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“Road Trip”

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What The Incarnation is a huge deal. God in the flesh. The Creator of all things taking on the form of a baby. Can it possibly be likened to a road trip? With snacks?

Themes: Christmas, Incarnation, Homeless, Serving, Giving, Humility

Who Actor 1
Actor 2
*Actors can be male or female.

When Present

**Wear
(Props)** Jogging Clothes- Actor 1
Casual Dress- Actor 2
Sweat Rag
Park Bench (or several chairs placed closely together)

Why Isaiah 7:14, Matthew 1:23

How Actor 1 and Actor 2 happen to be at the same jogging park at the same time. They are obviously friends who can chat and joke easily with one another. The stage should have a park bench (or several chairs put together to look like a bench) center stage. Actor 1 will jog in from offstage. He could even jog in from the back of the auditorium, passing through the audience and interacting with them. When sitting next to each other, the actors should be turned just slightly toward one another on the bench so they can talk but the audience can still see their faces.

Time Approximately 3-4 minutes

Actor 1 jogs in and stops at Actor 2 who is sitting on a "park bench."

Actor 1: Hey! Didn't expect to see you here...sitting on a bench...at a JOGGING park...

Actor 2: Yeah. I come here to sit and think... *(smiles and points at Actor 1 and imaginary other people who would be jogging at the "park")* and watch all you crazies run when no one is chasing you.

Actor 1: Very funny. *(Pulls sweat rag from pocket and wipes face with rag as he/she says next line)*What are you pondering today?

Actor 2: The Incarnation.

Actor 1 puts sweat rag back in pocket and sits down beside Actor 2.

Actor 1: The Incarnation?

Actor 2: Yeah. You know what that is, right?

Actor 1: Oh sure. Yeah. *(Pause)*It's a road trip.

Actor 2: No! The Incarnation!

Actor 1: Right. Yeah. You get IN your CAR and drive around the NATION. Duh. Road trip.

Actor 2: No. I'm talking about Christmas! Jesus becoming a human baby!

Actor 1: A baby. Well that complicates things a little bit. We're gonna need a car seat. But hey, I have a friend with twins. I think I can swipe one from him *(or her)* for a bit. The car seat. Not the twin, 'cuz then we'd need another car seat...

Actor 2: *(frustrated and interrupting)*We are not going on a road trip with a baby! What are you even talking about???

Actor 1: Whoa! Looks like we'll need some snacks for the road. I think you're hangry!

Actor 2: Hangry?

Actor 1: So hungry you're angry...

Actor 2: *(extremely frustrated, throwing hands up)*How did we even get here! I'm talking about the Incarnation of Jesus Christ! The God of the universe taking on human flesh. You're talking about a road trip...with snacks...and a kid!

Actor 1 looks at Actor 2 seriously for a moment, and then breaks into hilarious laughter.

Actor 1: I'm just messin' with you!

Actor 2: *(beat, then realizing the humor and laughing too)* You got me.

Actor 1: Psh! Of COURSE I knew what you meant *(he didn't; laughs nervously)* Jesus...God in human form...it's called "Incarnation". I knew that. That...that's what it's called.

Actor 2: Sometimes I need someone to jump in and lighten me up!

Actor 1: I'm there for you my friend.

Actor 2: Seriously though, the Incarnation. I've been trying to figure out how I can teach my kids about it. It's such a deep theological thought. How do I bring it to their level? How do I show them the magnitude of God becoming flesh?

Actor 1: Road trip.

Actor 2 looks at Actor 1 in disbelief.

Actor 2: Come on.

Actor 1: Seriously. *(Pause)* You have a nice house, right?

Actor 2: *(shaking head in confusion)* I don't even follow you. I thought you said road trip.

Actor 1: Just track with me here. You have a nice house. A really nice house. I know. I've been there.

Actor 2: Yeah, I guess I do.

Actor 1: I imagine right now you have a Christmas Tree with a WHOLE lotta presents under it?

Actor 2 nods.

Actor 1: So here's what you do. Christmas morning, you gather up your family and tell them you're taking a little road trip. You put on your worst clothes, gather up all your presents and then you drive to the Salvation Army Soup Kitchen downtown.

Actor 2: Uh, that's a scary area.

Actor 1: *(continuing as if Actor 2 is on board with the whole thing)* Right. So you go in to the kitchen area and tell them you're there to help. They'll try to put you in the serving line, behind the little glass sneeze-guard thing, but you're not going to do that.

Actor 2: I'm not?

Actor 1: No. You and your family are going to give all your presents to the person in charge, and then you're going to empty your wallets. Give them every cent you have on you.

Actor 2: *(looking worried)* Every cent?

Actor 1: Everything. Then, you'll grab a bowl and stand in line with the rest of the homeless men and women. When you have your Christmas bowl of *(say the next words with a French accent)* "Soup a'la WhoKnowsWhat", you sit right down next to your new homeless friends and eat Christmas dinner.

Actor 2: Christmas Soup? With the homeless?

Actor 1: Right. Ask them questions. Get to know them. Show them love.

Actor 2: *(hesitant)* I don't know... It sounds... *(Trails off)*

Actor 1: Extreme? It is. It's not going to smell good. It's not going to feel nice. It's going to be uncomfortable, and... it's going to cost you.

Actor 2: *(incredulously)* So you're telling me to leave my nice, comfortable house on Christmas Day, give away ALL my gifts, empty myself of EVERY CENT I have, and give up EVERY LAST SHRED OF DIGNITY, just to go show love to people who DON'T EVEN KNOW I'M ALIVE?

Actor 1 looks **Actor 2** directly in the eyes and moves his face in close.

Actor 1: The Incarnation.

Actor 2: *(suddenly understanding, reverently)* The Incarnation.

Allow a moment for the audience to fully take in the meaning. Actor 2 slowly smiles until it's a huge grin. Then, Actor 1 and Actor 2 high five each other, and yell "Road Trip!" at the same time. Both Actors stand and walk offstage miming conversation.

Lights out.