

Stage Sets & Props | HOPE HAS COME | 2025 Christmas Production

General Stage Needs (all acts)

- Christmas tree (decorated) – sturdy, able to add/remove angel topper.
 - Sofa + recliner (living room set).
 - Coffee table with cookies plate.
 - Bookshelf with Bible & photo albums.
 - Dining/serving table (optional for realism in living room scenes).
 - Wreath with “Rest in Peace” ribbon (funeral scene).
 - Pulpit (final act).
 - Suitcases (Act Four departure).
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ACT ONE

Props:

- Use **video**-only for car scene
- Gift bags (David & Emma arrive with).
- Porcelain angel topper (fragile-looking, possibly glued together/taped).
- “Crunchy ice” joke prop (optional cup/bag for comedic touch).

Set:

- Living room with Christmas tree, couch, recliner, coffee table.
 - Snow machine or snow effect for choir numbers.
 - Extra winter props for crowd scene: sleds, scarves, hot cocoa mugs, puppy, snowballs (cotton).
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ACT TWO

Props:

- Photo album with embarrassing pictures.
- Plate of cookies.
- Bible (Mark pulls from bookshelf).

Set Additions:

- Angel visitation (**video** + silhouette of Mary).
- Stable scene with manger (Mary & Joseph).
- Donkey (Arrington Donkey).
- Shepherd/wisemen costumes & simple props (crooks, gifts, lanterns).

ACT THREE

Props:

- Wrapped presents for floor scene.
- Soft blanket/pillows (family seated casually).

Set/Transitions:

- Prayer posture setup (family gathered around David).
- Transition to **Gethsemane scene**:
 - Jesus in baptismal space or separate side stage.
 - Blue spotlight + minimal “garden” props (stone, tree silhouette maybe).
 - Judas & soldiers (costumes, optional swords/spears).

ACT FOUR

Props:

- Suitcases near door.
- Coffee “to-go” cups from Terry.
- Old leather-bound Bible (heirloom gift from Mark).

Set:

- Living room still intact.

Transition to Pilate/Cross Scene:

- Elevated platform for Pilate.
- Column for wash basin.
- Wash basin for Pilate’s handwashing.
- Roman soldier costumes.
- Cross prop (baptismal or stage piece illuminated).
- Tomb **video** backdrop.
- Angel costume for resurrection announcement.

ACT FIVE

Props:

- Funeral setup: framed photos of Mark, wreath with ribbon, pulpit.
- Optional: flowers or candles around wreath/table.
- Bible in David’s hand as pastor.
- Funeral memorial **video or screen still picture**

Set:

- Church sanctuary and pulpit (use sanctuary).

Special Effects / A/V Needs Throughout

- Snow machine for Act One.
- Haze for worship/angel scenes.
- Spotlights (blue for Gethsemane, white burst for resurrection).
- Videos: driving scene, angel visitation, Bethlehem, cross, tomb, church exterior.
- Audio: crowd yelling “Crucify Him!” from behind audience.
- Boom sound for Judas betrayal moment.