

## A Special Role Just for You!

It was time for the school musical! Emma and Ethan were excited for the roles they would play this year.

Ethan was playing the lead. He liked that the lead role came with lots of responsibility: lots of lines to memorize, lots of dance moves to remember, and a lot of eyes looking at him during the show.

Emma was happy to be singing in the chorus. She knew every role in the show was important, and she was glad to be playing a part.

Finally the day came for the musical performance! The students had worked so hard, and all their friends and families were there to watch.

And, boy, was it an amazing show! Ethan whizzed through his lines, and his dance moves were flawless! Emma sang her heart out, smiling the whole time! At the end of the show, as the cast stood in a line and bowed to the audience, everyone in the crowd got on their feet and cheered. They whistled. They clapped. Some even threw roses onto the stage. “Fabulous show!” someone shouted.

Imagine that our life on earth is like a play. When it comes to sharing the news about Jesus, everyone has a different role.

Pastors, teachers, and staff ministers share the Word as a full-time “job.” They share the saving message of Jesus with kids in a classroom, people sitting in church pews, and much more. You might think of them like Ethan and the other lead actors in the musical.

Others, like Emma and the chorus, have different jobs—doctors, mechanics, dads and moms—but they still have a role telling others about Jesus!

God asks each of us to play a role in spreading the gospel. If you want to do this “job” full-time, then you go to Martin Luther College. If you want to be a pastor, you go to Martin Luther College and also Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary. Being at these schools is like practicing for the big show! You study the Bible just like you would study your lines in the play.

And when you graduate, you get the most important job—you receive a call!—to tell others about Jesus so that they can be in heaven too! And what a *fabulous* place that will be!

**Romans 10:14** How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they \_\_\_\_\_ in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they \_\_\_\_\_ without someone preaching to them?”

**Discussion:**

1. What roles did Emma and Ethan have in the school musical? *Ethan played the lead role, and Emma was in the chorus.*
2. What parts in the musical were important? *All of the parts in the musical were important to make the show fabulous.*
3. What important role does God give to us? *God gives us the job of telling others about Jesus.*
4. How do pastors, teachers, and staff ministers learn and practice how to share the gospel with their congregations or students? *They go to Martin Luther College and study God's Word. Pastors go on to Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary for four more years of study.*
5. Teachers don't just teach us about the Bible. They also teach subjects like math, science, art, reading, and more. Some teachers teach all the subjects, and some only teach one or two. If you were a teacher, what might you want to teach to your students and why? *Answers will vary.*
6. What are some things that pastors do? *Answers will vary: lead worship, teach Bible class, baptize babies, visit people in the hospital, and so on.*

**Activity: It's Your Line: How Could You Share Jesus?**

Hand out the Lesson 3 activity. Split the class into small groups and let them choose a scene to act out. Let them be creative in coming up with ways to share their faith. Give them time to practice their mini-play and perform it for the class.

**Optional Hymn Verse: Send, O Lord, Your Holy Spirit (CW 898:3)**