

# SYNOPSIS

## Help Wanted

Help Wanted is based on Scripture found in I Timothy 4:14, "Do not neglect the gift that is in you."

The story begins as Gabriel, a high-ranking angel, is sent to earth by God to recruit new messengers. Gabriel promptly reports to the H.R. Department – a church sanctuary – to begin auditions. He is surprised to find that God has also sent two other angles to assist: Mark, a quiet spirit, and Bob, an advertising specialist.

Gabriel decides to pursue messengers from the Bible with a proven record of success: the flames of Pentecost, the heavenly host of angels, a rainbow and dove, and the outrageous Star of Bethlehem (a diva!). However, for various reasons, the three angels feel that none of the Biblical messengers are right for this particular job.

After a fruitless audition session, Gabriel becomes frustrated and cries out to God. God (a backstage voice) assures the angels that he has appointed them to carry out this task. Suddenly, the angels realize that the "H.R." sign does not represent "heaven's resources" as they had assumed, but rather, "human resources." This realization takes the audition process in a whole new direction.

The three angels seek out youth gathered in the church and encourage them to apply to become messengers of God. The youth are skeptical and feel they are under-qualified for the job.

Then a surprise visitor appears -- greatest messenger of all time – Jesus Christ. Jesus reminds the youth of the I Timothy Scripture passage and ensures them they are worthy to be messengers of God, just as they are.

In the final scenes of "Help Wanted," the youth ask for encouragement from the congregation. The congregation responds with affirmation reminiscent of the baptismal promise.

Except for the opening number participants in "Help Wanted" appear in costume for the first half of the program. In the second half, actors dress in school clothes as they portray themselves.