

Missing Christmas Preview

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## PURPOSE

Do we have room in our Christmas schedules for Christmas? Have the numerous parties and countless ceremonies caused us to lose sight of the baby in the manger? Though Christmas is a time of celebration, this script reminds us that our hearts need to stay focused on our Savior rather than on our busy holiday schedules.

## SUMMARY

Two women try to coordinate their busy holiday schedules, unaware that their very celebrations may be causing them to miss the reason they're celebrating in the first place.

## CHARACTERS

Becca

Sarah

Jake

## HOW TO

'Lights on the Lake' and 'Dickens Festival' can be substituted with local, secular Christmas festivals or events.

Sarah and Becca enter chatting about holiday plans and carrying shopping bags. As they approach CS, their muffled conversation abruptly stops as they realize the long wait ahead of them. They put their holiday shopping bags down in a huff.

SARAH

Look at this line!

BECCA

It's ridiculous.

SARAH

She looks around for a minute.

Where did my husband go? Matt?

BECCA

He probably went with Jake. I told him he could go look at the tools as long as he was back in time for me to use his credit card.

SARAH

Nice. Well at least this wait gives us time to coordinate our schedules. Does tomorrow still work for you and the kids?

BECCA

No. Kyla has that afterschool program.

SARAH

We can't not make gingerbread houses this year. It would be like-

SARAH AND BECCA

Missing Christmas.

BECCA

She pulls out her phone.

Let's fix this right now. Ok. Google. Show me my December calendar.

SARAH

She pulls out her phone.

Siri, my calendar please.

BECCA

How about next Wednesday?

SARAH

Cookie exchange. My mother's in charge; she'll kill me if I miss it.

BECCA

Right.

SARAH

We can carpool to the Lights on the Lake from there.

BECCA

I'm supposed to go to the living nativity at church that night.

SARAH

You can't miss Lights on the Lake. It would be like-

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SARAH

Lights on the Lake has a nativity section this year. Doesn't that count?

BECCA

Sure why not.

(Typing into her phone)

Lights on the Lake.

She looks at her phone.

BECCA (CONT'D)

Are you going to Lucy's party or the band concert on Friday?

SARAH

Both. The concert is at 6pm. We'll be out of there by 7:30 at the latest. The party doesn't start till 8. If there isn't traffic we'll be right on time.

BECCA

Perfect.

She looks at her phone.

BECCA (CONT'D)

Gingerbread houses next Thursday?

SARAH

Family Christmas pictures. Next Sunday we're still on for the mother daughter brunch with Santa, right?

BECCA  
Church in the morning.

SARAH  
Doesn't God understand how busy you are?

BECCA  
It's December-

SARAH  
Exactly! Missing Santa's brunch would be like-

SARAH AND BECCA  
Missing Christmas.

BECCA  
I know. I know. You're right. I can't miss brunch with Santa.

SARAH  
That Sunday afternoon?

BECCA  
We're going to the Dickens festival.

SARAH  
The actors are the best I've seen yet.

BECCA  
You say that every year.

SARAH  
But this year I mean it.

She looks back at her phone.

SARAH (CONT'D)  
Next Tuesday night?

BECCA  
We're going to my Church's Christmas Pageant. It's going to be really good this year! You should come. It's called *Away from a Manger*. It's a Christmas-Who-Dun-It. It's going to be fun!

SARAH  
(Looking at her phone)  
No room in my schedule ...or yours. We have our husbands' work party.

BECCA  
Oh. Right. I forgot about that.

SARAH

Well, that leaves the 24th.

BECCA

You want to make gingerbread houses on Christmas Eve?

SARAH

Yes! It'll be perfect! Last minute get together before the big day. I'll add it in now.

(Speaking into her phone)

Siri, -

BECCA

Wait. We have the candlelight service.

SARAH

Church again? Can't you celebrate Christmas this month and Jesus' birthday next month?

BECCA

That doesn't even make sense. December is our time to reflect on the Savior's birth.

SARAH

Reflect? Who has time to even think? Our schedules are busy enough without squeezing in the whole "birth-of-the-Messiah-thing."

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