

GOOD ENOUGH FOR CHRISTMAS?

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DEDICATION

To my Heavenly Father. This play has been written to the praise of Your glory. Though I didn't deserve it and never will, thank you for giving me the best Christmas gift ever! Ephesians 2:8,9.

The Playwright

STORY OF THE PLAY

It's Christmas and everyone is happy. Everyone, that is, except Travis, who tried to play a little joke on the pastor's wife and now only has sticks and stones to look forward to. His grief is intensified by Felicity whose perfect record this past year has earned her all that she wants for Christmas - and she wants 364 gifts, one for each day of her goodness.

After Felicity blows her contract and loses everything, they both learn that there is still one gift they can receive for Christmas...one that no one can ever be good enough to earn (Isaiah 64:6.), but you don't have to (Ephesians 2:8,9.): It is God's gift of eternal life...and it's the best gift of all!

CAST OF CHARACTERS

Major roles:

KIP	TRAVIS	KRISTI
LOUIS	THERESA	JAMES
TEDDY	FELICITY	JONATHAN
LEANNE	MRS. PRICE	PASTOR JOHNSON

Roles that could be doubled:

ANITA	CHARLES	MARTHA
JULIE	JUDY	BETSY
MADISON	GRANT	SARAH
SHEILA	JOY	CONNIE
TONY	DENNIS	KATRINA
MEGAN	MELISSA	
MRS. CAMPEN (Offstage voice.)		

NOTE: *Many roles can be doubled or changed from boys to girls or vice versa. Also, you can add more characters if needed by giving some of lines from the major roles to extras.*

SETTING: The main setting is the fellowship Hall of Pinebrook Community Church which the kids are decorating for Christmas. At the beginning it's pretty bare, just an artificial Christmas tree in a stand, since the kids bring almost everything in with them. A second set, which is played before the curtain with optional greenery, is outside at a park. There is a table with a sign taped to the front which reads, "Jonathan's Fix-it Table. Toys Repaired While U Wait. Pay What You Can, Only If You Can." Another sign reads, "Open" on one side and "Closed" on the other.

PROPS: Christmas tree and decorations, ornaments, metal can, cookies on a tray, scrolled list of presents, Bible, screwdriver, doll, headphones, electronic game, quarter, Dust Buster, ten-dollar bill, one-dollar bill, can with money in it, vacuum, bucket and rags, gallon of water, towels, small bottle of bleach, two toy horses.

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DIRECTOR'S NOTES

Scene 1

(AT RISE: JAMES and TEDDY are straightening the Christmas tree. KIDS enter and start decorating. After a few beats TRAVIS enters, obviously upset. He kicks a metal can over and picks up a stray ornament and throws it out of the way, hard.)

KIP: *(Concerned.)* What's up with you?

TRAVIS: Just go away and leave me alone, will you?!

KIP: Hey! I'm your buddy, remember?! I just thought ...maybe having a friend to listen might help.

TRAVIS: Well, you thought wrong. All I need right now is space. And you're in the way. *(Glares at HIM.)*

KIP: *(Backs up.)* No problem. You can have all the space you want.

KRISTI: *(Rushing in.)* KIP! Oh, Kip! You won't believe what I just found out. I overheard Mom and Dad saying they're going to buy each of us a horse for Christmas.

KIP: Really?!

KRISTI: Really! Oh, Kip, just think of all the fun we're going to have learning to ride them.

JUDY: Will you let me ride, too?

KRISTI: Sure thing.

LOUIS: Can I feed him some sugar cubes? I hear they really like those.

ANITA: Can I pet him?

KRISTI: I'm sure he'd like that.

KIP: I can't wait to teach mine some neat tricks.

TRAVIS: Just don't forget all that manure you're gonna have to scoop up. *(Holds nose and walks noisily DSR.)* P-U!

KRISTI: What's with him?

KIP: Don't even ask. Unless you want to get your head bit off.

THERESA: *(Enters carrying cookies on a tray and asks KRISTI.)* Would you like a cookie? I baked them myself.

KRISTI: Thanks, Theresa.

JAMES: Hey, how about some for the hardworking men over here?

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TEDDY: It takes a lot of energy to get a Christmas tree up.

DENNIS: Especially this tree!

THERESA: I was just on my way over.

JAMES: Thanks!

(SHE hands JAMES one and he eats it right away.)

DENNIS: Yeah, thanks!

TEDDY: *(Chomping on HIS cookies.)* Mhmm.

THERESA: You guys sure are doing a good job on the tree.
It almost looks real.

CHARLES: *(Looking the cookies over carefully.)* And your
cookies almost look good enough to eat. But I don't
know...

TEDDY: I'd be happy to eat yours for you.

CHARLES: Nah! I'm a man. *(HE grabs one up quick.)* I
can stomach anything. *(HE takes a bite.)* Hey! These
really are good. I'm impressed. *(HE takes another one,
then SHE crosses DSR to TRAVIS to offer him one.)*

THERESA: Travis?

TRAVIS: *(Roughly.)* What?

THERESA: Would you like a cookie?

TRAVIS: *(Yells.)* NO!

THERESA: Well, you don't have to yell about it.

TRAVIS: Look...I've just lost my appetite, that's all.

LEANNE: *(Crossing to THEM.)* You've lost your appetite?
That's a first.

MARTHA: Travis, what's up? I just saw you this morning
and you were flying higher than a kite. Remember, only
ten more days till Christmas.

TRAVIS: For you maybe. Try 374 for me.

LOUIS: How can it be that many for him?

TRAVIS: Think about it.

JULIE: So, you're skipping Christmas this year?

TRAVIS: Not voluntarily. The verdict was just handed down
this afternoon.

LOUIS: Verdict?

THERESA: Who was the judge?

TRAVIS: My dad.

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