

A script from



## “Daylight Saving Time”

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- What** A chronically late family forgets Daylight Saving Time and rejoices as they make it to church early. **Themes:** Church, Fun
- Who** Dad  
Mom  
Joy  
Ann  
Jeanne
- When** Present
- Wear** Table  
(Props) Coffee maker / coffee mug  
Newspaper  
Clock (or Dad can use a watch)  
5 chairs  
Flat iron  
Bathrobes for the girls
- Why** Reminder for Daylight Savings
- How** If your church has multimedia capabilities, feel free to use a projection screen for the final piece of this skit. If not, the final 'screen' shots can be written on poster board and held by the cast members.  
Girls' change - they should have their church clothes on underneath their bathrobes.  
Car - the car can be mimed using 5 chairs.
- Time** Approximately 5 minutes

*The stage is set with a clock, coffee maker, and a coffee mug on a table Downstage Left. Center stage there should be 5 chairs that will represent a car— 2 in front of 2 in front of 1*

**Dad** enters Up Stage Left, dressed for church, but still a bit groggy. He yawns and lazily goes to the coffee pot and begins to make coffee. As he does, his eyes glance to the newspaper that is on the counter. **Dad** looks away and continues making coffee. He then stops and looks back at the newspaper. Picking it up he reads:

**Dad:** Daylight savings! I'm going back to bed.

**Dad** looks at the clock, yawns, and starts to head back to bed. He then stops and rethinks

**Dad:** (Cont.) Wait a minute. I wonder.

A mischievous smile forms on his face. With coffee mug and newspaper in hand, **Dad** goes USL and calls offstage.

**Dad:** Sweet heart, good morning.

**Mom** slowly enters from USL in a bathrobe. She yawns.

**Mom:** It's morning?

**Dad:** It's morning.

**Mom** goes back offstage.

**Dad:** I'll wake the girls.

**Dad** goes to Stage Right.

**Dad:** (He shouts offstage) Rise and shine. Time to get up, girls.

**Jeanne, Ann, and Joy** appear in bathrobes with their hair a mess.

**Dad:** (Cont.) We've got to get to church. Let's get going.

**Dad** takes his coffee and the newspaper and goes to sit in the first chair that makes up the car (aka the driver's seat). He sips his coffee and reads his newspaper as he waits for the girls.

As **Dad** sits in the car, the following dialogue happens quickly and is yelled from either side of the stage.

**Ann** enters SR still in a bathrobe.

**Ann:** Mom! I can't find my striped shirt. Mom!

**Mom** enters *USL*, still in her bathrobe with a towel in her hair, putting on make-up.

**Mom:** It's in the laundry basket.

**Ann** exits *SR*.

**Mom:** Is Jeanne up yet? (Looking at her watch) We're going to be late for church, girls.

**Jeanne** enters *SR* and sits on the floor in her bathrobe.

**Jeanne:** One more minute. Can't I sleep for one more minute?

**Mom:** Joy, time to get moving.

**Joy** enters, still in her bathrobe and leans next to **Jeanne**.

**Joy:** I'm up. I'm up.

**Mom:** Jeanne! Joy! I'm serious. Let's go.

**Jeanne:** One minute.

**Mom:** You said that five minutes ago.

**Jeanne** exits.

**Ann** enters, dressed for church.

**Ann:** I still can't find it.

**Mom:** I don't know what to tell you. It's in a laundry basket somewhere.

**Mom** exits *USL*.

**Jeanne** enters. Her bathrobe is now off, she is dressed in church clothes and is combing her hair.

**Ann:** (Looking at **Jeanne's** shirt) That's my shirt.

**Jeanne:** No, it's not.

**Ann:** Mom! I didn't say she could wear-

**Mom** enters, out of her bathrobe and fully dressed for church.

**Mom:** Girls. It's just a shirt.

**Ann** exits.

**Joy** final gets off the ground and exits.

**Mom** joins **Dad** in the car.

**Mom:** We're not a morning family.

**Dad:** Girls are we almost ready?

**Jeanne** sits in the car as **Ann** and **Joy** hastily enter, now dressed for church. **Ann** holds a straightening iron to her hair, **Joy** is still tying her shoes, and **Jeanne** is finishing her make-up. **Mom** also reaches into her purse and starts to apply her lipstick.

**Dad** starts to mime driving.

**Joy:** Maddie says there are donuts.

**Jeanne:** Where?

**Joy:** At church. Every Sunday before service, they have coffee and donuts.

**Mom:** (*Dreamily*) Coffee.

**Dad** makes a sudden stop and **Mom** smears lipstick on her cheek. She glances at **Dad** who replies with a 'sorry' look.

**Mom:** I would love some coffee right now.

**Ann:** I've never seen coffee or donuts at church.

**Joy:** Because we get there too late. We miss the greeting time and a couple worship songs every week.

**Jeanne:** What's greeting time?

**Joy:** Everyone just shakes each other's hands.

**Ann:** I think it would be fun to get to church early someday.

**Dad:** On time would be nice.

**Dad** mimes stopping the car.

**Dad:** Well, here we are.

**Mom:** Where is everyone? The parking lot is practically empty.

**Joy:** Look Mrs. Hopkins is carrying in-

**Jeanne:** Donuts!

*Girls look at each other and dash out of the car. They quickly exit DSR.*

**Mom:** *(Smiling at Dad, remembering)* We forgot to set the clocks back. We're half an hour early, not half an hour late.

**Dad** *nods, as if he is just remembering.*

**Mom:** *(Cont.)* God knew I needed coffee today.

**Mom** *gets out of the car and exits DSR. Dad smiles to himself and exits DSR.*

*The following should appear on a projection screen or the cast should hold large posters:*

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME: SUNDAY NOVEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup>  
PUNCTUAL PEOPLE: SET YOUR CLOCKS BACK AN HOUR  
CHRONICALLY LATE: PLEASE DISREGARD THIS MESSAGE