

TWO VIEWS OF CHRISTMAS

by Jeffrey Totey

GENRE: Comedy

SYNOPSIS: While preparing for the busy Christmas season, Ron and Kathy try to remind June and Mike of what the reason for the season really is.

DIRECTOR'S TIP: The stage is cut in half, with one family on the left and the other on the right. There are two stepladders and two phones, one for each side. June and Mike live on the left, Ron and Kathy live on the right.

TIME: Over 5 minutes

CAST BREAKDOWN: 4

TOPIC: Grace, Faithfulness

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: Luke 2:7

CHURCH YEAR SEASON: Christmas

SUGGESTED USE: Worship Service

CHARACTERS:

Mike
June
Ron
Kathy

PROPS: Phones, Christmas lights, stepladders

COSTUMES: Casual

SOUND: Four wireless mics

LIGHTING: General stage

SETTING: Two homes, stepladder

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JUNE: Jimmie! Stop teasing your sister right now!

KATHY: Melissa! Give that back, Bobby! You know better than that!

JUNE: You do not hit your sister. Do you hear me?

JUNE and KATHY: I don't care who started it.

KATHY: That is not how we act in this family.

JUNE: Jimmie, if you don't stop teasing your sister, I'm going to call Santa Claus. I will. You don't believe me? Watch me. *(Picks up phone)* Hello? Santa? Hi, this is June Smithers...yes, Jimmie's mom. Well, not too good, Santa. Jimmie doesn't seem to be behaving very well right now and I don't think he will be needing any presents this year...ah, just a second *(Puts hand over the phone and speaks to Jimmie)* What's that? You're going to be good now? Do you promise? Well, alright then, I'll tell him. *(Back to phone)* Ah, Santa, it appears that Jimmie has changed his mind and is trying to be good again. I'll keep you posted. Goodbye.

KATHY: Melissa...Bobby...come here. I don't like the way you're behaving today. You know something, I don't think Jesus does either. If Jesus were here right now, what do you think he would do? *(Feeling proud of herself and then sours at the response of her children)* He would not! *(Pause)* I think you two need a break from one another. Bobby, you go to your room. Melissa, you go to the family room. And no television.

WOMEN TOGETHER: Mike! Ron!

MIKE: *(Singing)* It's the most wonderful time of the year...

JUNE: Oh, shut up.

MIKE: What's wrong with you, Scrooge?

JUNE: I prefer the title of Grinch.

KATHY: Have you put up the Christmas lights yet?

JUNE: You need to put up the Christmas lights.

MIKE: But honey, I just took them down last month! Can't I put them up later?

JUNE: I had to wait eleven months for you to take them down from last year, I don't want to wait that long to get them up.

RON: But honey, the game's on.