

Christmas News  
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What: Christ came to bring joy to the world. This skit is designed to start off your Christmas season with a laugh. It is also a great way to tee up a sermon on the Good News. Themes: Good News, Christmas, Joy, Laughter

Who: Anchor 1, Anchor 2, Child

When: Christmas Time

Wear: News Desk, Papers

Why: Luke 2:10, Prov 17:22

To have fun! This is a great way to open a Christmas Eve service and tee your Pastor up for message on the Good News.

\*This skit was originally created to accompany the skit: *Good News for a Weary World*.\*

How:

If your church has video capabilities, it would add a creative element to make the Child's line a video. This video element is not necessary to make the skit work. If you don't have video capabilities, simply have a Reporter and a child on one side of the stage, away from the news desk.

Sound Effects add to the believability of the News Cast but are not necessary.

If you have extra actors, feel free to use a camera man to signal the Actors. The camera man can be in the sound booth, or actually near the actors holding a camera. –Be creative with this!

The final lines need to sound like the Saturday Night Live Tag Line. "Live from NY it's Saturday Night." Just fill in your church's name and the day of the week and time of day. Ex) Live from Grace Chapel, It's Sunday Morning."

Time: 3 minutes

*News Cast Intro Music plays.*

*The following dialogue is said directly to the audience, as if into a camera.*

Anchor 1: Thank you for tuning in to News Channel 9; your most reliable source for up to date news. Here's a look at today's Top Stories. An absent Rudolph has been found and is back at his post. He apologizes for his un-fairytale-like conduct and blames the entire incident on it being peek rut season. Dancer, Prancer and Vixen have refused to comment.

Anchor 2: Christmas is in full swing. Santa is in his sleigh; his list is with him. He's already checked it twice, and it has been reported that he doesn't often make last minute changes. It has also unfortunately been sited that the Kentucky Coal Corporation has for the first time ever, sold-out of coal.

Anchor 1: I want a Rhinoceros for Christmas? Well, that's what this disappointed child received when the elves mistook the large Rhino for a Hippopotamus.

Video of Child: (Crying) I want a hippopotamus for Christmas, only a hippopotamus will do, no crocodiles, no rhinoceros. I said no Rhinoceros!

Anchor 2: An unfortunate mistake. The North Pole has apologized and *was* promising a hippo when the parents insisted on a monetary settlement instead.

Anchor 1: In other news, Greensleeves is suing What Child Is This for copyright infringement of its familiar tune.

Anchor 2: And earlier today the North Pole issued this official statement, after the jury decided in favor of the Tooth Fairy. "This year along with all future years, Santa is no longer authorized to gift any child their two front teeth."

Anchor 1: This just in, the Herald Angels have caught laryngitis. The question remains, who will be harking? More on this breaking story as we get updates.

Anchor 2: Stay with us for more top stories, weather updates and - you'll never guess who we saw kissing Santa Clause - more on that after this commercial break.

*News Cast Outro Music plays.*

*During the following lines the actors, not 'on air', address each other.*

Anchor 2: Are we reporting on the Good News?

Anchor 1: I thought the verdict was good news. Santa's not a dentist. I don't want anyone who hasn't gone to dental school messing with my children's teeth.

Anchor 2: No. I mean, the Good News.

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