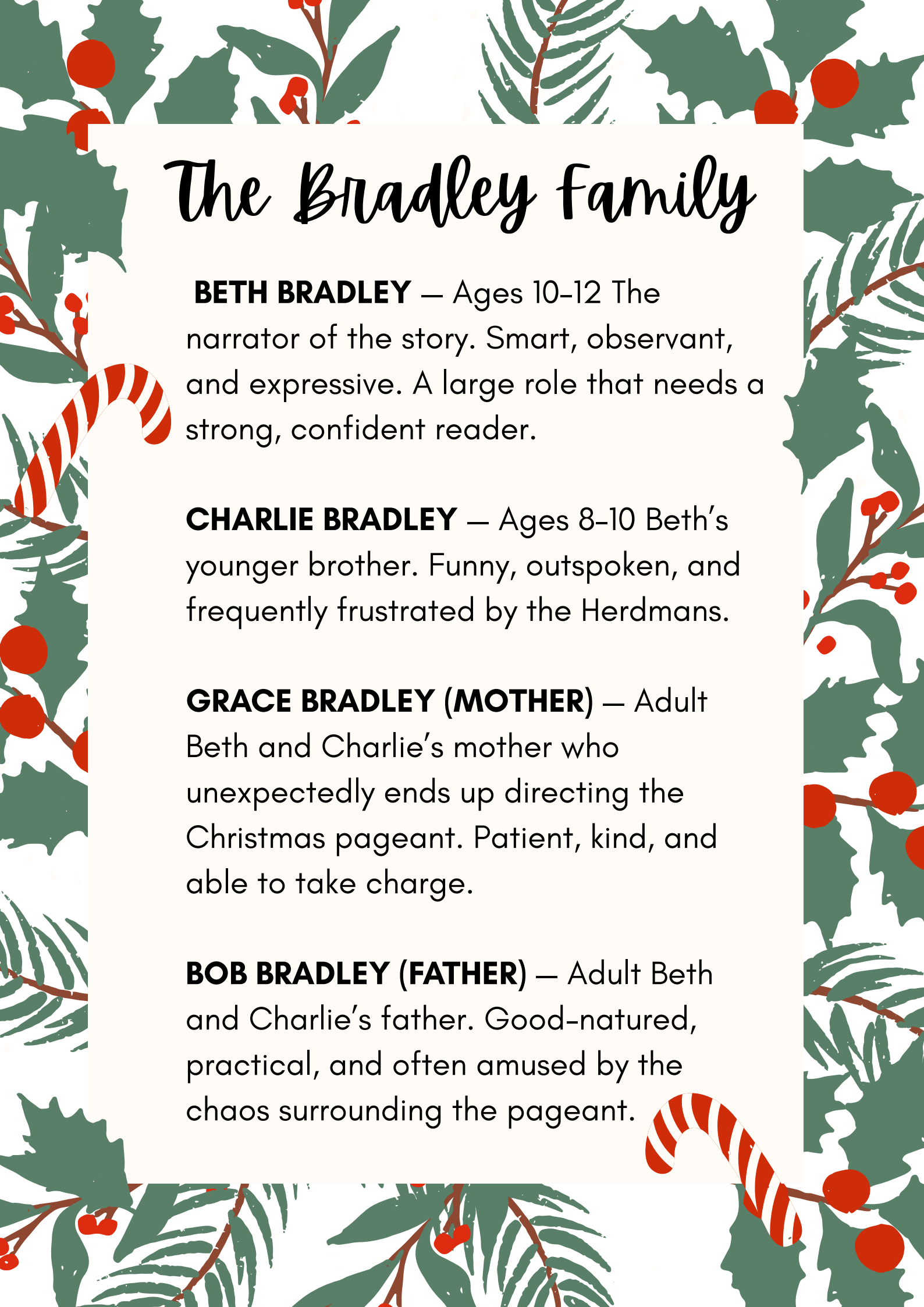




Every Role Matters!

From the Herdmans and Bradleys to angels, shepherds, church ladies, and firemen, The Best Christmas Pageant Ever has opportunities for performers of many different ages and experience levels. No previous theatre experience is necessary — just bring your personality and have fun!



The Bradley Family

BETH BRADLEY — Ages 10-12 The narrator of the story. Smart, observant, and expressive. A large role that needs a strong, confident reader.

CHARLIE BRADLEY — Ages 8-10 Beth's younger brother. Funny, outspoken, and frequently frustrated by the Herdmans.

GRACE BRADLEY (MOTHER) — Adult Beth and Charlie's mother who unexpectedly ends up directing the Christmas pageant. Patient, kind, and able to take charge.

BOB BRADLEY (FATHER) — Adult Beth and Charlie's father. Good-natured, practical, and often amused by the chaos surrounding the pageant.





The Herdmans

RALPH HERDMAN — Ages 12-14 The oldest Herdman boy. Tough, intimidating, and a little too cool for everything. Plays Joseph.

IMOGENE HERDMAN — Ages 11-13 Loud, bossy, crafty, and unforgettable. The leader of the Herdmans and one of the largest roles. Plays Mary.

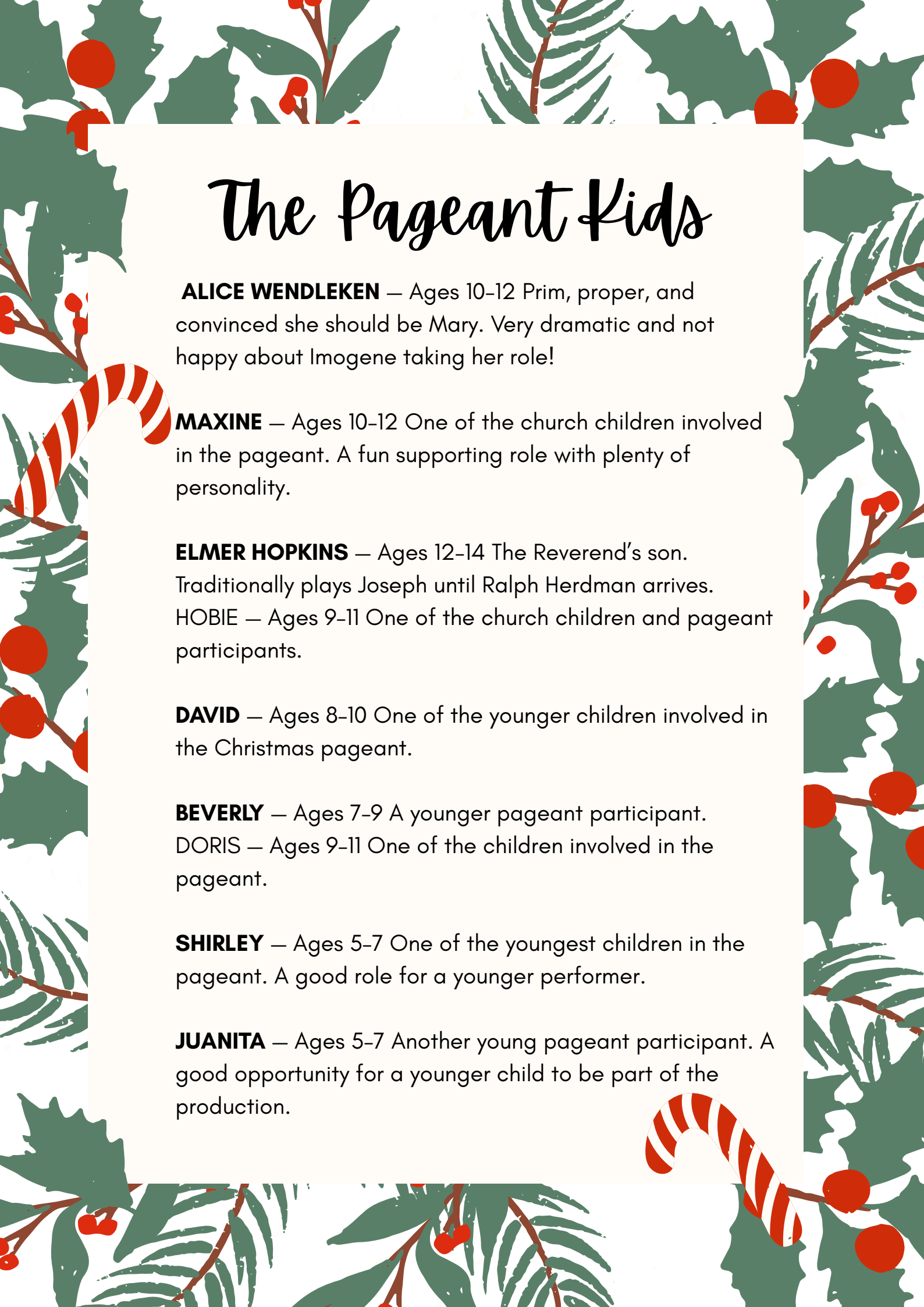
LEROY HERDMAN — Ages 10-12 Tough and mischievous. One of the Herdman brothers. Plays a Wise Man.

CLAUDE HERDMAN — Ages 9-11 Another tough Herdman brother who is always ready to join in the trouble. Plays a Wise Man.

OLLIE HERDMAN — Ages 8-10 Mischievous and always looking for trouble. Plays a Wise Man.

GLADYS HERDMAN — Ages 7-9 The youngest Herdman. Small, feisty, loud, and hilarious. Plays the Angel of the Lord.





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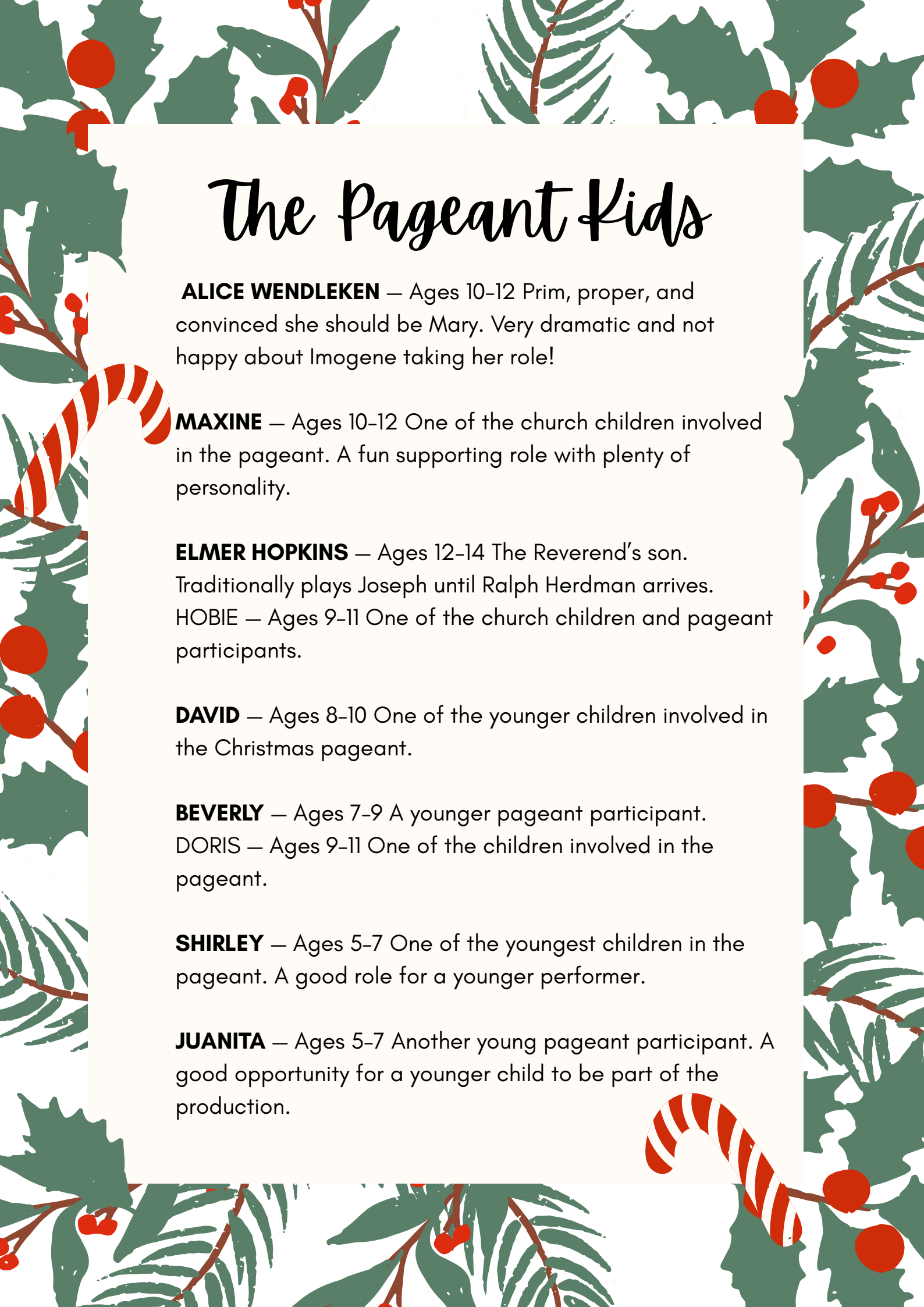
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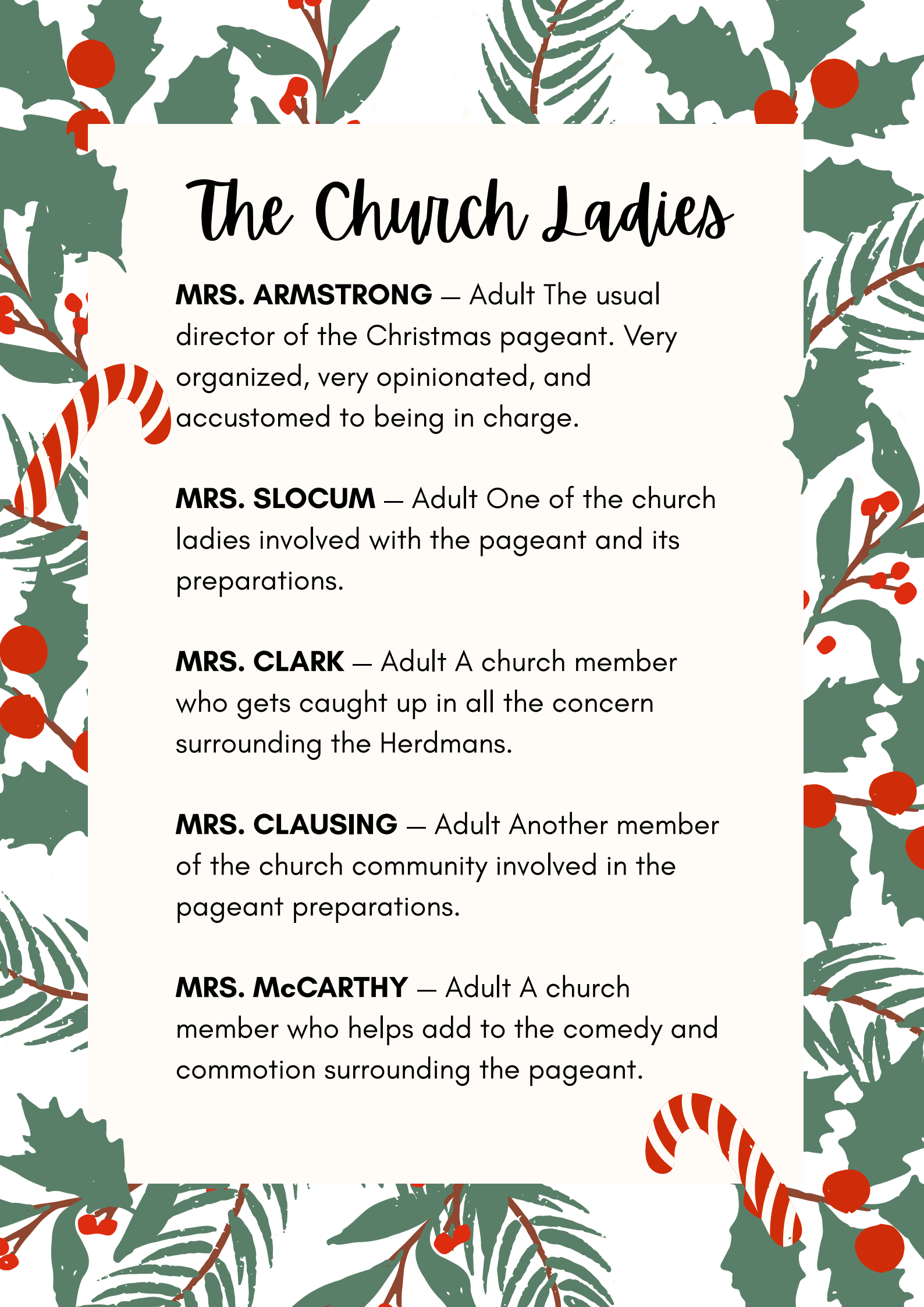
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The Church Ladies



MRS. ARMSTRONG — Adult The usual director of the Christmas pageant. Very organized, very opinionated, and accustomed to being in charge.

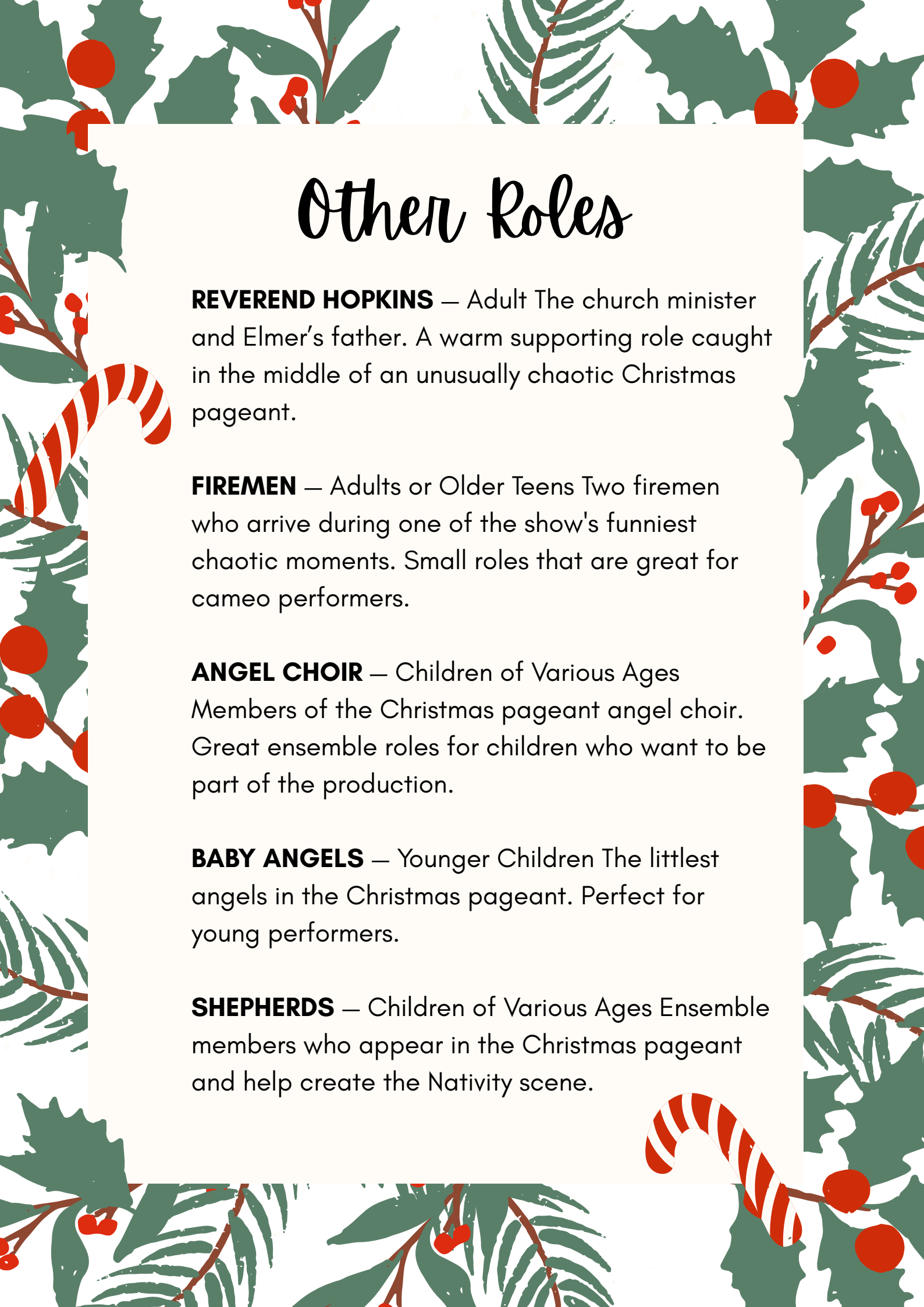
MRS. SLOCUM — Adult One of the church ladies involved with the pageant and its preparations.

MRS. CLARK — Adult A church member who gets caught up in all the concern surrounding the Herdmans.

MRS. CLAUSING — Adult Another member of the church community involved in the pageant preparations.

MRS. McCARTHY — Adult A church member who helps add to the comedy and commotion surrounding the pageant.





Other Roles

REVEREND HOPKINS — Adult The church minister and Elmer's father. A warm supporting role caught in the middle of an unusually chaotic Christmas pageant.

FIREMEN — Adults or Older Teens Two firemen who arrive during one of the show's funniest chaotic moments. Small roles that are great for cameo performers.

ANGEL CHOIR — Children of Various Ages Members of the Christmas pageant angel choir. Great ensemble roles for children who want to be part of the production.

BABY ANGELS — Younger Children The littlest angels in the Christmas pageant. Perfect for young performers.

SHEPHERDS — Children of Various Ages Ensemble members who appear in the Christmas pageant and help create the Nativity scene.