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## "Check Please"

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<b>What</b>	Mac's co-workers take him out to lunch for his birthday, but things take an ugly turn when the group realizes that they are short of what they owe for the check. Can they get past a few dollars to keep the peace? <b>Themes:</b> Money, Friendship, Relationships, Unity	
<b>Who</b>	Bob Mac Tim	Nancy Judy Waitress
<b>When</b>	Present	
<b>Wear (Props)</b>	This is set in a restaurant, so goes as big or small as you'd like. Long table, or short tables pushed together 6 Chairs Check Birthday hat	
<b>Why</b>	Ephesians 4:3, Psalm 133:1	
<b>How</b>	Keep the dialogue moving and stay on top of your cues. With six people in a cast, it's a good idea to leave plenty of time to practice and to have someone directing.	
<b>Time</b>	Approximately 7-9 minutes	

*Lights up on a group of friends sitting around a table in a restaurant. They are in the process of singing 'Happy Birthday.' Mac is wearing a homemade birthday hat.*

- All: ...happy birthday dear Mac, happy birthday to you...
- Bob: And many more...
- Mac: Thank you. Thank you all. Can I take the hat off now?
- Nancy: Hey, I made that myself.
- Tim: (*Sarcastically*) No kidding?
- Judy: Keep it on, Mac. You're man enough.
- Bob: After all, it's the only thing you're getting besides lunch.
- Nancy: Actually, I need the hat back for next time.
- Bob: I stand corrected.
- Judy: Be quiet, Bob. These birthday lunches are working out just fine.
- Tim: Yeah, they're great.
- Nancy: It was getting so hard to have a party and presents and the whole deal every time one us had a birthday. It took so much time...
- Judy: And money.
- Mac: As the birthday boy, I think it's great. Spending time together is the best gift I could have gotten from my friends.
- N T & J: (*Ad-lib affection*)
- Bob: I still wish I'd gotten you something.
- Mac: Bob, birthdays are about spending time, not money.
- Waitress: (*Setting down the bill*) Alright, folks, I'll just pick this up when you're ready.
- Tim: (*Tongue in cheek*) Why does this always get set in front of me?
- Bob: You're an accountant, people can sense it.
- Nancy: I think it's because you're the oldest.
- Tim: That's a lie.

**Nancy:** *(Teasing)*Well, you look the oldest.

**Judy:** I think distinguished is a better word.

**Tim:** I don't like where this discussion is going. Just pass your money down, the accountant will sort it out *again*. (*Mac, the birthday boy, tries to pass down some money.*)

**Nancy:** Mac, what are you doing?

**Mac:** I just thought I'd...

**Bob:** Keep your money.

**Tim:** We're all pitching extra to cover you.

**Judy:** That's the deal.

**Nancy:** Mac, this is our gift to you.

**Mac:** Okay, okay.

**Bob:** So are you doing anything special for your birthday?

**Judy:** Like a fancy dinner...

**Nancy:** Or a massage...

**Mac:** Actually, yeah. Tonight after work I'm marching right down to Best Buy and getting a little TV I've had my eye on.

**Bob:** The Mitsubishi Widescreen?!

**Mac:** The very one.

**Bob:** You dog! That one's even better than mine!

**Judy:** Aren't those expensive?

**Mac:** About \$3,000, but I figure it's time I splurge a little.

**Judy:** On a TV?

**Bob:** Make sure you get one with a built in signal converter. When I bought mine a year ago they didn't...

**Tim:** *(Holding the money and the bill)*Guys, we're a little short down here. The bill...we don't have enough.

**Bob:** No problem. I'll put in a little extra.

**Tim:** Hang on, hang on. Did everybody pitch in a little extra for Mac?

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**ENDING:**

**Nancy:** Fine with me! I told you, I paid my fair share!

**Tim:** Well, I'm not putting in!

**Bob:** Neither am I!

**Judy:** I already paid \$10 for a crummy bowl of soup and a glass of water! I'm not pitching in any more for a guy who can afford to blow three grand on a TV set.

**Tim:** Fine. It's settled. Happy birthday Mac. (*He exits*)

**Judy:** (*Exit*) Happy birthday.

**Nancy:** (*Exits, grabbing birthday hat*) Yeah, happy birthday.

**Bob:** (*Exit*) And many happy returns.

**Mac:** (*To self*) I'm so glad we could all get together on my birthday.

**Waitress:** (*Entering*) Sir, thank goodness you didn't leave yet. I accidentally charged your table for an extra meal. Here's a new bill with a credit for \$11.99. I hope this didn't cause any trouble.

**Mac:** Oh, you know, what's \$12 among friends.

*Fade to black.*