

A script from



“Missing Christmas”

by
Rachel Benjamin

- What** Sara and Becca try to coordinate their holiday schedule when they realize they’re so busy doing Christmas events, they may actually be missing Christmas.
Themes: Priorities, Worship, Jesus, Reason for the Season
- Who** Becca
Sarah
Jake
- When** Present; Christmas
- Wear (Props)** Actors are wearing winter clothes.
Packages
Shopping Bags
Items they’re purchasing- toys, clothes, tools, etc.
- Why** Matthew 6:33
- How** Lights on the Lake and Dickens Festival can be substituted with local, secular Christmas events.
- Time** Approximately 4 minutes

Sarah and Becca are waiting in line at the mall. They have packages and some items they are about to purchase- clothes, toys, etc.

Sarah: Look at this line!

Becca: It's ridiculous.

Sarah: *(Looking around for a minute)* Where did my husband go? Matt?

Becca: He probably went with Jake. I told him he could go look at the tools as long as he was back in time for me to use his credit card.

Sarah: Nice. So, does tomorrow still work for you and the kids?

Becca: No. Kyla has that afterschool program.

Sarah: We can't *not* make gingerbread houses this year. It would be like-

Together: Missing Christmas.

Becca: *(Pulls out her phone)* Let's fix this right now. Ok, Google, show me my December calendar.

Sarah: *(Pulls out her phone)* Siri, my calendar please.

Becca: How about next Wednesday?

Sarah: Cookie exchange. My mother's in charge. She'll kill me if I miss it.

Becca: Right.

Sarah: We can carpool to the Lights on the Lake from there.

Becca: I'm supposed to go to the living nativity at church that night.

Sarah: You can't miss Lights on the Lake. It would be like-

Together: Missing Christmas.

Sarah: Lights on the Lake has a nativity section this year. Doesn't that count?

Becca: Sure why not. *(Typing into her phone)* Lights on the Lake. *(Looking at phone)* Are you going to Lucy's party or the band concert on Friday?

Sarah: Both. The concert is at 6pm. We'll be out of there by 7:30 at the latest. The party doesn't start till 8. If there isn't traffic, we'll be right on time.

Becca: Perfect. *(Looking at phone)* Gingerbread houses next Thursday?

Sarah: Family Christmas pictures. Next Sunday we're still on for the mother daughter brunch with Santa, right?

Becca: Church in the morning.

Sarah: Doesn't God understand how busy you are?

Becca: It's December-

Sarah: Exactly! Missing Santa's brunch would be like-

Together: Missing Christmas.

Becca: I know. I know. You're right. I can't miss brunch with Santa.

Sarah: That Sunday afternoon?

Becca: We're going to the Dickens festival.

Sarah: The actors are the best I've seen yet.

Becca: You say that every year.

Sarah: But this year I mean it. *(Looking back at phone)* Next Tuesday night?

Becca: We're going to my Church's Christmas Pageant. It's going to be really good this year! You should come. It's called *Away from a Manger*.

Sarah: *(Looking at her phone)* No room in my schedule...or yours. We have our husbands' work party.

Becca: Oh. Right. I forgot about that.

Sarah: Well, that leaves the 24th.

Becca: You want to make gingerbread houses on Christmas Eve?

Sarah: Yes! It'll be perfect! Last minute get together before the big day. I'll add it in now. *(Into phone)* Siri, -

Becca: Wait. We have the candlelight service.

Sarah: Church again? Can't you celebrate Christmas this month and Jesus' birthday next month?

Becca: That doesn't even make sense. December is our time to reflect on the Savior's birth.

Sarah: Reflect? Who has time to even think? Our schedules are busy enough without squeezing in the whole "birth-of-the-Messiah-thing."

Becca: But that's why I celebrate Christmas. Without Jesus-

Sarah: Your schedule would be a lot less complicated.

Becca: No. My schedule is complicated *because* I'm celebrating Jesus.

Sarah: I'm not celebrating Jesus and our schedules are practically identical. The only difference is I get to enjoy Christmas Eve and you have to go to church.

Becca: I love going to church on Christmas Eve.

Sarah: All I'm saying is, don't drive yourself crazy trying to fit in all that religious stuff. Make sure you take time to enjoy the holiday and spend time with your friends and family. After all that's what Christmas is really about.

Offstage: Can I help who's next?

Sarah: I'm next! Think about Christmas Eve. Not making the gingerbread houses would really be like-

Becca: Missing Christmas?

Sarah: Exactly.

Jake enters.

Sarah: You got a good man. Back with the credit cards and just in time.

Jake shrugs as he pulls out his wallet.

Sarah: *(As she exits)* Good luck cramming it all in.

Jake: Oh no. Now what? What could our schedule possibly be missing?

Becca: Christmas. *(Pause)* I think our schedule might be missing Christmas.

Lights out.