

A script from



“Photo Op With Joseph”

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What	Bill's concerned that the true meaning of Christmas has been compromised so he comes up with an alternative to Santa. Themes: Christmas, Santa, Joseph, Meaning of Christmas
Who	Bill Chad Woman 1 Child 1 Woman 2 Child 2
When	Present
Wear (Props)	Bible costume for Bill Police uniform for Chad Camera on a tripod- optional
Why	Luke 2:1-21; Matthew 25:35-40
How	Have fun with this one! Make sure the kids have plenty of time to practice and are familiar with the stage and entrances and exits. The more they get to practice on stage, the more prepared they'll be to handle being in front of an audience.
Time	Approximately 4-6 minutes

Bill enters and begins calling out.

Bill: *(Calling out to get attention)* Get your picture taken with Joseph...open every day til Christmas, nine to five...great way to receive the real Christmas spirit!

Woman 1 walks by with Child 1.

Bill: Get your picture taken with Joseph...*(to Child)* want to sit in Joseph's lap?

Woman 1 hurries off with Child 1.

Bill: Get your picture taken with Joseph. Feels like you are right there in Bethlehem!

Chad, a friend of Bill's approaches and is watching from the side.

Bill: Hurry right up! No charge...and no waiting at the moment!

Chad: *(Local policeman)* Bill, what are you doing?

Bill: What do you mean?

Chad: The outfit...the camera?

Bill: I'm trying to help people understand the real meaning of Christmas!

Chad: What?

Bill: I'm tired of how commercialized Christmas has gotten!

Chad: Well, you're right there, but I still don't get the Joseph costume and photo ops.

Bill: It's like this. I thought about how parents line their kids up and wait for hours each year just to sit in old Santa's lap and get their picture made. Then he fills their little heads with dreams and wishes about presents and toys and games!

Chad: Right and so you are dressed up as Joseph to...?

Bill: I'm giving them a Biblical alternative! For free, they can come and sit in Joseph's lap, just like baby Jesus did, and have their picture made! Then I can tell them all about that night in Bethlehem with the manger and the star and the shepherds!

Chad: Bill, I'm just not sure this is going to catch on...I mean...

Bill: Wait a minute, someone is coming...just watch! (*Woman 2 with Child 2 is approaching*) Get your picture taken with Joseph! Learn about the true meaning of Christmas! (*Bill moves to block Woman 2 and Child 2 from passing as he speaks*) It's free...just like God's grace!

Chad: (*Sensing that Bill needs some help*) Ma'am, he's really a nice guy. He won't hurt your child.

Woman 2 slowly allows Child 2 to go with Bill.

Bill: (*Moving to bench*) Here we go. Just come over here and have a seat on Joseph's lap! (*Child follows and looks back at Woman...she nods that it's okay so child sits in Joseph's lap*) There. Now, what's your name?

Child 2: Hanna.

Bill: Great, now Hanna...I am so glad that we can just take a moment to think about the real meaning of Christmas together. Aren't you?

Child 2: (*Looks up at him*) I want a Shimmer and Sparkle Bracelet Maker and a Big Hugs Elmo...

Bill: (*Confused*) No, you don't under...

Child 2: ...and a Crayola Melt and Mold Factory and a new scooter...

Bill: I don't give gifts...

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Bill: ...and find out from church who might need a little help this season...

Chad: Now you're talking.

Bill: ...and I have a friend across town who owns a donkey, so on Christmas Eve, I hook him up to a cart...

Chad: Bill...

Bill: ...and go house to house...

Chad: Slow down, Bill, let's talk a little more.

Bill: *(Leaving).* . .maybe if I attach a red light to the donkey's nose, people will notice us more and get in the Christmas spirit!

Blackout.