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## GIFT RETURN

by JOHN COSPER

**GENRE:** Comedy

**SYNOPSIS:** Store employees can't believe it when a kid wants to return the most wanted must-have gift of the Christmas season.

**DIRECTOR'S TIP:** Carla and Ted have to play it straight, serious. The more serious they are, the funnier the scene will be. James, meanwhile, is a "sane" person in a world full of lunatics.

**TIME:** 5 minutes

**CAST BREAKDOWN:** 2M, 1F

**THEME:** Refusing the gift of Jesus

**SCRIPTURE REFERENCE:** John 1:9-13

**CHURCH YEAR SEASON:** Christmas

**SUGGESTED USE:** Seeker Services; for adults or kids

**CHARACTERS:**

CARLA - a "Big Box Store" cashier

JAMES - a kid, around 10

TED - a store manager

**PROPS:** A counter, a cash register, shopping bags, a big box in a big bag

**COSTUMES:** "Big Box Store" uniforms.

**SOUND:** Wireless mics if desired

**LIGHTING:** General stage

**SETTING:** The customer service desk in a store

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*A table is at stage right with a sign that says, "RETURNS." Carla is behind the counter, dressed like a Big Box Store employee. James enters, stage left, and walks to the counter carrying a large shopping bag.*

**CARLA:** Welcome to Big Box Express\*, may I help you?

*\*You can sub in Target, Wal-Mart, etc if desired.*

**JAMES:** I'd like to make a return, please.

**CARLA:** Was it a Christmas gift?

**JAMES:** Yes it is.

**CARLA:** Let me guess, granny thought you were a Power Rangers man, and you're really a Star Wars man.

**JAMES:** Nah, just wasn't really something I wanted.

**CARLA:** Well, let's see what we have here.

*James sets the bag on the counter. Carla opens the bag. She looks inside. Her eyes pop open wide.*

**CARLA:** OH MY GOODNESS! (*shakes her head in disbelief*) OH MY GOODNESS!

**JAMES:** What's the matter?

**CARLA:** You want to return THIS?????

**JAMES:** Yes, please.

**CARLA:** Kid - DO YOU KNOW WHAT THIS IS???

**JAMES:** Yes.

**CARLA:** Do you know what it DOES???

**JAMES:** Yeah. Pretty silly if you ask me.

**CARLA:** SILLY???? Kid, we had parents fighting each other in the aisles over this toy! I saw an old woman climb to the top of Aisle 7 and do a five star frog splash on another customer, just so she could give this to her grandkid.

**JAMES:** Sounds pretty silly to me.