

JACK LOVES CRANBERRIES

by JOHN COSPER

GENRE: Comedy

SYNOPSIS: A wacky uncle shows up for Thanksgiving with a six foot tall cranberry mold that has been his best friend for years.

DIRECTOR'S TIP: For the blob of cranberries, get 7' of cranberry colored, shimmery material. Attach each end of the 7 ft piece to hula hoops, making a cylinder, and sew or seal up the seam. The actress playing Melina will carry the costume, holding one hoop over her head while the other touches the floor, to simulate the giant, can-shaped blob of cranberries.

TIME: Over 5 minutes

CAST BREAKDOWN: 3M, 3F

TOPIC: Thanksgiving

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: 1 Chronicles 16:8

CHURCH YEAR SEASON: Thanksgiving

SUGGESTED USE: Thanksgiving services, particularly less serious events like church Thanksgiving dinners.

CHARACTERS:

DARRELL and LOIS – a married couple

ERIC – their teenage son

JACK – Lois's brother

NANA – Lois's grandma

MELINA – a 6-foot tall blob of cranberries

PROPS: Table, chairs, plates, silverware, dishes of food

COSTUMES: A cranberry mold costume (see Director's tip)

SOUND: Wireless mics if desired; sound effect of breaking glass

LIGHTING: General stage

SETTING: Dining room

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A table is set at center. Darrell is setting silverware as Lois brings in a side dish.

DARRELL: Mmmm, looking good, honey.

LOIS: Thank you, dear.

DARRELL: Do you need any help in the kitchen?

LOIS: I think I have everything. The casserole just needs another minute.

DARRELL: And you were worried about being done before the family gets here.

LOIS: Oh, I was going to ask you, did you remember to get cranberry sauce? I didn't find any in the pantry.

DARRELL: You know, I had it on my list, but then your brother called, said not to worry about it.

LOIS: *(alarmed)* He what?

DARRELL: He said he could bring some, so I scratched it off my list.

LOIS: *(really alarmed)* You didn't.

DARRELL: Honey, what's the matter? I'm sure your brother can pick up some cranberries.

LOIS: Darrell, you don't understand, Jack has this weird thing about cranberries.

DARRELL: Like what?

Lois heads to the kitchen in a panic.

LOIS: I need to call Nana.

DARRELL: What for?

LOIS: To stop her from coming!

Lois exits.

DARRELL: I don't get it. What's the big deal? It's cranberries. They come out of a can in a little blob. Jack can handle that.

Jack enters.

JACK: Knock knock!