

## Crossroads Live Nativity Character Descriptions

Role	Description	Gender	Age
Family Leaders	Tour-Guide meets Educator meets Narrator. The Family Leader will be the guests' main point of contact through the experience. They should be well-spoken, out-going, vibrant and able to lead conversations/interactions with other actors. They will not only explain the experience to the guests, but also lead them through it AND interact with the actors. Family Leaders need to be strong actors/speakers.	Male and Female	Adult
Marketplace Street Vendor	The Marketplace scene will set the tone of the experience; so these roles are very important. Vendors will discuss what it's like to be Jewish under Roman oppression, talk about the census and paying taxes, and express hope in the coming Messiah (the Star). These actors need to be comfortable with improv and engaging the guests and Family Leaders in conversation. Should be loud, confident, energetic, and have a knack for humor and comedic-timing.	Male or Female	Adult
Roman Soldiers	Mean. Gruff. Intimidating. The soldiers will stop the group mid-walk to next scene demanding "papers/identification". Their role is to buffer the transition from scene to scene and also give the experience of Roman oppression. Must be able to stay in character while interacting with guests.	Male	Teen/ Adult
Inn Keeper	Stern yet weary and tired, upset that he had to turn away a young couple and send them to a stable, especially when she was great with child. Talks about how the town is full because of the census, etc.	Male	Adult
Inn Keeper Wife	Welcoming, warm. Caring and concerned for young couple; encouraging husband.	Female	Adult
Inn Keeper Child/ren	Sweet-mannered and curious, they bring energy and excitement.	Male or Female	8-14 years old
Shepherds	Excited, smiling, energetic and in awe! They JUST SAW THE ANGELS and are doing what they've been told - telling everyone about the newborn King! Shepherds can be male or female, teens to adults. Must be able to improv and interact with guests and stay in character. Like the soldiers, they serve as a buffer as the group moves to the next scene.	Male or Female	Teen / Young Adult / Adult
Mary	Non-speaking role. Young woman, quiet and solemn.	Female	Young Adult
Joseph	Non-speaking role. Young man, quiet and solemn. Mary and Joseph do not interact with or acknowledge guests. The manger scene is a moment of worship and reflection.	Male	Young Adult