Biblical Drama based on Genesis 18:1-15
Character Parts: Narrators 1-8, Abraham, Sarah, Man 1, Man 2, Man 3

Narrator 1: Abraham and Sarah were an elderly couple who lived in tents under the oak trees in a place called Mamre (MAM-ree). They had no children.

Narrator 2: One day Abraham was sitting at the entrance of his tent, and the Lord appeared to him. In the heat of the day, Abraham looked up and saw three men.

Abraham: *(to himself)* Where did those guys come from?

Narrator 3: When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground.

Abraham: My Lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, so that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on.

Man 1: Please, do as you have said.

Narrator 4: Abraham hurried into the tent to find his wife Sarah.

Abraham: Quickly, we need to prepare food! Make ready three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make bread.

Sarah: Why? Are we having a party? I've told you again and again that when you make plans you need to tell me.

Abraham: There are three men outside, and I know it's the Lord.

Sarah: If it's three men, how can it be the Lord?

Abraham: I didn't ask.

Narrator 5: Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to a servant, who hurried to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before the three men; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

Man 2: Where is your wife Sarah?

Abraham: She's there, in the tent. Is something wrong? If you don't like the cottage cheese, I can get you something else.

Man 3: Listen. I will surely return to you about this time next year. In due season, your wife Sarah shall have a son.

Narrator 6: Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind her husband. Remember, Abraham and Sarah were very old; Sarah knew she was too old to have a baby. So she laughed to herself.

Sarah: What a joke! After I have grown old and my husband is old, how could someone like me have a baby?

Man 1: *(to Abraham)* Why did Sarah laugh, and say, "How could I have a baby, now that I am old?" Is anything too hard for the Lord to do?

Abraham: I guess not —

Man 3: I promise that at the set time I will return to you, and in due season, Sarah shall have a son.

Narrator 7: Sarah denied laughing, because she was afraid.

Sarah: I did not laugh.

Man 2: Oh, yes, you did laugh.

Narrator 8: Many months later, when Sarah and Abraham did have a baby son, just as God had promised. They named the baby Isaac — which means "laughter" — because they remembered how Sarah had laughed when she first heard she would have a baby.

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