

The Christmas Cure Preview

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PURPOSE

Sometimes our religious words get in the way of our honest testimonies, and our well-meaning theological phrases overcomplicate the simplicity of Christ's love. The meaning of Christmas and the explanation of our Savior's birth doesn't have to be complicated.

SUMMARY

A young father prepares to give his testimony, but his desire for perfection and theologically-sounding phrases cause him to stumble over his words. With the help of his young daughter, and a very sick stuffed animal, the father realizes that Christ's love for us and the healing He offers is straightforward and uncomplicated.

CHARACTERS

Dad

Mom

Jeannie - a 4 year old girl who can be played by an adult actress

KEY VERSES

John 3:16

HOW TO

Dad should stand Center Stage (CS), as if looking into a mirror.

Props: Mickey Mouse Stuffed Animal, coat, purse, toy purse, toy stethoscope

Dad is standing CS, as if in front of a mirror. He is holding notecards, straightening his tie, and rehearsing. Behind him there is a table holding Dad's coat and Mom's purse.

Mom enters.

DAD

The incarnation of Jesus Christ..

Pause. He looks at his notes and starts again.

DAD (CONT'D)

Christology, is the study of the Person and Nature of Christ. And in my personal study...

Pause.

DAD (CONT'D)

(To Mom)

I hate getting up in front of people.

MOM

She helps Dad fix his tie.

It's just a few words.

DAD

Why did I agree to do this? And on Christmas Eve. The church will be packed.

MOM

The pastor said it doesn't have to be long. Just keep it simple.

DAD

Right. Explain what God's love means to me in a few, short and simple words. How do you do that?

He looks back into the mirror, glances at his notes, and starts again.

DAD (CONT'D)

When we study the greek, we see different words used for love: Agape, Eros and Philia.

MOM

Short and simple.

DAD

He is frustrated and thinking too hard.

I know. I know.

Mom looks at her watch and calls to her daughter off stage.

MOM

Jeannie.

Jeannie enters. She is clinging to a purse and a stuffed animal.

JEANNIE

Doctor.

MOM

Jeannie, can you get your shoes on, please?

JEANNIE

Mickey needs a doctor.

MOM

Shoes. Please.

JEANNIE

But he needs a doctor.

MOM

We're going to be late for the Christmas Eve Service.

JEANNIE

This is important.

MOM

Jeannie.

Pause. Jeannie holds her doll up to her dad.

JEANNIE

Can you fix him?

DAD

Looking at his wife while referring to Mickey.

He needs a doctor.

MOM

(Smiling)

Well, can the doctor at least keep it short? Mickey is going to be late for church.

DAD

(Playing along)

Ok. Mr. Mickey let me look at you here.

JEANNIE

He was jumping.

DAD

He was jumping?

JEANNIE

With the monkeys.

DAD

Which monkeys?

JEANNIE

The 10 little monkeys, jumping on the bed.

DAD

Oh. Did he fall?

JEANNIE

Yup. He fell off.

DAD

And hurt his head?

JEANNIE

Nope. He hurt his tummy.

DAD

Not his head?

JEANNIE

He fell off and hurt his tummy.

DAD

Hmmm. That's highly unusual.

JEANNIE

I think he needs a bandaid.

DAD

Ok. Well, let's see here. Hmmm yup. A bandaid just might do the trick.

He wants a green one. JEANNIE

A green one. DAD

He pulls out an imaginary band aid from an imaginary Dr. bag.

Here we go. DAD (CONT'D)

That one's blue. JEANNIE

Oops. You're right. DAD

He puts the first imaginary band aid away and pulls out a second imaginary band aid.

That one's orange. JEANNIE

DAD

Holding up the second imaginary band aid.

This one? JEANNIE

It's orange. DAD

Ok. DAD

He puts the second imaginary band aid away and pulls out a third imaginary band aid.

Is this one green? DAD (CONT'D)

Yup. That one's green. JEANNIE

DAD

There you go Mickey. Good as new. Now, no more jumping on that bed.

He hurt his heart too. JEANNIE

He did? DAD

Yup. Listen. JEANNIE

She pulls a toy stethoscope out of her purse.

DAD

Dad listens, then puts stethoscope on the ground.

He sure did. Is this Minnie's fault?

JEANNIE

(Shrugs)
What should we do?

DAD

Maybe another band aid.

JEANNIE

(Agreeing)
I think the orange one.

DAD

Ok.

He pulls out an imaginary band aid and puts it on Mickey.

DAD (CONT'D)

All better.

JEANNIE

She holds Mickey tightly.
See, I told you if we asked him, he'd make you all better.
That's what Daddies do.

Jeannie exits. Mom grabs the stethoscope off the ground.

Dad looks back in the mirror, fixes his tie one last time, and picks up where he left off.

Agape, Eros and Philia. DAD

Short and Simple. MOM

Mom hands Dad the stethoscope.

DAD

Jokingly, he looks back into the mirror and says the following line.

The human race needs a doctor.

(Teasingly to Mom)

What do you think? A green band aid?

MOM

I think our Father's love doesn't have to be so hard to understand.

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