

# THE GOLDEN HALO AWARDS

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### **DEDICATION**

*Love and thanks to Alison, Andrew and Bill Roth for their love, talent, and support. Thank you, Mom, Dad, April, and Brian, for supporting my creative side early on. The Golden Halo Awards came from brainstorming with a fabulous young lady, Elizabeth Lacoco. To the cast of the "First" Awards at St. Luke's UMC, never forget how talented and wonderful you are. Everyone deserves an award. You all are mine.*

### **STORY OF THE PLAY**

It's an evening to rival the Oscars, the Tonys and People's Choice awards. It's a star-studded night for the first Golden Halo Awards. Well-known biblical figures will be honored tonight for their important roles in the history of the Old and New Testaments. The Heavenly Hosts lead the audience through an evening of humor (and a unique reminder of Bible history) with an impressive list of presenters and nominees. Who will win for the Bravest Man, Most Notorious Woman or Lifetime Achievement Award? The highlight of the evening is your presentation to your Pastor, Sunday school teacher, youth leader and others you wish to honor with their own special halo. You may also wish to insert some music from talented members of your congregation throughout the play. Or add an award for Best Song based on a biblical theme.

### **Performance Time**

Up to 60 minutes depending on the number of awards and music included.

## **CAST OF CHARACTERS**

*(4 m, 13 w, 10 flexible)*

**5 HEAVENLY HOSTS:** The emcees of the evening. Even though the Hosts are numbered, you can adjust the number to fit the needs of your production.

**YOUNG ANGEL:** The annoying youngest angel.

**EVE:** Presenter.

**RACHEL:** Presenter.

**LOT'S WIFE:** Presenter.

**DAVID:** Winner - Bravest Man.

**DEBORAH:** Presenter.

**NOAH'S WIFE:** Presenter.

**RUTH:** Winner - Most Faithful Daughter-in-law.

**HANNAH:** Presenter.

**MARCUS:** An Egyptian presenter.

**SAMSON:** Winner - Strongest Man.

**ZIPPORAH:** Presenter.

**NOAH:** Winner - The Number 40, one of the most mentioned numbers in the Bible.

**MIRIAM:** Presenter.

**LILAH:** Accepting for cousin Delilah, Winner - Most Notorious Woman.

**SARAH:** Presenter.

**RAHAB:** Winner - Bravest Woman.

**LEAH:** Presenter.

**ZACCHAEUS:** Winner - Best Wee Little Man. Portrayed by a Ken Barbie doll and assisted by Noah.

**JOSIE:** A shepherd presenter.

**JANE:** A shepherd presenter.

**BONNIE:** An angel presenter and accepts award for Melchoir.

**JACKIE:** A shepherd. Winner - Shepherd Most Frightened by Heavenly Hosts in the Fields. Walk-on part, no lines.

*\*\*Parts that can be played by either male or female include: **Heavenly Hosts, Young Angel, Josie, Jane, Bonnie,** and **Jackie** with name changes.*

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**SET**

Podium is CS. The halo awards are stored behind or underneath the lectern. Chairs for the Presenters and Nominees are set in rows USR. Six chairs are placed SL for the Heavenly Hosts.

**COSTUMES**

Costumes can be varied, outrageous, fun, elegant, extravagant, or simple. The performers are dressed as for a Hollywood awards show. Anything goes.

**PROPS**

Halo awards that you construct. One may be smaller than the others. Also, nine papers that fold up as envelopes to announce winners. Easiest if pages are blank.

## **The Golden Halo Awards**

*(AT RISE: HEAVENLY HOSTS go to the podium.)*

HOST #1: Ladies and Gentlemen, welcome to the first ever Golden Halo Awards. Tonight your favorite characters from your favorite stories will receive the recognition they deserve for being the best in their category.

HOST #2: It's a night when these bright young and old biblical figures are rewarded for a job well done. Among these glittering talents will be guest appearances from some of the industry's well-known celebrities.

HOST #3: The highlight of the evening will be the Special Mystery Awards culminating a night of great expectations and praise. History will be made tonight.

HOST #4: We are thrilled to be here on this special night. We five Angels, *(YOUNG ANGEL waves at HOST.)* I mean the six of us are your heavenly hosts for tonight's festivities.

HOST #5: Please enjoy our opening ceremony with the parade of nominees and presenters!

*(ALL OTHERS enter from back of auditorium up center steps to stand on stage in front of their seats. Wave and blow kisses to the audience. MUSIC plays during the parade.)*

HOST #1: Give it up for our Biblical Awards orchestra. *(Points to PIANIST who waves to EVERYONE. Applause.)* Now, we'll sing a special song to start off this evening.

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*(When in place, EVERYONE sings. SONG: The B-I-B-L-E CHORUS.)*

THE B-I-B-L-E, YES, THAT'S THE BOOK FOR ME.  
I STAND ALONE ON THE WORD OF GOD, THE B-I-B-L-E.

*(Repeat or possible round. ALL sit except for those speaking.)*

HOST #2: Did you notice Leahs' outfit? It's an original from the top designer in Jerusalem, the House of Bartholomew. Simply stunning. The absolute newest style this year.

HOST #3: Of course, not to be out done is the simplicity of Ruth's dress. The new rave fashion designer, Esther's House of Fashion, has really made a splash in the fashion world.

HOST #4: Please welcome our first presenters to give out the first award. The daughter of Laban, and Jacob's wife, it's none other than Rachel. And best known for turning into a pillar of salt, Lot's wife. And also the first lady of the Bible, Eve.

*(THEY rise and come to the lecturn.)*

RACHEL: It nice to be first for once. Being younger, my older sister got to do everything first. She got the new clothes, a new camel to drive, a husband. I got hand-me-downs.

LOT'S WIFE: It's still a thrill to be the first presenters this evening. I guess they thought we could spice it up a bit.

EVE: I love the name, the first lady of the Bible. It's better than one of the comments I heard: "Eve, Eve, the apple eater, had a garden and couldn't keep it." If I ever see that serpent again, I'm going to set free my mongoose.

LOT'S WIFE: I've heard some whispers about me, too. "She's the real salt of the earth." And, "Hold still, I need to get a pinch of salt for my cornmeal." It's hard standing alone as a pillar of salt. If only I hadn't looked back. No one believes I heard someone whisper, "Hey, your shoe is untied." I had to look back.

EVE: Oh, that Satan. He does have a mean sense of humor. Let's do tonight's first award. The first category is the Bravest Man in the Old Testament. And the nominees are ...

RACHEL: Jonah, for his ordeal with the large fish. He ignored God's call and ran away on a ship. God caused the sea to rage threatening the entire ship. Jonah redeemed himself when he told the crew to throw him over board.

LOT'S WIFE: They did and saved the ship. A large fish swallowed Jonah and he was inside for three days and nights. Jonah prayed to God and the fish spit him out. Jonah then answered God's call.

EVE: The second nominee is David. David was only a boy when he fought the Philistine, Goliath. He wore no armor, carried no sword. All he took with him were five smooth stones and a sling.

RACHEL: Even when Goliath laughed at him, David was not afraid. He trusted in the Lord. He killed Goliath with a single stone.

LOT'S WIFE: The third nominee is Daniel of the lion's den fame. Men, jealous of Daniel's relationship with the king, wrote an unfair law. No one could worship his or her god for 30 days unless the king did first.

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