

A script from



“The Boxies’ Advent”
A Christmas Advent Series for Kids
by
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SYNOPSIS

The Boxies are here with a 4-week series for Advent. Using these simple, yet effective skits, you can help children understand the significance of the Advent season.

CAST

Boxbob
Boxsue
Minister- in "Boxbob Makes a Snow Angel"

COSTUMES

Boxbob and Boxsue wear boxes. The boxes should not reach below the Boxies' waists and should have flaps cut out right over the characters' hearts. Some of the individual scripts call for objects that are taped on the inside of the door flaps for retrieval during the skit.

Boxbob wears black glasses which have a piece of masking tape on the nose piece. Boxsue wears a Christmas ribbon in her hair.

HOW

This is a series of four very short skits about Advent for the children's hour. They are meant to be done each Sunday during the Advent season and, after the first one, may be presented in any order.

Boxbob is likeable, but goofy while Boxsue is self-assured.

Unless directed otherwise, the stage is bare. Boxbob and Boxsue often just walk out from the back.

If these scripts are performed during the adult worship service, the children of the church should be invited to come up to the front so they can see better.

PURCHASE

"Boxbob's Big Adventure"

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What In this skit, Boxbob overhears his parents talking about Advent and gets confused. Boxesue helps him understand that it's all about Christmas, and Boxbob is excited for the adventure! Use this skit from *The Boxies: Advent* series on the first week of Advent to help set up the season for children.
Themes: Advent Season, Christmas, Kids Church

Who Boxbob
Boxesue

When Present Day

Wear (Props) Boxesue has a paper monarch butterfly taped inside her heart flap.
Butterfly net (you could also use a fishing net)

Why Isaiah 40:9

How Boxbob is an overly enthusiastic, well-meaning, goofy fellow and Boxesue is his patient sidekick. Ham up the puns. Can be played by adults, but teens would also be very effective.

Time Approximately 3 minutes

*Boxsue enters and sits on chair. After a beat, **Boxbob** comes rushing in behind her. He is carrying a butterfly net.*

Boxbob: *(taps **Boxsue** on the shoulder)* Boxsue, guess what?

Boxsue: *(turns around)* Why are you carrying a butterfly net?

Boxbob: That's why I want you to guess.

Boxsue: Guess what?

Boxbob: What?

Boxsue: No, you said you wanted **ME** to guess. Guess what?

Boxbob: Is this like a knock-knock joke? Do you need me to say guess who?

Boxsue: *(getting exasperated)* No, Boxbob. *(With overexaggerated enunciation)* What did you want me to guess?

Boxbob: I wanted you to guess?

Boxsue: You said you wanted me to guess about the butterfly net.

Boxbob: Oh yeah! Guess why I'm carrying a butterfly net?

Boxsue: You saw some butterflies?

Boxbob: No.

Boxsue: You have butterflies in your stomach?

Boxbob: No.

Boxsue: You are thinking about your net worth?

Boxbob: No.

Boxsue: Well then, you **butter** tell me before I **fly** out of here.

Boxbob: Well, that's sort of it. I might be flying away soon.

Boxsue: Is the net because you're hoping I'll catch you?

Boxbob: No, Boxsue. *(To audience)* Boy she sure confuses me sometimes. *(Turns back to **Boxsue**)* I'm carrying a butterfly net because my family is going on an adventure. I'm hoping it means that we're going to Hawaii. I hear the butterflies there are spectacular.

Boxsue: You're flying to Hawaii to have an adventure?

Boxbob: Well, it might not be Hawaii. They didn't really say.

Boxsue: Who didn't say?

Boxbob: My parents. Actually, they didn't actually say that we're going on an adventure, but I was in the garage and I heard them in the kitchen talking. Mom said it was time to start getting ready for the season of advent...then I didn't hear the rest because I dropped a can on my foot. But, what else could it mean? *(With huge excitement)* It's the season of adventure and we're going on one!

Boxsue: Boxbob, your family is not going on an adventure.

Boxbob: We're not?

Boxsue: You're not.

Boxbob: Then why am I carrying a butterfly net?

Boxsue: *(rolls her eyes)* Boxbob, your mom was talking about Advent. It's a season in the church and it comes right before Christmas.

Boxbob: *(disappointed)* Oh. *(Brightening)* Ooooh! Christmas. I LOVE CHRISTMAS! I get it now. Christmas is all about adventures.

Boxsue: It is?

Boxbob: Yeah, think about it. Mary and Joseph had an adventure travelling to Bethlehem. The shepherds had an adventure hearing angels sing, and the wise men had an adventure following the star. I bet that's why they call it Adventure Season.

Boxsue: Advent Season, Boxbob!

Boxbob: Whatever. Anyway, Christmas is just one big adventure. Adventure Season, *(Boxsue crosses her arms and taps her foot)* I mean Advent Season, is when we start thinking about that adventure.

Boxsue: Hmmmm, you're right! And, do you know who had the biggest Christmas adventure of all?

Boxbob: *(holds up butterfly net)* Does it involve butterflies?

Boxsue: Sort of. You know how there's a butterfly called a Monarch? Monarch also means king. Jesus was a king in heaven, but he loved us so much,

that he gave that up and came to Earth. He was born in a stable. HE had the biggest adventure of all. *(Reaches into her chest flap and pulls out paper Monarch butterfly)* Here. *(She places it in his net)*

Boxbob: Hey, a butterfly!

Boxsue: Yep. Let's go celebrate Adventure Season.

Boxbob: Advent Season!

Boxsue: *(smiling, turns to leave)* Adventure Season!

Boxbob: *(turns with her)* I sure wish you'd make up your mind.

Boxsue: I sure wish I'd brought my binoculars. *(They exit)*

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"Boxsue's Present"

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SCRIPT

What When Boxsue is embarrassed because she looks like a Christmas present, Boxbob encourages her by explaining that she will bring people joy, and that's the spirit of Christmas. Use this skit from *The Boxies: Advent* series during Advent to help point children to the meaning of Christmas.
Themes: Joy, Gifts

Who Boxsue
Boxbob

When Present Day

Wear (Props) Boxsue is wearing a Christmas bow on her head. Boxbob has a Christmas bow taped under his heart flap.

Why Isaiah 52:8

How Have fun being Boxbob or Boxsue. Ham up the puns. Can be played by adults, but teens would also be very effective.

Time Approximately 3 minutes

REMOVE

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*Boxsue enters. She is singing "Joy to the World" at the top of her lungs. It shouldn't be done very well. After she finishes the first verse, **Boxbob** enters behind her and taps her on her shoulder. She jumps.*

Boxbob: Wow! You sing louder than anyone I know.

Boxsue: It's almost Christmas. I'm making a joyful noise.

Boxbob: Well, you're right about the noise part. Hey, if you love Christmas so much and want to make a joyful noise, why are you singing in this empty church?

Boxsue: No one will laugh at me here.

Boxbob: Why would someone laugh at you if you're making a joyful noise? Everyone loves joy.

Boxsue: Look at me.

Boxbob: *(stares at her)*

Boxsue: *(after a minute)* Do you see it?

Boxbob: See what?

Boxsue: Why I can't go out at Christmas?

Boxbob: No. I don't see it. Why can't you go out at Christmas?

Boxsue: *(points to bow on head)* I look like a Christmas present.

Boxbob: *(laughs)* You do! *(Beat)* Just take the bow off.

Boxsue: I can't.

Boxbob: You can't?

Boxsue: I can't

Boxbob: Why can't you?

Boxsue: I glued it on.

Boxbob: You glued it on?

Boxsue: That's what I said. I glued it on. The wind was blowing and I didn't want to lose it so I glued it on.

Boxbob: Looks like you're stuck with it, then. Ha ha get it? Stuck with it? Glue?

Boxsue: It's not funny. That's why I'm singing in this empty church. I look stupid.

Boxbob: Did you mean it?

Boxsue: Did I mean what?

Boxbob: When you were singing. Did you mean it? Joy to the World?

Boxsue: Yeah.

Boxbob: Then you should go out and sing it to all the tired people. Like my mom. She gets really cranky this time of year because she always says she has so much to do.

Boxsue: Boxbob, I look like a Christmas present!

Boxbob: Exactly. It will make people smile.

Boxsue: It will make people laugh.

Boxbob: Same thing.

Boxsue: They'll be laughing at me.

Boxbob: So, what? They'll be laughing. And maybe they will sing along. I think it would make Jesus happy to see so much joy as we celebrate His coming to earth. And, I think it would make Him especially happy that you are thinking more about **giving** joy than getting it.

Boxsue: Well, when you put it that way... *(flings arms wide and speaks dramatically)* PRESENTING A PRESENT OF JOY! Let's go! *(Turns to leave, pulling Boxbob by his hand)*

Boxbob: Wait a minute. *(Reaches in his flap and pulls out a Christmas bow which he puts under his chin like a bow tie)* Now I'm ready.

Exit singing Joy to the World

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"Boxbob and the List"

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What Boxbob has a list of who's naughty and nice, and believes Jesus is coming to take the nice people to heaven. Boxesue explains that we can never be good enough to earn a place in heaven, but that Jesus came to make a way for us. Use this skit from *The Boxies: Advent* series during Advent to help point children to the meaning of Christmas.

Themes: Gospel, Good News, Salvation, Good Works, Faith

Who Boxbob
Boxesue

When Present

Wear (Props) Boxbob is carrying a string of Christmas lights. He has a long list taped behind his heart flap. There's a chair on stage.

Why John 1:5

How Have fun being Boxbob or Boxesue. Ham up the puns. Can be played by adults, but teens would also be very effective.

Time Approximately 3 minutes

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Boxbob enters carrying a string of Christmas lights. He sits down sadly on the chair and studies his lights. Boxesue enters.

Boxesue: Hi, Boxbob, it's almost Christmas. Aren't you excited?

Boxbob: I would be if I could finish getting these lights up. Our neighborhood is having a contest. Best decorated doghouse wins.

Boxesue: What's the problem? Are you having a hard time deciding how to hang them?

Boxbob: No.

Boxesue: Is one of your bulbs burned out?

Boxbob: No, that's not it, either.

Boxesue: Do you need more lights?

Boxbob: No.

Boxesue: Well, then, what's the problem?

Boxbob: I don't have a dog.

Boxesue: But the contest is not for best decorated dog. It's for best decorated doghouse.

Boxbob: I know

Boxesue: I'm confused.

Boxbob: I don't have a doghouse, either.

Boxesue: Why would you enter a contest for best decorated doghouse if you don't even own one?

Boxbob: I didn't read the rules until after I had bought the lights.

Boxesue: *(sighs)* What are you going to do with all those lights, now?

Boxbob: I don't know. If you plug me in, I could use them to read my list.

Boxesue: What list?

Boxbob: *(reaches into his flap and pulls out list)* This list. It tells who's been naughty and who's been nice.

Boxsue: Why do you have a list of who's been naughty and nice?

Boxbob: Listen, I made up this song to go with it. *(Singing to the tune of Santa Claus is coming to Town)* He's making a list, checking it twice, gonna find out who's naughty or nice... Jesus Christ is coming to town. *(Stops singing and says earnestly)* Jesus is coming to town. We have to be good so He will take us to heaven.

Boxsue: What makes you think that Jesus will only take nice people?

Boxbob: My Sunday School teacher said Jesus came to Earth to open the doors of heaven. I just figured He'd only want to let the good people in. That's why I made my list. To help Him out.

Boxsue: Boxbob, Jesus opened the doors of heaven to everyone, good and bad. We can never hope to be good enough to go to heaven, but Jesus took care of that for us. All we have to do is love Him and ask Him to forgive us when we mess up.

Boxbob: That's good news! *(Beat)* I guess Jesus won't be needing this *(tears up list)*, but I still need to figure out what to do with my lights. Do you have any ideas?

Boxsue: Yeah. Let's take them outside and hang them around the door of the church.

Boxbob: Hey Boxsue, that's funny! We'll be hanging the lights on a God house instead of on a dog house.

Boxsue: I'm sorry that you can't win a prize for that.

Boxbob: That's okay. These lights will show everyone that when Jesus came to Earth he brought hope. It means the world won. I even made up a new song so people will know. *(Sings)* He sees you when you're sleeping, He knows when you're awake, He knows if you've been bad or good, but He saved you anyway...

They exit.

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"Boxbob Makes a Snow Angel"

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What When Boxbob and Boxesue get stuck making a snow angel, they think about the star that showed the way for the shepherds to find baby Jesus. They sing a song, which brings joy and reveals Jesus to a passing shepherd who helps them up. Use this skit from *The Boxies: Advent* series during Advent to help point children to the meaning of Christmas.

Themes: Peace, Star, Sharing Jesus

Who Boxbob
Boxesue
Minister

When Present

Wear (Props) Boxbob and Boxesue can be wearing scarfs around their necks or toboggan hats.

Why Luke 2:12

How This drama is peaceful and reflective. Have fun with the getting stuck part, but let the silences be long enough to keep the mood serene.

Time Approximately 4 minutes

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Boxbob enters, lies down and proceeds to make a snow angel. Then he tries to get up and can't.

Boxbob: *(starts softly but builds to panic)* Help. Someone please help. I've made an angel and I can't get up. HELP! H-E-E-E-LP! *(No one comes, so he gives up and there are about 15 seconds of silence)*

Boxsue enters.

Boxsue: Hey Boxbob. Why are you lying in the snow?

Boxbob: I was making a snow angel.

Boxsue: I see it. It's really pretty. Hey, maybe I'll make one, too.

Boxbob: You better not...

Before he can finish, she lies down, and makes a snow angel. They should be lying head-to-head so the audience can see both of them speaking.

Boxbob: Too late.

Boxsue: What do you mean, too late?

Boxbob: You'll see.

Boxsue tries to get up, but can't

Boxbob: It turns out that when you're shaped like a box, making snow angels is a bad idea.

Boxsue: What will we do now?

Boxbob: I don't know. You're the smart one.

Boxsue: Let's yell for help.

Boxbob: I already tried that, but go right ahead.

Boxsue repeats Boxbob's yelling

Boxsue: HEEELLP! HEEELP! It's no use. No one's coming.

Boxbob: And even if they did come, they'd probably lie down, make a snow angel and get stuck.

Boxsue: Boxbob, you're not helping.

Boxbob: Well, since we're stuck here, we could look at the stars.

They both gaze up silently for a bit.

Boxsue: You know what this makes me think of?

Boxbob: How cold you are?

Boxsue: No, with Christmas only a week away, it makes me think of the night that the shepherds were out under the stars watching their sheep and saw angels in the sky. I bet that gave them a lot of hope.

Boxbob: I wish I was full of hope. I think we might be stuck here forever. If only some shepherds would come along and see us.

Boxsue: It would be kind of cool, wouldn't it? It's a starry night, we've made angels...

Boxbob: Yeah, only our angels aren't singing. They're stuck. Under us!

Boxsue: Then, let's sing for them. *(Sings)* Glooo-oooo-oooo-oooo-oria!

Boxbob: ...in egg-shell-see-is Deo... What's that mean, anyway? Why are we singing about eggshells?

Boxsue: We're not. We're singing Latin. In excelsis Deo is Latin for "Glory to God in the highest."

Boxbob: Oh, that makes sense. The angels were praising God.

Boxsue: Yeah.

They are both quiet for a minute.

Boxbob: Boxsue?

Boxsue: What?

Boxbob: Singing about God's glory made me feel peaceful, even though we're stuck.

Boxsue: Me too. *(They sing again, softly, to the sky)* Gloo-ooo-ooo-ooo-ria, in excelsis Deo...

Minister: *(walks up)* Hey, I heard you singing. It was beautiful. Made me feel peaceful inside.

Boxsue: That's how we feel. We were making snow angels and couldn't get up, so we decided to sing the angel song.

Boxbob: In case there were any shepherds nearby.

Minister: There **was** a shepherd nearby. Ministers are often called the shepherds of their church flock. *(Sits on the ground)* Mind if I make my own snow angel?

Boxsue: Go right ahead. *(Minister makes a snow angel and then they all sing again before falling silent)*

Minister gets up and helps Boxsue and Bobbob up.

Boxbob: You said you are a shepherd?

Minister: That's right. I am.

Boxbob: When the shepherds heard the angels sing, they went to find Jesus. That's what you should do, now.

Minister: I already did.

Boxbob: Did what?

Minister: Found Jesus.

Boxbob: Where?

Minister: Right here. You showed me Jesus when you sang about God's glory. That's why I felt so peaceful. Come to think of it, that's what Christmas is all about. We're all of us supposed to show Jesus to everyone we meet. So they'll feel peaceful, too. Thank you for reminding me. *(S/He leaves)*

Boxsue: How about that?

Boxbob: How about what?

Boxsue: We helped a shepherd feel peaceful and see Jesus.

Boxbob: Yep. Hey, all of this singing has made me hungry.

Boxsue: Me too. Let's go get something to eat. What are you in the mood for?

Boxbob: A snowcone. *(They all exit)*