

A script from



“Christmas Future”

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What	Set in the future, a mom and dad confront their teen about using a word that is no longer allowed to say in public. Themes: Christmas, Politically Correct, Culture
Who	Man Woman Teen
When	Future; Christmas
Wear (Props)	There is no need for any elaborate props or clothing to show a futuristic setting. Keep things simple. Two chairs Table Two Laptops
Why	John 3:16
How	Keep the pacing up and stay on top of your queues, otherwise this skit could drag. Be careful not to sound like robots, but to keep it conversational. An idea is to play futuristic music before the sketch as in intro or even have on your screen the words, "Sometime in the future..." and then lights up on your scene.
Time	Approximately 6 minutes

Man and Woman seated face to face at table. Both are punching on laptop computers with touch screens.

Man: Oh, no. Not again!

Woman: What's wrong, my counterpart?

Man: It's my commerce allotments. They've fallen again! Why, they haven't been this low since I bought them back in 2080!

Woman: *(Smiling)* I keep telling you that you should listen to me about these things. Mine just established global diversification. My monetary credits should be satellite transferring as we speak. Don't you just love the Globalnet?

Man: Yeah, it allows me to lose credits at the speed of light...

Teen enters briskly passing across room.

Teen: Greetings parental ones!

Man: *(Still concentrating on his screen)* Greetings ...

Woman: *(Jumping up)* Just a moment, young offspring! *(To Man)* Counterpart, didn't you want to engage in verbal communication with this descendant?

Man: What? Oh, yes! I did! *(To Teen)* Please, my adolescent, come sit down.

Teen: Sit down? Are you serious, paternal one? Why can't you just e-mail me like all the other parental units?

Man: Just humor us, okay? Have a seat.

They sit in awkward silence for a moment. Finally...

Man: So, how are your educational processes going?

Teen: Oh fine. Periodic testing's are coming up soon, but I'll be prepared, I promise!

Man: That's exactly what we want to communicate with you about.

Teen: What's so important that we've got to communicate about it?

Man: Well, we got a transmission from your educational unit today. They gave us some very disappointing information. They indicated you've been using those...inappropriate phrases again.

Teen: What are you talking about? That transmission must have gotten contaminated or something. I haven't been using inappropriate phrases. Just what did those techno-nerds claim I said?

Woman: Well...(to **Man**) You tell her. I'm too upset.

Man: Well, they tell us that in your educational sessions, you've been heard, by several people I might add, using...the holiday-word-we-do-not-speak-of.

Woman reacts with shame, etc.

Teen: The holiday-word-we-do-not-speak-of?

Woman: Don't get smart with us young adolescent! You know exactly what we're talking about!

Man: The one that used to describe the Winter Celebration of Giving.

Teen: You mean ... Christmas?

Man and **Woman** react.

Woman: I just don't understand you, offspring. Aren't we doing okay as your parental custodians? Haven't we raised you in a proper 21st century environment of tolerance and ambiguity so that you know better? Oh, my counterpart, we might as well admit it...we've... we've...failed!

Man: Now, now, spousal one, we haven't failed. We've completed far too many interactive parenting video seminars to be failures. (To **Teen**) What your gender match is trying to say is that way back in 2050 the Supreme Court ruled that...(struggling to say it) Christmas...was an inappropriate name for this time of year. It was too restrictive. Too narrow-minded. You see, it used to have an additional religious connotation that made many people uncomfortable. Today we understand that in order to live together in an environment of complete tolerance and mediocrity, no one should define how they truly feel about anything. And the trouble you're experiencing today is a perfect example of why they ruled the way they did! All we want to know is where did you pick up such talk?

Teen: From an old book I found.

Woman: A book? (To **Man**) Oh no, it's worse than we thought!

Teen: No, it was wonderful! They say it came from an ancient manuscript that many believed was inspired by a divine being. It told a beautiful story about how this sort of heavenly paternal unit sent his own tiny offspring down to the earth. He was born in a lowly stable in a little town called Bethlehem.

Man: Offspring are born every day. That's hardly worth getting reprimanded over.

Teen: Oh, but this offspring was different. This...child was very special. You see, the divine paternal unit loved all of the people so much that he sent his one and only son down to earth to be their king.

Woman: Well there you have it. Surely you have learned in your educational sessions that all monarchies are destined to fail. There couldn't have been much to this divine being if all he did was establish a monarchy.

Teen: But it was so much more than that. You see, this baby king was to grow up to serve the people he ruled over. And he loved them so much, that he even died for them.

Man: He died? He doesn't sound like much of a king then.

Woman: So is that all there is to the story?

Teen: I haven't finished it yet, but I have a feeling there's a whole lot more to it.

Man: But what does that have to do with this Christmas nonsense?

Teen: This child was called the Christ. Christmas was the celebration of his birth.

Woman: Well, if this Christ was such a great a king, why don't we hold his birthday in high regard today?

Teen: Well, as near as I can tell, people just forgot about him. Over time, their celebrations began to center around who could get the biggest present and decorate their dwellings the gaudiest and who could throw the biggest parties.

It got so bad that most people used more than their allotment of credits which was a major cause of the great financial crash of 1998. It's pretty sad really.

Woman: Well, I'm sure glad we've evolved into a society that has better sense than they did.

Man: That's right. And if the Supreme Court ruled that this Christ was inappropriate to include as a part of the Winter Celebration of Giving, that's good enough for me. (To **Teen**) And it needs to be good enough for you, too.

Teen: I know, parental units. But I'd really like to finish studying the story of this Christ – purely for the historical value, of course.

Man: Under one condition. You stop using that the holiday-word-we-do-not-speak-of in your educational sessions.

Teen: All right, if it'll keep us from having to have another verbal communication, I'll do it.

Woman: Fine.

Teen: Thanks parental ones. I'd just like to try and find out how an entire society's belief system could change so much in such a short period of time...

***Man** and **Woman** go back to computers, **Teen** exits. The end.*