"THE CHRISTMAS CHAIR"

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Synopsis

A warehouse employee is taking a post-holiday inventory of Christmas props when she approaches Santa's Christmas Chair. The chair brings back memories of her childhood and how she placed her faith in Santa to supply her needs. Now that she is an adult, she realizes that she must have the same child-like faith and trust in Jesus. This sketch is a great post-Christmas presentation.

Scripture

Luke 18:17 "I assure you, anyone who doesn't have their ("a child's") kind of faith will never get into the Kingdom of God." NIV.

Ministry Lesson

The innocence and trusting nature of a child is never more apparent than when little children visit Santa in the mall. They sit on Santa's lap and tell him exactly what they want; with complete faith and belief. As adult Christians, we should have the same child-like faith and trust in Jesus.

Ministry Focus

Faith, Prayer

Genre

Drama

Cast

- Adult Female
- Adult Male

Setting

Warehouse store room

Props

- A large Christmas Chair, decorated in Christmas red
- Various Christmas props scattered around (optional)
- Clipboard and pen
- White sheet
- Gold strip material
- 2 large plastic Christmas containers
- Stacks of Christmas lights

Costume

Normal attire

SCENE: INT. WAREHOUSE

A WOMAN AND MAN ENTER. THE WOMAN IS CARRYING A CLIP BOARD AND RECORDING THE INVENTORY OF THE CHRISTMAS PROPS IN THE STORAGE WAREHOUSE. THE MAN IS CARRYING TWO CONTAINERS FILLED WITH CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS. IT IS APPARENT THAT THE BOXES ARE HEAVY AS THE MAN STRUGGLES TO HOLD THEM.

WOMAN

(Looking up and counting) Eight, nine, ten large Christmas candles.

SHE RECORDS THE COUNT ON THE INVENTORY SHEET.

MAN

Where do you want me to put these decorations?

WOMAN

They belong in section 11c. We're almost there. (Notices several stacks of loose Christmas lights) Who left the Christmas lights here? These lights belong in 12d.

THE WOMAN PILES THE STACK OF LIGHTS ON TOP OF THE BOXES. THE MAN STRUGGLES TO BALANCE EVERYTHING. THE WOMAN TAKES A FEW STEPS FORWARD AND CONTINUES COUNTING INVENTORY.

WOMAN (CONT'D)

One, two, three, four gold wreaths.

SHE RECORDS THE COUNT ON THE INVENTORY SHEET. SHE LOOKS AROUND.

WOMAN (CONT'D)

Where did they store the silver wreaths? They should be right here. (Frustrated) Why don't they put these Christmas props back correctly? (Looking around) This warehouse is a mess.

WOMAN (CONT'D)

Every year I find stuff out of place.

Next Christmas they won't be able to

find anything.

MAN

(Complaining) Well, let's just keep everything here and they just have to look in one place. These things are getting heavy.

WOMAN

We have over two thousand props in this warehouse. You can't pile everything in one place.

WALKS OVER TO SANTA'S CHRISTMAS CHAIR

Now why is this here? Santa's chair is supposed to be (she turns the page) in Section 13B.

MAN

Now wait a minute. You're not putting that chair on top of these boxes!

WOMAN

(Admires the chair) Old Santa got a lot of use out of this chair. This Christmas was our busiest Christmas in years. (Reminiscing) You know, when I was a child, I couldn't wait to see Santa. I would sit on Santa's lap and ask for all the things I wanted; mostly toys. I would have a whole list written out; a doll, a bike, new skates. (Laughing) I even asked Santa for a swimming pool one year.

MAN

(Struggling) I should have asked Santa for a moving dolly.

WOMAN

Oh alright; go on and put the decorations in section 11. I'll be there shortly.

MAN EXITS

WOMAN

This chair really brings back memories.

TAKES A SEAT IN THE CHAIR

It's amazing how children run to see
Santa, believing he can take away all of
their problems and fill their hearts
with joy. My parents let my brother and
I have our fun with Santa. They knew
that once we grew older we would put
away childish things. (Jokingly
sarcastic) Well, at least I did, my
brother still acts like a child.

STANDS UP

I can't help but see the comparison between my life as a child and my life as an adult. The Bible says...

- End of Preview -

The woman comes to better understand that she needs to have child-like faith and trust in God. Although children only get to talk to Santa once a year; she's thankful that she can approach God's Throne of Grace every day of the year.