

Character Breakdown (actors must *appear* the ages listed)

- **Father (Bob Bradley)** (Age 35-40) A solid family man.
- **Mother (Grace Bradley)** (Age 30-35) Attractive, kind hearted, and caring.
- **Beth Bradley** (Age 10-12) The narrator, strong voice and presence.
- **Charlie Bradley** (Age 7-9) Traditional kid brother.
- **Ralph Herdman** (Age 12-13) Ragged, scroungy, slouching manner, touch of adolescent cool.
- **Imogene Herdman** (Age 10-12) Loud, bossy, crafty.
- **Leroy Herdman** (Age 9-11) Tough, sure of himself.
- **Claude Herdman** (Age 8-10) Tough, combative.
- **Ollie Herdman** (Age 7-9) Looking for trouble. Claude's usual partner in crime.
- **Gladys Herdman** (Age 6-8) Small, wiry, feisty.
- **Alice Wendleken** (Age 10-12) Prim, proper, pain in the neck. Tattletale.
- **Mrs. Artmstrong** (Age 50-60) Boisterous woman, managerial in voice and manner.
- **Mrs. Slocum** (Age 35-60) Pleasant, motherly woman.
- **Mrs. Clark** (Age 35-60) Church gossip.
- **Mrs. Clausing** (Age 35-60) Church gossip.
- **Mrs. McCarthy** (Age Mid 40s) A younger, less imperious version of Mrs. Armstrong.
- **Maxine** (Age 10-11)
- **Elmer Hopkins** (Age 12-13)

- **Hobie** (Age 9-10)
- **David** (Age 8-9)
- **Beverly** (Age 7-8)
- **Fireman 1** (Age 25-35)
- **Fireman 2** (Age 25-35)
- **Shirley** (Age 5-6)
- **Juanita** (Age 5-6)
- **Doris** (Age 9-10)
- **Reverend Hopkins** (Mid to late 40s)
- **Ensemble Cast** (Ages 5-13) Extra angel choir members, baby angels and shepherds.