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SHEPHERD SUPERHEROES

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From the one-act comedy, [*Christmas Superpowers and Believing in Blitzen*](#).

SAM, a boy, 5-12 years old, is playing the part of a shepherd in a Christmas Pageant. It is the night of the performance and he, along with other shepherds, have been playing outside in the mud in their costumes. They have returned to the church, moments before the performance is about to start and the pageant director is not happy. Sam speaks to the Pageant director, Mrs. Wendell.

SAM

What you're forgetting—I mean—think about it—what you're forgetting is that, is that, is that, shepherds weren't neat. They didn't, like, have a washing machine or something. They were out in the dirt with the sheep and stuff and probably had to, I don't know, like, sleep in a mud puddle sometimes? If it was raining? And you told us to really try to think like our character, like, what would a shepherd be doing if he was just out there with the sheep all day? And like, I think, a shepherd would probably be playing. Because he has all those sheep to jump over and stuff, and maybe all the other shepherds to play with too, so I was thinking they'd probably be playing Superheroes.

(pause)

So, really. I know you're kinda mad that we have all this mud on our costumes and we gotta go on stage in ten minutes, but, really, we were just kinda doing what you asked us to, Mrs. Wendell. We're just trying to be good shepherds.

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