

TOY WARS

by John Cosper

GENRE: Comedy

SYNOPSIS: A single mom and a rabid Star Wars fan face off over an action figure at Christmas time.

DIRECTOR'S TIP: If your church has the ability to use sound effects during this scene, try to pepper the action with Star Wars-like sounds: a lightsaber here and there, Darth Vader breathing, etc. They should be employed only where they won't distract from the action, however.

TIME: Under 5 minutes

CAST BREAKDOWN: 2

TOPIC: Materialism

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: Luke 2:1-20

CHURCH YEAR SEASON: Christmas

SUGGESTED USE: Christmas parties, Christmas shows, Christmas events

CHARACTERS:

Tony—a rabid Star Wars fan
Deanna—a single mom

PROPS: Star Wars action figure in package, purse

COSTUMES: Modern dress; fake tattoo of the symbol for the Rebel Alliance

SOUND: General

LIGHTING: General

SETTING: Toy store

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DEANNA is in a toy aisle, looking at SW figures. She is looking at one in particular. TONY walks down the aisle and sees the figure in her hands, one he really “needs.” He hovers over her shoulder like a vulture. DEANNA turns to face him.

DEANNA: May I help you?

TONY: Oh no, I was just...looking. Star Wars fan?

DEANNA: Me? No, this is for my son. He’s four, and he loves Star Wars. I had to take him to Episode 2 twice. Did you see it?

TONY: Twenty-seven times.

DEANNA: Really? So, what can you tell me about this figure?

TONY: Hmm? Oh, the Darth Maul with split in half action. It’s a kind of rare. I’ve been looking all over for it. Toys R Us, Target, Wal-Mart...

DEANNA: Hmm. Well, it’s the only Darth Maul I’ve found. My son dressed as him for Halloween, and the church wouldn’t allow him into the Halloween alternative party because he looked like a devil. I’m sure he’ll love it.

TONY: Uhhh...maybe I didn’t make myself clear. I’ve been looking for this particular figure all day. All week, actually. It’s a necessity for me.

DEANNA: I appreciate that these things are hard to find, but I really think my son wants this for Christmas.

TONY: You know, I just came from Target, and they had a whole wall of the regular Darth Mauls sitting on the shelf.

DEANNA: Yes, but as you said, this one has that special cut in half thingy. That makes him unique.

TONY: Yes, but the significance will be completely lost on him. This isn’t an item for a child, but a true collector.

DEANNA: You mean someone like you?

TONY: Exactly like me! I have the force running through my veins. *(Lifts sleeve)* See this tattoo? The symbol of the Rebel Alliance.

DEANNA: Is this where my child is headed? Maybe I should just let you take it.

TONY: That’s very generous of you.