

Readings for Happy Tree, Dreamer Tree,  
Stump and Woodsworth, anyone auditioning  
for small speaking part (one, two lines only)

HAPPY TREE: I just love living in the forest. What a great day to be a tree.  
STUMP: Yeah, like you have any choice. We've kind of got *roots* here.  
HAPPY TREE: I don't mean to be *sappy*, but I really love living in the forest.  
DREAMER TREE: I like it here, but I want to *branch out*, you know, see the world. I have big dreams.

STUMP: Just what we need—a tree with a dream. Next you'll be saying you want to *leaf*.

DREAMER TREE: I just want to do something new—you know what I mean?

STUMP: Nope, I'm *stumped*.

DREAMER TREE: (*sigh*) Sometimes you really *can't see past the forest for the trees*.

WOODSWORTH: *A wiser tree than me once said,  
"Keep thy hopes and dreams well fed.  
You need not fear the new pursuits  
If you grow from your own roots."*

STUMP: Oh, Woodsworth, lighten up.

9 [Music starts]

STUMP: You drive me *up a tree* when you talk like that.

HAPPY TREE: Well, he did get one thing right. It's great to be a tree.

# Readings for Annabelle, Bud

**[MARY and JOSEPH enter from stage left and place the baby Jesus in the manger.]**

**WOODY:** Just as the three trees had waited to see their dreams fulfilled, so down through history mankind had waited with wonder to see how God's plan for salvation would be revealed.

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**[Let Me Live Underscore starts]**

**[Lights up on stable. ANNABELLE is kneeling at the manger. Her arms are encircling the top of the manger.]**

**WOODY:** "And she brought forth her firstborn Son and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn."

**ANNABELLE:** That's when I knew my dream *had* come true. That night I held the greatest treasure of all.

**WOODY:** That Baby grew into a Man. One day He found Himself in the middle of a storm aboard a small fishing vessel and He arose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, "Peace, be still." And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm.

**[Lights up on BUD standing in the shipyard.]**

**BUD:** And I thought to myself, what a great and powerful Man this is. Even the wind and the water obey Him. That was when I realized God had chosen me to carry the greatest King of all.

**[Lights up on GABRIELLE sitting on a bench in carpenter's shop. As WOODY speaks, two ROMAN SOLDIERS come and take GABRIELLE to top, center of risers.]**

**WOODY:** Not long after that, Jesus faced another storm, one that he chose not to silence. He was accused and called guilty. He was betrayed and beaten. Then soldiers took His clothes and led Him through the streets to a hill where they nailed Him... to a tree... a tree that dreamed of standing tall and pointing people to God.

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**[Music starts]**

**SONG:** Let Me Live to Serve You, Lord

**[Gabrielle should stand throughout the entire song with arms outstretched portraying a cross.]**