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PLAY version-

SANTA CLAUS, WHAT DO YOU WANT FOR CHRISTMAS?

CAST:

NARRATOR

SHOPPERS –SOME WITH DOLLS IN STROLLERS/OR LIL TODDLERS IN STROLLERS

3-5 ADULTS – TO COME ALONGSIDE SILENT PICTURE TAKERS

3-5 CHILDREN- TO TAKE PICTURES ONLY- NO LINES

CHILD 1

CHILD 2

CHILD 3 (ANGEL UNAWARE)

MOM 1

MOM 2

CAROLERS (CAN BE ANY AGE)

MALL WORKER & CAMERA PERSON,

POLICE OFFICER 1

POLICE OFFICER 2

WOMAN 1

WOMAN 2

PROPS:

CHRISTMAS TREE

SHOPPING BAGS & HAND CUFFS-cell phone/walkie talkers

DOLLS IN STROLLERS/OR LIL TODDLERS IN STROLLERS W

BACKGROUND MUSIC: INSTRUMENTAL CHRISTMAS SONGS

REAL CAMERA THAT MAKE INSTANT PHOTOS

OR AT LEAST A PHOTO WITH SANTA ALONE IN THE PIC PREPARED

NARRATOR:

A lot of us proclaim we understand the reason for the season, but sometimes in our actions it shows a forgetful people that has found a love for idolatry and not God. The bible says, "What agreement does the temple of God has with idols"(II Corinthians 6: 16) So, here we are year after year- our children writing their long list for Santa to fill their stockings and to grant their long wish list so their Christmas trees can be surrounded with lots of toys. All the mothers still rush out to purchase their little darlings a Christmas outfit in order to take SANTA AND ME pictures to complete their memoirs for that year. Now, Black Friday has become Black Thursday as stores marketing departments strategize for a higher profit margin than last year's. So, here we are—busy...busy...busy —creating our long list of wants. We give our children Santa, but have yet introduced them to their Savoir. If we're not careful, we will confuse Jesus with Santa. Lord give me,..give me..but what are we returning to Him? Jesus came that we might have life. He was concerned about our soul and didn't die for stuff. There are hurting people and their needs go beyond what is wrapped in a box. They need the peace, the love, the hope, the saving power of Jesus. We want our children to know even Santa needs a Savior and He is not God? So, in our presentation we will ask, "Santa what do you want for Christmas?"

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SCENE I:

OPENING SCENE

(Two women arguing about a pair of shoes they both want in one of the stores in the MALL)

(manager is calling the mall police to report the disturbance in her store)

LADY 2: Give me this shoes..I have the perfect outfit that this will match..

LADY 1: I don't care what outfit you have..I saw this shoe first..I 'm giving this to my mom for Christmas

LADY 2: Oh, no you're not.. this is mine..

Lady 1: No it is NOT.. you better let it go..

Lady 2: Lady, I'm not playing with you.. I've been watching this shoe for a long time.. for the price

To go down..its for my Christmas outfit I'm wearing to church...and honestly..I'm getting tired of talking to you about it..

LADY 1: LET- IT- GO NOW .(.raising her voice)

LADY 2: yep, when I hand it over to the lady at the cash register.. (pull out her knife)..You don't have any idea who you're playing with..

(lady 1: starts for her purse...as the cops grab them both)

MALL POLICE – taking a couple people by handcuffs out –because one pulled out a knife on the other over a purchase..

Lady 2 is a Christian ---

Cop and LADY 2 are parishioners belonging to the same church)

POLICE OFFICER 1 & 2 take both of the ladies out of the store ..(holding the two handcuffed women as they attempt to separate them from fighting. OFFICER 2 has a plastic bag with a gun that lady 1 had in her purse and officer 1 had the knife in the bag)

BACKGROUND SCENERY: can be in front of the Santa Claus seat (empty...not time for Pics with Santa)

POLICE OFFICER 2 *(speaking to officer 1)*

Hey man... I'll take this one in my car down to the station

POLICE OFFICER 1 *(speaking to officer 2)*

That'll be good... I have this one...and I need to talk to her a little further

POLICE OFFICER 2

Ok.. later..

POLICE OFFER 1

later

POLICE OFFICER 1 *(to woman 1)*

Now, you KNOW Pastor Williams is going to be so disappointed when He hears about one of his choir members in a mall "fighting over shoes"

PLEASE TELL ME WHY YOU AND THE LADY WAS "FIGHTING" OVER THAT SHOE? I KNOW HER PROBLEM, SHE WAS INTOXICATED.. but what's YOUR PROBLEM?

(Annoyed) NEVER MIND...NEVER MIND... It's totally irrelevant at this point.

Lady 2

Well, Pastor Williams should be "proud" ... because I could have pepper sprayed her

POLICE 1 *(as he's unhandcuffing her)*

Peppered sprayed her? That would have been safer than a knife? GOOD LAWd – Woman have you lost your way?

What on earth has taken you so far from the Cross to cuffs? And especially during the Christmas season?

Look, whatever, got you side track—it's time for you to repent and get back on track..

Lady 2

I didn't know Pastor Williams hired you as Assistant Pastor... all this rebuking me sounds like YOU want to be Pastor

POLICE 1

No, sorry, that's not my calling- My calling is to keep and enforce the laws of the land-

And to "warn" and encourage fellow believers on this journey—

So, THIS IS YOUR WARNING and I'll "exhort" you to stay out of trouble and get back on track. If I hear of you going into that store again, I will book you the next time.

Lady 2

(Smiling) now THAT'S what I'm talking about! Thank you ..thank you thank you..

Hey... are you married?

POLICE 1

(just pick up his married finger with the ring..rolling his eyes up in the air)

Look sister—I'm not trying to pick you up on a date-Remember...*(pointing to his finger to his head briskly 3 times as if he's trying to unscramble her memory)* I was the one that was trying to take you down to the police station to book you for "fighting " in a mall – WOMAN OF GOD get focused – *(sounding frustrated)* I'm trying to forget the black eye you just put on the Christian community –

Lady 2

Alright..alright.. you're really "excitable" aren't you.. calm down..

POLICE 1

YOU'RE TELLING ME TO CALM DOWN... you're "almost" laughable ...Look I wasn't the one fighting over a pair of shoes- please stay out of trouble—and remember *this* time it's a warning- *(walks a few feet away..talking on the walkie talkie to the other officer)*

HEY MAN..I let this one go with a warning.. Did you take yours to the station yet? Well..if you haven't .. go ahead and give her a warning and drop her at her house. She had a gun in her purse? (smh) Man, we got there just in time.and tell her not to go to that store again. If we get called again, we're going to book her. *(lowered walkie talkie – looking at the woman)*

Ma'am...you're free to go....

Lady 2

Oh.. I was just wanting to say good bye OFFICER...(start walking off).oh.. by the way... be sure to be at church this Sunday... I'm going to lead the choir into praise service ...

POLICE 1

I hope to see you in the prayer line at the altar before I see you lead me into worship –and you “almost” missed being at church yourself... Have a good evening ma'am...

(Walk off the scene - continued talking on the walkie talkie to his co-worker—but lowered tone)

WOMAN 1

(calling her girlfriend on the phone)

Shoo ..shoo!..

GIRL.. YOU WOULDN'T BELIEVE WHO JUST TRIED TO PICK ME UP IN THE MALL TODAY...

That fine guy we both was staring at church– (giggling)..yep..THAT'S HIM! ..*(quiet as if she's listening)*...Oh..yeah...yeah...He's married... well...maybe not trying to fully hit on me.. but he was just trying to encourage me about going to church and all ...Girl...I had on some nice silver bracelets –but umm..decided against wearing them –hee.hee..hee.. didn't match my shoes you know.. well..girl... let me get out of here.. we'll talk later..

(hanging up)..

(Rambling to herself as she leaves the scene) He can fight it all he want...but He wish he was single so he can date me... He know I'm a catch!..

MALL WORKER:

(walking up – passing WOMAN 2-talking in the an announcement voice)

SANTA AND ME pictures will began in 10mins

(crowd/line began to form- camera person began to set up – Mall Worker set up with the sign in list as parents began to sign in their children)

MALL WORKER:

Alright, come on darling... *(gesturing for the 1st child to go to Santa)*

SANTA CLAUS:

Ho...HO...HO... Merry Christmas—Well... aren't you the cutest –

What can ole' Santa get you for Christmas?

CHILD 1:

Thank you Santa So glad you asked- ... How much time do you have?

SANTA CLAUS:

(CHUCKLING)..well, (clearing his throat).. If you can tell me at least two of your favorite toys, then you can write a letter about the rest. How's that? Besides, I KNOW if you've been naughty or nice

CHILD 1:

NOPE –I have NOT been naughty –but the teacher said I was a nuisance or something like that—but definitely not naughty ...Now to my list...well you know they ALL are my favorite—but that's alright..*(winking at Santa)* I know when I'm being "rushed" ... so, let's get on with it... I want an IPOd, IPAD and a Wii Game w/Michael Jackson game and glove and I GUESS I'll write you about the rest- ok Santa?

CAMERAMAN:

Ok..smile..

SANTA/CHILD 1:

PAUSE FOR THE PICTURE..SNAP..

CHILD 1

Jumps down –and run to mom—

(Next kid in line- run –Jump in Santa's lap—and they converse silently- with hand motions)..

CAMERA MAN- *(snapping pictures)*

And continue until MOM/CHILD 1 finish talking then the conversation becomes verbal again.

MOM:

Did you tell Santa everything you want?

CHILD 1

Yeah..kind of.. is there a survey to rate this Santa? I know he's really one of Santa's elves sitting in for Santa —and I think the Big guy need to know how he's being represented..

MOM:

This is the season to give “grace” —maybe he's had a long day – give him a break, huh?

CHILD 1

I guess.. but if he doesn't tell the real Santa everything I want and get it under our tree—I might have to be a whistle blower

MOM:

(Shaking head..giggling.). come on here and let's go have lunch

SANTA CLAUS:

Ho..HO..HOO.. Hello little one.. Have you been naughty or nice?

CHILD 2

OH I think you know already—at least that's what they tell me.

I'm straight..I'm straight..

SANTA CLAUS:

(burst out laughing).YOU'RE STRAIGHT!..wow..Ok. well what can I get you for Christmas?

CHILD 2:

Well.. I like the car you can drive in..and I don't won't that Barbie looking stuff.. Escalade will do drop top..and if they have 12's that'll work

SANTA CLAUS:

You're not old enough to drive-- are you?

CHILD 2:

Santa ..Duh! the kid's version.. Uh..You're killin me Santa..You're killing me

SANTA CLAUS:

(giggling).. well I'll work on that – don't know about the 12's.. Do you want anything else?

CHILD 2:

Oh.. I want the new Jordans with matching jogging suit – make it in Black.. I heard I look the best in black. And and IPAD – season tickets to Schlitterbahn or Disney world (but of course you'll have to throw in airplane tickets and hotel with that).. I'll let that be your choice

SANTA CLAUS:

(interrupting.. .giving the child a quick hug)... Wow Ok... Merry..Merry Christmas—HO>>HO>>HO be sure to stay “straight” and write me a list of whatever else you want..ok?

CHILD 2:

OK.. thank you Santa—I'll have my brother to type the list.. my teacher said my writing is kind of messy—and I need to be sure you know “exactly” what I want.. Bye Santa

SANTA CLAUS:

BYE..BYE.. *(wiping his forehead and shaking his head in disbelief)*

MALL WORKER:

Alright ladies and Gent – Santa Claus is taking a 15mins break.

CAROLERS:

(entering the scene singing)

JOY TO THE WORLD

Hark! The Herald Angels

SILENT NIGHT, HOLY NIGHT

(as they sing SILENT NIGHT..they disperse and the line of parents/with children leave with the carolers)

(SANTA SLIPPING BACK INTO HIS CHAIR)

MALL WORKER:

Return taking the 15 min break sign off—

No one left in line—but a CHILD WALKED UP WITHOUT THEIR PARENT

SANTA CLAUS:

(talking to the Mall Worker)

What happen to the long line?

MALL WORKER:

I'm not for sure—they were all here listening to the carolers –

But when the carolers left—it seems they did too..

SANTA CLAUS:

That's really odd

MALL WORKER:

I know...I've been working here 7 years and I've never seen that before

CAMERAMAN:

I've worked a many of malls and Santa picture settings- and I haven't seen this before either..

CHILD 3:

Excuse me Ma'am can I talk to Santa Claus?

MALL WORKER:

(looking around)

Honey where is your parents?

CHILD 3:

Umm.. umm..*(shrugging their shoulders as if they don't know)* can I please talk to Santa?

MALL WORKER:

Well, I need for you to be with one of you parents in order to take pictures with Santa

CHILD 3:

I won't take long and ummm.. I can wait on my parents while I talk to Santa

SANTA CLAUS:

Ahh... it's Christmas... let um come...

MALL WORKER:

Ok...I guess...but little one give me your name and your parent name so I can page them

CHILD 3

My name is Angel and my dad's name is JESUS' (Said in Spanish-Ha ZUS)

Just call him.. He knows where I am

MALL WORKER:

Is there a last name ?

CHILD 3

Divinity

MALL WORKER:

Ok... well go on... talk to Santa

(Walk away to go do the page)

(lights dim and a bright light shines from behind the chair of Santa as the child get in Santa's lap)

SANTA CLAUS:

Well little one—What can Santa get you for Christmas?

CHILD 3:

Santa, I've been sent to ask you —What do you want for Christmas?

SANTA CLAUS:

(looking around a little amused)

Smiling- My dear child what a joy to hear somebody caring about ole' Santa-

But my job is to ask you what YOU want?

CHILD 3:

Santa I'm here for just a little while, quickly, What do you want for Christmas? Is it that prayer you prayed the other day about your friend's daughter getting healed from cancer? (***Santa shocked and becoming very uneasy***) Or is it the healing of your marriage? Santa, what do you want for Christmas ..

Ah ! I know it's better health benefits that your baby boy can get that operation to straighten his legs before they cause him further problems

SANTA CLAUS:

My dear child- I'm a little taken aback—(*clearing his throat*) quite frankly —(*clearing his throat getting a little choked up*) you're making me nervous . Who sent you here?

CHILD 3:

Santa – I know when you take the mask off – you're a hurting man often misunderstood with a great big heart that love others and want to be loved. But Santa you often lash out at people from the hurt and you don't know how to show the love in your heart. Santa, What do you want for Christmas ? –Oh and yes, that daughter that you worry about- she's actually crying out to God in her own way- and He understands her language- and He will save her. Santa, what do you want for Christmas? (*holds head down as if their listening and quickly look up*) smiling.. Never mind- I hear you right now- It's granted. (*quick hug*) Merry Christmas Santa... Cameraman can you take our picture now? Smile Santa-smile.. Rejoice and again I say rejoice –and remember Santa – When you pray- you must ask in faith, without any doubts and believe He hears you and will answer you ...

SANTA CLAUS:

(*Sitting in tears—weeping*)

CAMERAMAN: *snap pictures*

CHILD 3 – *jumps down and quickly disappear*

CAMERAMAN: *LOOKS down at the picture AND DROPS THE PICTURE-*

Oh my goodness... SANTA...YOU HAVE TO SEE THIS

(*SANTA SLOWLY GET UP AND LOOK DOWN ON THE FLOOR AT THE PICTURE*)

SANTA CLAUS:

Where is the child? I just see myself-(gasp) Oh my goodness- *Hebrews 13:2 says..*

“Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.” (*smiling inwardly..reflective*)

Santa Claus has finally gotten a Christmas Gift..'

(*looking up to the heavens*)

Thank you God for my Gift of Hope and Your Promises

(*and look to the audience*)

And I pray as you seek after Him – you will receive the true gift of Christmas and all the promises He has for you..Just as I have..

HO—HO—HO=Merry Christmas to all and All a Goodnight-

CAROLERS RETURN WITH ALL CAST MEMBERS:

SINGING:

Silent night

LITTLE TOWN OF BETHELEM

Jesus, jesus, oh what a wonderful child

NOW, BEHOLD THE LAMB..THE PRECIOUS LAMB OF GOD..

BORN INTO SIN THAT I MAY LIVE AGAIN.. THE PRECIOUS LAMB OF GOD...

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