

“The Most Important Person at Christmas”

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- What** This interactive script invites audiences to help vote for the most important person at Christmas as the narrator introduces a variety of characters, until an audience member points out that someone is missing from the contest.
Themes: Christmas, Advent, Christmas Eve, Jesus, Comedy
- Who** Announcer
UPS Deliverer
Salvation Army Ringer
Ballerina
Mother
Person from Audience
- When** Present
- Wear (Props)** Have appropriate costumes to distinguish the UPS Deliverer, the Salvation Army Ringer, and the Ballerina. The Mother may have an apron with cooking utensils.
- Why** Matthew 1:18-25, Luke 2
- How** Announcer is leading the beauty pageant setting and calls each contestant out to be presented to the audience.
Each actor should really commit to their character. Make it fun!
- Time** Approximately 6 minutes

Opening music and lights as Announcer enters.

Announcer: Good evening to all and I wish you a very merry Christmas! Tonight, we are going to begin our time by selecting "the most important person at Christmas"! *(Applause)* I am going to need your help in making this important choice! We will bring out different people who we see doing things around Christmas and you will applaud for the one you think is the most important to the season! So let's get going! Here is our first contestant.

UPS Deliverer walks out and moves across the stage or down the runway similar to a Beauty Pageant Contestant. He will carry packages in a bag (could be funny or damaged).

Announcer: *(speaks as UPS Deliverer is moving)* Here we have that daily deliverer dressed in his dapper brown suit! Just the sight of him walking up to your front doorstep sends Christmas chills down your spine as you anticipate what might be in the abundant packages that he carefully balances in his arms! Let's hear it for the UPS man! *(Applause)*

UPS Deliverer stops at the Announcer.

Announcer: Hello Mr. UPS Man!

UPS: Just call me "ups".

Announcer: Well, hello "ups"!

UPS: Hi! *(Waves to all)*

Announcer: Could you tell us why you are the most important person at Christmas?

UPS: Why sure! Without me, you would not get any of your presents on time to put under the tree. I zip up and down the streets in record time and move along the sidewalks so smoothly that your packages arrive in perfect condition! *(Pulls out a torn and battered box from his bag)* I don't think that Christmas could ever happen without my talents! That is why I am definitely the most important person at Christmas!

Announcer: Well, let's hear it once again for the UPS Man! *(UPS Deliverer moves to the side of stage and stands for remainder of sketch)* And now, let's see our next contestant... who could it be? Oh, yes, it's the Salvation Army Ringer!

Salvation Army Ringer walks out and across the stage or down the runway, posing along the way.

Announcer: *(speaks as **Salvation Army Ringer** is moving)* And here we have the Salvation Army Ringer with the tintinnabulation of the bell she rings 24/7 through the holiday season! Yes, we are all moved to tears every time we approach a department store before Christmas and hear those carols sung with such gusto and feel the breeze of the collection bucket wave before our turning faces. Let's hear it for the Salvation Army Ringer! *(Applause)*

*Salvation Army Ringer stops at the **Announcer**.*

Announcer: Hello Salvation Army Ringer!

SA Ringer: *(rings bell in the ear of **Announcer**)*

Announcer: Thank you. OK. Alright!!!

SA Ringer: *(continues to annoy and ring bell at **Announcer**)*

Announcer: Will you stop that?

SA Ringer: *(speaks loudly entire time)* Oh, sorry. I didn't hear you. I've lost some of my hearing. There seems to always be a ringing in my ears.

Announcer: Could you tell us why you think you are the most important person at Christmas?

SA Ringer: I would love to! I am your constant reminder to "give" freely during the Christmas season. Plus, I have the most wonderful voice in all of the town! *(Starts to sing loudly)* When you hear my beautiful ringing and singing, your heart races, your pace quickens, and you readily dispose of any of those pennies and nickels that are weighing you down. That is why I am the most important person at Christmas!

Announcer: OK, let's give the Salvation Army Ringer your applause! *(**Salvation Army Ringer** moves to the side of stage and stands for the remainder of the sketch)* And here comes our next contestant! I can't wait to see...oh, yes...it's the Ballerina in the Nutcracker Suite!

***Ballerina** walks out across the stage or down the runway, leaping and posing in a clumsy manner along the way.*

Announcer: *(speaks as **Ballerina** is moving)* How can we make it through Christmas without the beautiful prancing of the Ballerina in the Nutcracker? Tiptoeing daintily along the snow-laden paths, she reminds us of visions of sugarplums that dance in our heads. We are left with images of tiaras and tutus leaping and lunging to the sounds of Tchaikovsky! Let's hear it for the Christmas Ballerina! *(Applause)*

Ballerina stops at the Announcer.

Announcer: Hello Ballerina!

Ballerina: *(does a leap and bows down)*

Announcer: Yes, beautiful.

Ballerina: *(does another leap and bows down)*

Announcer: Thank you. Uh...can you talk?

Ballerina: Oh, yes. Sorry, we just are never asked to speak.

Announcer: Well, I would like to know why you think you are the most important person at Christmas?

Ballerina: That is easy! I am the one you dream about as I hop and skip and boogie around on the stage with toy soldiers and mice. *(Dances around awkwardly)* No Christmas is complete without the Nutcracker. Look at me, I'm a snowflake *(silly move)* ...now I'm a flower *(silly move)* ...now I'm a Sugar Plum Fairy *(silly move)*. See, you will never be able to get these images out of your head.

Announcer: You are right about that!

Ballerina: That is why I am the most important person at Christmas!

Announcer: Let's hear it once again for the Christmas Ballerina! *(Ballerina moves to side of stage and stands for remainder of sketch)* And now for our next contestant... *(yelling starts from offstage)* I think I hear her coming now. *(More yelling)* Let's see who it is.

Mother with apron on and pan as if stirring or cooking walks across stage or down runway. She acts as if stressed out by busyness of season.

Announcer: *(speaks as Mother is moving)* Here we have...your Mom! Yes, that dear, loving servant of the Christmas season who is always in the kitchen whipping up your favorite sugar cookies and fruitcake and hot chocolate! Dressed in her bright apron, she is flocked with flour from head to toe and juggles the spoons and measuring cups as if choreographed by Santa himself. Let's give a round of applause to your mother! *(Applause)*

Mother stops at the Announcer.

Announcer: Hey Mom!

Mother: Do I know you? You don't look like any child of mine!

Announcer: Sorry, I was just calling you Mom to represent all of our wonderful mothers.

Mother: Are you some Christmas scam or something?

Announcer: No, I'm just an announcer for tonight's program and we were wondering why you think you are the most important person at Christmas?

Mother: Oh, well, you are talking to the right person here. Without me, there would be no Christmas at all. I am in the kitchen the entire month of December and am busier than the Amazon website! I don't stop cooking until Christmas morning! Why, those reindeer footprints are still fresh when I pull that last pan of Christmas fudge out of the oven. Turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, pecan pie, eggnog...none of that would be possible without me!

Announcer: Oh, that eggnog sounds good!

Mother: Sorry buddy, keep your hands off! That last glass is all MINE!!! You can have the fruitcake. Yes, I am the most important person at Christmas!

Announcer: Let's hear it for your Mother (*Mother moves to side of stage and stands for remainder of sketch*). Well, I think that's all of the contestants in tonight's program. So I think we are ready to select "the most important person at Christmas!" Oh, this is exciting... (*all of the contestants move according to their character and wave*)

Person: (*comes running up to Announcer*) Wait, wait!

Announcer: What are you doing? We are right in the middle of deciding who the most important person at Christmas is.

Person: That's why I stopped you. Are you sure you have considered everyone?

Announcer: (*pointing at contestants*) Surely we have all of the important people of Christmas represented here. Just look!

Person: I think you missed one...the most important One.

Announcer: Who could that be?

Person: It is a baby born over 2000 years ago in a little town called Bethlehem. He is the Son of God and he came to earth to save us from our sins. He is our Messiah, our Savior, our Lord! He is Jesus. Without him, there would definitely be no Christmas!

Announcer: Oh, well, we didn't think of Him. I'll have to check with our audience tonight. *(Turns to audience)* I'm leaving it up to you. If you think Jesus is the most important person at Christmas, would you clap your hands loudly? *(Loud applause)* Well, this is exciting. I think I understand now! Jesus IS the most important person at Christmas!!! Let's worship him now!

Lights out.

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