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“Christmas Cards From the Book of Amos”

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What Tasked with adding unique bible verses to Christmas cards his mother plans to send out, Cameron comically defends his choices once his mom reads his what he picked.

Themes: Christmas, Unusual, Blessings, Cards, Humor, Old Testament

Who Cameron - teen or older child
Cameron's Mom

When The Present

Costumes Casual clothes worn at home

Props A stack of Christmas cards
Two cell phones

Why Amos 6:7, Amos 6:9, Amos 7:17, Amos 5:21, Micah 1:8, 2 Kings 9:20,
Joshua 13:1, John 3:9, Job 39:13, Jeremiah 4:19

How This script can be used to make teens (and adults) learn to enjoy using scripture in their daily lives. As we are made in his image, our God obviously has a sense of humor!

Time Approximately 7-8 minutes

Mom enters holding a stack of Christmas cards.

Mom: Cameron! Can you come down here for a minute?

A beat passes and **Cameron** enters.

Cameron: Yeah mom?

Mom: These Christmas cards...

Cameron: What about them?

Mom: I asked you to find unique verses to put on each one for our friends.

Cameron: And that's what I did.

Mom: Well, I guess that's true. But I was hoping you would find verses that had a more "Christmassy" feel to them.

Cameron: I thought that wouldn't be very original.

Mom: I don't think most people are going for "original" when they send Christmas cards.

Cameron: Then why send them at all?

Mom: You send them to show that you are thinking about the recipient.

Cameron: By sending them a plain card with a generic verse attached to the end of it?

Mom: You know what I mean.

Cameron: I just thought this year I would spice it up a bit.

Mom: *(handing him the first card)* Want to explain this one?

Cameron: That's a great verse! And I think it's very appropriate!

Mom: How did you even find it?

Cameron: Well, when you gave me the stack I thought it would be funny to start in the book of Amos.

Mom: Amos?

Cameron: Yup! You see Amos is all about doom and destruction.

Mom: And you thought that was a good idea for a Christmas card?

Cameron: I thought I would find something funny there, and I did!

Mom: *(taking the card and reading)* Amos 6:7, "Therefore you will be among the first to go into exile; your feasting and lounging will end." How is this funny?

Cameron: Look who that card is for!

Mom: It's for Christie Evans. I don't understand.

Cameron: She's a teacher! She'll be on Christmas break! "Your feasting and lounging will end!" That's an absolutely perfect verse!

Mom: *(laughing)* Ok. I guess that is kind of funny... but his one... *(referencing another card)* I don't know. We can't send this one.

Cameron: Which one?

Mom: The one for the Thompson family.

Cameron: No way! That one is great!

Mom: They have eight kids!

Cameron: Exactly!

Mom: But it says, Amos 6:9, "If ten people are left in one house, they too will die."

A beat passes.

Cameron: You can't tell me that isn't funny. Brad will laugh his butt off over that.

Mom: Maybe, but I'm not sure about Erin. That one goes in the "no" pile.

Cameron: That one should be a yes. Or at least a "maybe".

Mom: It's a no.

Cameron: Then we may as well go ahead and put the last one from Amos in that pile too.

Mom: The one to George Harris? What does that one say?

Cameron: You didn't look it up?

Mom: After I checked the first few, I thought we should talk.

Cameron: Gotcha. Well, go ahead and put Mr. Harris' in the "no" pile.

Mom: Why? You and his daughter are still friends even after the breakup, right?

Cameron: Oh yeah, Emma and I are cool.

Mom: Then what's the problem?

Cameron: He doesn't like me. That's why we aren't dating any more.

Mom: George doesn't like you?

Cameron: Not a bit.

Mom: Why?

Cameron: No clue.

Mom shoots him a look

Cameron: I plead the fifth.

Mom: Cameron...

Cameron: I think it's just that I'm a guy that likes his daughter... I think that was reason enough.

Mom: Ok...

Cameron: But don't get me wrong, I didn't make matters better, but I swear it wasn't my fault.

Mom: *(looking at the card)* What does the verse say?

Cameron: Don't worry about it. Put that in the "no" pile.

Mom: *(looking up the verse on a phone app)* Amos 7:17. "Therefore this is what the LORD says, 'Your wife will become a prostitute of the city and your sons and daughters will fall by the sword. Your land will be measured and divided up and you yourself will die in a pagan country. And Israel will surely go into exile away from their native land'."

A beat passes.

Mom: *(calmly)* Yeah, that one's a "no".

Cameron: I was hoping to slip that one through.

Mom: Are there any more from Amos?

Cameron: Nah. I was going to use Amos 5:21 for Mrs. Gainey's card, but I changed my mind.

Mom: Mrs. Gainey is the sweetest old woman at our church!

Cameron: And she directs the Christmas play, the Easter Cantata, and pretty much every special event that goes on at our church.

Mom: She volunteers her time!

Cameron: But they're not very good! I'm sorry, but they're really not.

Mom: What does Amos 5:21 say?

Cameron: It would have been hilarious. Hold up. *(looking it up on phone)* It says "I hate, I despise your religious festivals I cannot stand your assemblies". That's the NIV version.

Mom: If you had sent that to Mrs. Gainey I would have died. Where's her Card? *(she looks and reads)* What's Micah 1:8? *(looking it up)* Oh my.

Cameron: It's not *nearly* as bad.

Mom: It's just as bad!

Cameron: No it isn't! *(he reads)* "For this I will lament and wail; I will go stripped and naked. I will make lamentations like the jackals and mourning like the ostriches."

Mom: How is that not as bad?!

Cameron: Because in the verse from Amos I am definitely saying that her work is terrible, but in the verse from Micah it comes off as more of a personalized opinion.

Mom stares at him.

Cameron: I had no clue that ostriches were known for mourning.

Mom: Am I going to be able to use any of these cards?

Cameron: Oh absolutely! Check out the one for Uncle Brandon!

Mom shuffles through the stack and finds it.

Cameron: Now I have heard you, with your own mouth tell Uncle Brandon that he drives too fast, brakes too late and you wouldn't let me ride in a car with him until I was a teenager!

Mom: How could that possibly relate to a bible verse?

Cameron: Take a look at second Kings 9:20.

Mom: *(looking it up)* "The lookout reported, He has reached them, but he isn't coming back either. The driving is like that of Jehu son of Nimshi- *(she laughs)* He drives like a maniac." Ok. That one can stay. Truer words have never been spoken.

They both laugh.

Cameron: The one for Mr. Joshua is even better.

Mom: He's eighty-two! You better have not been mean to Mr. Joshua.

Cameron: His comes from the book of Joshua. And please remember that Mr. Joshua has a *very* good sense of humor.

Mom: Just read it.

Cameron: It's simple. From Joshua 13:1. "Now Joshua was old and advanced in years when the Lord said to him, You are old and advanced in Years." You know he will laugh at that.

Mom: He probably will, but I'm telling him I had nothing to do with it.

Cameron: That's fair.

Mom: Are there any more that I need to know about?

Cameron: I think most of the rest of them are pretty standard.

Mom: I don't recognize any of these.

Cameron: I guess someone needs to read her bible more.

Mom *looks at him.*

Cameron: Just saying.

Mom: *(looking at cards)* John 3:9?

Cameron: "How can this be?" Nicodemus asked.

Mom: How does that apply to the Shumer family? Nevermind. I don't want to know.

Cameron: When you told me to do this, I could have gone all generic, but I figured this way, maybe some of them will have a reason to look up the verse and maybe get a laugh, or some wisdom out of it.

Mom: Or in George's case, a stern warning.

Cameron: Exactly!

Mom: You put Job 39:13 on Grandma's card.

Cameron: That one is very sweet. It talks about Joy, and ostriches, and something about storks. I don't remember it exactly, but I remember it was very nice. Do you need me for anything else?

Mom: No, *(holding up stack of cards)* but I'm going to double check these.

Cameron: Understood. Remember, if God didn't have a sense of humor, we wouldn't have one either!

Mom: Yeah, yeah.

Cameron: If you need me, I'll be in the upstairs bathroom. I have a Jeremiah 4:19 situation brewing here. *(exits)*

Mom: *(distracted as he walks off)* Ok... *(realizing)* Jeremiah 4:19? *(she looks it up and laughs)* "My bowels, my bowels! I am pained at my very heart; my heart maketh a noise in me; I cannot hold my peace, because thou hast heard. O my soul, the sound of a trumpet, the alarm of war!" *(calling up)* Good luck up there!

Cameron: *(from offstage)* Thanks mom!

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