

Godspell Jr.

Character Breakdown:

Jesus

Jesus is a natural-born teacher. Cast a performer who is a good singer and is comfortable taking on a leadership position without being bossy or judgmental. Jesus experiences a full array of emotions during the show, so you want to find a solid actor who can convincingly perform this range.

Gender: male

Vocal range top: G5

Vocal range bottom: D4

Judas/John the Bapstist

One performer plays both of these roles, which is quite a challenge. This actor must be charismatic in the opening, headstrong and comical in the middle of the show, and eventually turn on Jesus at the end. All of this while being a great singer, too. You will definitely want to cast one of your strongest singers and actors in this role. Be creative. There is no reason Judas/John the Baptist can't be performed by a girl.

Vocal range top: G5

Vocal range bottom: C4

Day By Day

This song doesn't have a large vocal range, but it has great power and weight at the start and then livens up to a great celebratory number. Cast a singer who has the right vocal range, as well as the vocal control to lead the song from beginning to end.

Gender: any

Vocal range top: A4

Vocal range bottom: C4

Learn Your Lessons Well Solo 1

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Gender: any

Vocal range top: C5

Vocal range bottom: G3

Learn Your Lessons Well Solo 2

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Vocal range top: C5

Vocal range bottom: G3

O, Bless The Lord, My Soul

Pull out your big guns for this song. Cast a great musician with both vocal control and power.

Gender: any

Vocal range top: E5

Vocal range bottom: B3

All Good Gifts

This heartfelt ballad sounds best when sung by someone who not only has a beautiful voice, but also can express honest, simple emotions while they are singing.

Gender: any

Vocal range top: F#5

Vocal range bottom: B3

We Beseech Thee

This high-energy number can almost be spoken if you don't have a great singer. It's the perfect song for the fun-loving class clown who enjoys performing but might not hit every note. Add a slight southern accent to liven the number up even more.

Gender: any

Vocal range top: D5

Vocal range bottom: D4

Light Of The World

Here's another song that can be spoken in rhythm. Cast fearless performers who are not afraid to interact with the audience.

Gender: any

Vocal range top: G4

Vocal range bottom: Bb3

Beautiful City

Look for a singer who can bring everyone together and deliver the message of the show in this beautiful, sincere song.

Gender: any

Vocal range top: C5

Vocal range bottom: Bb3

Narrators

There are a whole multitude of Narrators throughout the show. Cast students with loud, clear voices who are comfortable being in front of an audience and telling a story.

Gender: any

Ensemble

These cast members are the heart of Godspell JR. They will enact all of the parables and eventually become a community led by Jesus. Find actors and singers who are willing to try anything and enjoy playing.

Gender: any