

GERALD

That's very charming. Shall we bow
our heads?

As Gerald bows his head, the rest of the group all give Jude
looks.

GERALD

Bless us oh Lord for this bounty we
are about to receive. For this
blessing of youth and kindness you
have chosen to bestow upon me. God
bless us all.

The group looks at each other.

MARK

L'chaim.

PAULIE

So Reverend. Where's your church?

GERALD

Oh, I preach out of a little church
just outside of Cedar Falls.

PAULIE

Oh. I'm from Ft. Dodge.

GERALD

Well you must have seen our manger.
We have the biggest baby Jesus in
the county.

Laughter from the group.

GERALD

We've come second to St. Ignatius
for twelve years running now. I
know envy's a sin but, I really
wanted that trophy. So this year,
we pulled out all the stops. We
even got on the television.

Polite laughter.

GERALD

I'm telling you all- that big fat
baby Jesus is going to make me a
star!

Polite laughs. Paulie starts passing the food around.

