two beautiful young women, both at different stages in their lives—what a blessing I was given. This year, I am able to welcome back Annabelle Laidlaw, and I get to say goodbye to Kate Platt. These are two extraordinary young women, both with a heart for Christ and for children.

Annabelle was eager in the first production we ever did at NorthLife. She brought to life the character of Melody in the play "Special Delivery". When I first heard Annabelle fa la la la la-ing in the foyer of the church, I hoped God would choose her to be a part of that first play. God gave her the gift of singing; it was used for many years. I needed a "Mom" in this year's play, so God led me straight to Annabelle. It was a gift that she said "Yes" right away, and it was a gift to welcome her back.

Annabelle set a standard for the other kids in the play to follow. She understood that what she was doing was a great deal of fun, but God chose her for a purpose. The standards she set were going to be hard to follow.

What Annabelle didn't know then, and I hope she knows now, was that she paved the way for so many who would come after her. That brings me to Kate Platt. Kate was in her first play back in 2019. "Christmas Hang-ups". From that moment on, Kate went on to play major roles every year. God chose her to deliver His message and Kate always came with a smile, and with God's light shining from her. When she finished her last play, she was already a member of LIT and a Sunday School teacher. Then she decided to be a major support to the children in the play. You can find Kate in the sound booth every Wednesday, running the music, making sure you can hear kids singing, and even giving them words of encouragement. Well, like all great things, God has said this time will end and this is Kate's last play, for she is off to college. She was accepted to the University of Alberta, as she goes for her bachelor's in education degree.

Using the songs from this year's play, I have a final message for you:

"Tomorrow is Christmas" - there is nothing like rushing out the door and being on your own - just remember Psalm 62:6

"Trouble" - Satan is evil and can never be trusted - if it looks too good to be true, it probably is - 1 Peter 5:8

## The Cast



Sierra McCandless - Giff - "My Savior Gave To Me" - Sierra is 12 years old and this is her third time in the Christmas program. She is currently in grade 7. Sierra loves sports, playing on her ringette team, as well as volleyball, dirt biking, and baking. She loves animals, not only her pets, but especially horses, cows and goats. Sierra is very responsible and loves to help out anybody who needs help as well as her family. You can see Sierra in church serving God as part of the L.I.T. program. Sierra has a heart of gold, and would like everyone to have a wonderful Christmas and a happy New Year.



Stephania Bodnarchuk - Gloria - Soloist "Colors of Christmas" - Stephania is 10 years old and in grade five. She is the youngest of four sisters. Stepha loves spending time with her friends and family, going to Ukrainian dance and basketball practices. Stepha is a very artistic and crafty girl. Lately her favourite thing is making bracelets. She really enjoys being around horses. At home she has a dog Lucy and two cats: Simba and Jarvis. She is so excited to be in this year's play, and can't believe it is her 4th year in the production. She hopes you will enjoy the show and spread the

message about the true meaning of Christmas.





Jaxon Oger - Parade Brigade Boy 1 - Soloist "My Savior Gave To Me" - Jaxon is in the 3rd grade and is 8 years old. This is his 3rd vear in the play, and the first time he has a speaking part. Jaxon has 2 older brothers and loves spending time with his family and friends. It is really important to Jaxon to spread God's word. Merry Christmas!!







Jackson Platt - Parade Brigade Boy 2 -Soloist "Trouble" and "My Savior Gave To Me" - Jackson is 9 years old and this is his third year in the play. He is a bubbly boy who enjoys time with his friends and family. Jackson loves to ride his bike, hike, kayak, play sports, build forts, and help his dad with projects around the yard. His favourite thing to do is play LEGOS with his dad. Jackson loves to learn about God and the Bible. He's always eager to attend Sunday School. His favourite story is David and Goliath; he asks his parents to read it to him almost every night before bed. He

never goes a night without praying for his family and his friends. Merry Christmas!!



Karen Sturgis - Children's Ministry **Director** - Karen is married, loves creating things, and loves doing projects with her husband. She has a dog named Molly. Karen loves her grandchildren very much. Hayden and Hayley mean the world to her, and they have brought her and Stephen so much joy. Family trips with her grandchildren are amazing blessings. It is such a thrill to see things through the eyes of a child. Just so you know, Karen claims all the children of the church as her own. She knows how extremely blessed she is to be able to spend time with each of them. There is nothing like experiencing

a child's faith, and their expressions of love for Jesus Christ. They are all Masterpieces - gifts from God.



Josh Bredewout - Assistant Play Director -Josh is married to Nicola. Together they have three children: Jessie, Caleb and Ruthie. He works at Norfort Gymnastics as Senior Director and head coach. He runs and oversees all programs from recreation all the way to high performance gymnastics. Josh joined the Christmas play preparation in September and feels he has learned a lot. He loves seeing the children develop a passion for performing arts and watching them step out of their comfort zones. God has given each child gifts. Through

performing arts, talents like leadership and working together come forward naturally. These are great tools to explain the gospel and let the children know Jesus is the only way to the Father and that He wants to be their friend. Through the Holy Spirit, they get convicted that they need Him. Josh hopes you enjoy this year's play. Merry Christmas!





Marcelo Valencia - Wiseman - Marcelo is 11 and is in the 7th grade. His favourite things to do are play video games, soccer, and draw. Marcelo is homeschooled with his brother. Soccer is his favourite sport, and he has won 2 Gold Medals. He really loves to build Lego Ninjago and Lego Minecraft. Marcelo also loves being with his family. This is his 1st year in the Christmas play, and he wishes everyone a Merry Christmas!





Andrew Napo - Wiseman - Andrew is a very kind, and a very loving kid. He is super easy to get along with. He is 11 years old and in the 6th grade. His favourite subjects in school are Science and Social Studies. Did you know he also likes to write poems with his sister Nikki? He really likes to play volleyball and badminton. Andrew is also a very good dancer. This is Andrew's 2nd year in the Christmas play, and he is excited to perform and spread the true meaning of Christmas. Merry Christmas everyone!

## The Cast



Noah Holderness - Parade Brigade Boy 3 - Soloist "Trouble" and "My Savior Gave To Me" - Noah is 10 years old. This is his third time in the Christmas production at the church. He thrives off of learning by ear, and welcomes the challenge of memorizing lines and songs. Away from the stage, Noah can be found deep into a chapter book, outside on his scooter or on the trampoline with his siblings.





Ivan Hampton - Parade Brigade Boy 4 - This is Ivan's 3rd time in the Christmas play. He loves school, volleyball, soccer, and loves spending time with his friends and his family too. Currently in the 5th grade, he has an older brother named lan, who he looks up to and enjoys spending time with. Ian hopes you will all enjoy the play and have a Merry Christmas.



Kendrick Stride - Parade Brigade Boy 5 - Soloist "My Savior Gave To Me" - Kendrick is a very bright and active 10 year old with many interests. His favourite sport is soccer. Other activities he enjoys are Bible Study, piano lessons, swimming classes, and additional tutoring in Math and English. He is quite busy with all the birthday parties he attends with classmates and friends. This is Kendrick's second year participating in the Christmas play, and he is so delighted to be a part of it. He wishes everyone a very Merry Christmas!!



Daniel Walker - Little Giffster - Shepherd - Daniel is a bold 5 year old who usually has a wide grin offered to everyone. He doesn't beat around the bush and will tell you exactly what is on his mind, including his love for Jesus and what He did for our sins. Daniel loves to play big like his personality and enjoys hockey and soccer. He makes friends easily and usually can worm his way into everyone's hearts. Fun Fact - he will tell you he is the boss of Miss Karen, and will often "Fire" her when he doesn't want to do what she asks.



## The Cast



Jacob Aoun - Soloist - "My Savior Gave To Me" - Wisemen - Jacob is 11 years old and in the 6th grade. In his free time, he loves to play with his cat, play games, and talk with his friends. This is Jacob's 1st year in the Christmas play and he is so excited to be a part of it. He really wants to show people the true meaning of Christmas, and wishes everyone a very Merry Christmas!





Lily Cassell - Soloist - "Trouble" - "My Savior Gave to Me" - Lily is 10 years old and in the 5th grade. She is the youngest in her family of 4, with 3 older brothers. She has lots of animals and cares for them like they are children. Lily loves to spend time with her family and friends. Her favourite things to do are swimming and drawing. Currently she is learning to play the piano, and she loves to sing. One day she hopes to sing with her dad at church. Lily loves all holidays, but really loves Christmas. She wants all of you to have a very Merry Christmas!

Jethro Camus - Joseph - Choir - Jethro is 9 years old and in the 4th grade. He is a very active young boy who loves playing all sorts of games with his friends. He also likes to draw, build LEGOS, and play board games with his sister. This is his second year joining the Christmas play. He is so excited to perform and hopes the true meaning of Christmas will spread everywhere.







Austin McCandless - Little Giffster - Shepard - Austin is 7 years old and in the 2nd grade. This is his first year in the Christmas play. Austin loved to watch all the Christmas plays that his sisters have been in and is especially excited to be able to join them this year. He loves to play on his power wheels, ride his dirt bike and play soccer. He is the youngest brother to two older sisters who he loves very much. Austin loves to play with his friends and his pets. He puts his whole heart into everything he does and he hopes that you have a great Christmas and enjoy the show.



Lorenzo Valencia - Soloist - "My Savior Gave To Me" - Shepherd - Lorenzo is 10 years old and homeschools with his brother. Currently he is in the 6th grade. He loves to play soccer, and video games. Last year his soccer team won the gold medal. Lorenzo also likes to play LEGO and with Nerf guns. He also likes being with his family. This is his first year in the Christmas play, and he hopes you all have a very Merry Christmas!



Noah Simanjuntak - Little Giffster - Shepard Noah is 5 years old and in the 1st grade. He is so excited to play his first role for the NorthLife Fellowship Baptist Church Christmas play!! He loves hanging out with family and friends, and playing games. Noah wishes everyone a Merry Christmas.





Willow Gardiner - McDonald - Little Angel - Choir - Willow is 6 years old and this is her 2nd year in the play. She loves to sing and dance. Willow makes friends easily and puts a smile on the face of everyone she meets. She loves playing outside with her brothers and friends. Bike riding, swimming, and hiking are some of her favourite things to do. This year she got a kayak for her birthday and loves to be on the lake with her family. She loves school and is very artistic. Willow was awarded athlete of the year! She loves Sunday School and Children's Church. Everyday she prays for her family. Merry Christmas!



Heidi Thomas - Little Angel - Choir - Heidi is 5 years old and is in Kindergarten. She is very excited to be a part of the Christmas play because, as she says, "That's where my friends are." Heidi loves making friends wherever she goes. She is very generous and thoughtful towards others. Heidi loves writing letters, colouring, and being crafty. Heidi is a curious little girl with a natural love for learning. Heidi can't wait to show you the true meaning of Christmas this year. Jesus is the Saviour of the World.



Jessie Bredewout - Little Angel - Choir - Jessie is 8 years old and in the 2nd grade. This is her 1st year in the Christmas play and she is so excited! In her free time Jessie likes to knit, make crafts, and play with her friends. Her favourite animal is cats, and she hopes to have her own someday. Merry Christmas everyone and enjoy the show!





Abigail Simanjuntak - Mary - Choir - Abigail is 8 years old and in grade 3. She is a very energetic little girl and can't wait to perform in the NorthLife Christmas play for her 3rd year in a row. She loves doing crafts and drawing, and enjoys spending time with her family and friends. She can't wait to spread the true meaning of Christmas to everyone this year and hopes you all enjoy the show!

