



Scene 1

*(As **intro music** plays (CD track 11) the children enter and take their positions for the first scene. Fade the music when ready. 15 Angels, or as many as your numbers will allow, sit and stand in pairs or groups of three around the stage, reading scrolls, making notes with feather quills and talking with each other – generally looking very busy!)*

Narrator 1 Heaven is a busy place. The angels who work there are on the go day and night and hardly get any time to relax.

Narrator 2 Some angels have the job of welcoming new souls to heaven, while others have to travel far and wide delivering messages from God.

Narrator 3 There are those who watch over and protect people in need – we call these guardian angels. Then there are angels whose job it is to tell us when we need to behave a little better.....and to make sure we do as we're told!

Narrator 4 But there's one thing that all angels do, to give themselves a little lift when work gets a bit too much and they're feeling tired. They throw their heads back, open their wings and.....SING!

Song **Another Busy Day** *(CD tracks 1 & 12, lyrics p14)*
(Angels, supported by the whole cast)

(The angels return to their conversations.)

Narrator 1 Now, every so often God needs certain 'extra special' jobs doing, but He only ever gives these to His most trusted angels.

Narrator 2 This story is about one of those extra special jobs, which God gave to an angel called Ariel.

(Ariel enters with a scroll in one hand...and a tissue in the other!)

Ariel Achoo! I've just been put in charge of a pretty important job! Achoo! In fact it's a whole *list* of important jobs. *(unrolling the scroll)* Look!

(The other angels gather round and read the scroll in amazement!)

- Angel 1** Wow! This is *the big one!*
- Angel 2** God's been planning this lot for quite a while!
- Angel 3** Hey Ariel, you've got your work cut out!
- Ariel** Achoo! Do you think I don't know that? The problem is I'm coming down with something. Achoo! I really don't think I'm up to the job.....

Song *Achoo! Bless You!* (CD tracks 2 & 13, lyrics p15)
(Ariel, supported by the whole cast)

- Narrator 3** So Ariel went to tell God that she was feeling under the weather, and that perhaps another angel should be given this list of important jobs.

(Ariel exits, sneezing!)

- Narrator 4** Now, there was one young angel who was very keen to earn God's trust and to prove himself worthy of the special jobs. His name was Gabriel.

- Gabriel** (stepping forward) This could be my big break! The chance to show God that He can count on me!

- Narrator 1** However, there were other angels who thought they should be asked first; one of these was an angel called Raphael.

- Raphael** (stepping forward) Hang on Gabriel! I've been waiting longer than you to show God what I'm made of!

- Angel 4** That's right! If any angel should get the job, it's Raphael!

- Angel 5** Try to be patient, Gabriel. Your chance will come, just wait and see.....

Song *Your Chance Will Come* (CD tracks 3 & 14, lyrics p16)
(Angels, supported by the whole cast)

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