“The Red Nosed Reindeer”
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What: As a group debate over who gets to wear the red nose this year, Charlotte and Rose discuss the stories told at Christmas, but only one makes sense the older we get. Themes: Christmas, Jesus' Birth, Truth, Witness, Evangelism

Who: Charlotte
Karen
Rose
David
Bill

When: Present

Wear (Props): 5 Gym Bags
Reindeer Costumes- get creative! They don't have to look like professional costumes. All costumes should consist of clothing meant to be worn OVER other clothes – (like baggy brown overalls)
Bench

Why: John 5:24

How: You can either have a recording of “Rudolph The Red Nose Reindeer,” or simply have a group of people sing it off stage. Keep the dialogue conversational and the energy up.

Time: Approximately 6-8 minutes
On center stage sits a bench with a red clown nose lying in the center of it.

**Charlotte** enters with a gym bag. She sees the bench on stage. She places her bag on the bench and begins to open it up. Inside is her ‘reindeer’ costume.

**Karen** runs in with a gym bag; she sees **Charlotte**.

Karen: You the first one here?

Charlotte: Yup.

Karen: *(Throws her hands up in the air in victory)* Yeah!

**Rose** enters running with a gym bag and scans the room.

Rose: David isn’t here yet?

Karen: Nope.

Rose: *(Pulls her fist towards herself in a victory jab!)* Yes!

Seeing **Charlotte**, **Rose** goes and sits next to her on the bench.

Rose: First day?

Charlotte: Yeah.

Rose: *(Offering her hand)* Welcome to the North Pole. I’m Rose.

Charlotte: *(Shaking Rose’s hand)* Thanks. Charlotte.

Karen: I’m Karen. *(Shaking hands with Charlotte)* Which reindeer do you want to be?

Charlotte: Aren’t we assigned?

Rose: No, we just usually decide before we go out.

Charlotte: *(Picking up the red clown nose)* Who’s Rudolph?

Karen: Well, here’s the thing…

Rose: There are some rules.

Charlotte: Oh I know. I know. The North Pole opens at 6pm sharp. All reindeer need to be in costume and ready to go out when they play, “Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer,” at approximately 5:55pm.

Karen: Right. Of course. That’s all part of the contract.
Rose: But, we reindeer came up with our own rule.
Karen: The last one to arrive.
Rose: Has to be.

David enters with gym bag, running.

David: Rudolph! Again!! I literally run from work. How am I always the last one here?

Karen and Rose are teasing David throughout this next bit of dialogue.

Karen: (Picking up the red clown nose) Rudolph the red nose reindeer.
Rose: (Taking the red clown nose from Karen and handing it to David) Had a very shiny nose.
Karen: Some would even say it glows.
David: Just keep laughing; tomorrow I’m taking a cab.
Rose: At least we’re not laughing AND calling you names.
Karen: We might even let you join in some reindeer games.
David: Funny. Funny.

All characters open their gym bags and start putting on their costumes. These costumes fit over their clothes.

David: You know, I’ve been doing some research on reindeer.
Karen: Lot of time on your hands?
David: (Ignoring Karen’s comment) Did you know, out of all the different types of deer, reindeer are the ONLY members of the deer family to have females grow antlers?
Karen: (Mockingly) Fascinating.
Charlotte: Doesn’t everyone want to be Rudolph?
David: Do you? (Handing Charlotte the nose.)
Karen: (Pushing to nose back to David) That nose stinks.
Rose: Like literally, it smells really bad.
Karen: And all the kids want to touch it.
Rose: AND IF YOU HAVE TO SNEEZE, IT'S OVER.

Karen: (TO DAVID) DAVID, YOU LOST FAIR AND SQUARE.

David places the nose back on the bench. David and Karen move upstage and mimic talking while still changing.

Rose: (TO CHARLOTTE) MEET SANTA YET?

Charlotte: NOT YET.

Rose: (TEASING) WELL, IF YOU DON'T MEET HIM BEFORE WE GO OUT, YOU MIGHT HAVE TO GET IN LINE.

Charlotte: GETS PRETTY CRAZY OUT THERE, HUH?

Rose: SOMETIMES. BUT IT'S FUN TO SEE THE KIDS SO EXCITED.

Charlotte: THAT WAS ALWAYS MY FAVORITE PART OF CHRISTMAS, MEETING SANTA, LEAVING OUT COOKIES, WAITING TO SEE WHAT HE LEFT ME. I REMEMBER COMING TO THE MALL AND ASKING SANTA FOR AN AIRPLANE, A REAL ONE. MY FATHER WAS A PILOT, AND WOULD TAKE ME TO ALL THE AIR SHOWS. I WOKE UP CHRISTMAS MORNING EXPECTING AN F150 IN MY FRONT YARD.

Rose: THAT'S ADORABLE.

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ENDING:

Charlotte: You really believe that? Angels and all?


Charlotte: (SOFTLY) WOW. (ALMOST ENVIOUS) I WISHED I STILL BELIEVED IN CHRISTMAS.

Rose: YOU KNOW, IT’S NEVER TOO LATE. MY CHURCH HAS THEIR CHRISTMAS PAGEANT TOMORROW EVENING. YOU SHOULD COME; YOU’LL HEAR MORE THAN JUST A STORY.

Charlotte: Thanks. Maybe I will.
They hear “Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer.” All characters finish putting on their costumes. They begin to exit during the following dialogue.

Bill: That’s our cue.

Karen: *(To David)* So what are you saying?

David: I’m saying that males shed their antlers around November every year, and female reindeer don’t shed their antlers till springtime. *(Looks at girls.)*

Rose: So?

David: So?! So! The male reindeer don’t have antlers in December!

Karen: So?

David: So, if the female reindeer are the only ones to still have antlers in December, that means all of Santa’s reindeer, including Rudolph, are girls.

*Pause.*

Karen: Well, the history books really got that one wrong.

Rose: *(Picks up nose and gives it to David)* I’m still not wearing the nose.

Karen: Me either.

*Charlotte holds her hands up, refusing to accept the nose either.*

David: I’m just saying if we want to be historically accurate…

Rose: Forget it David.

Karen: You’re the one guiding the sleigh tonight.

*All characters exit. Lights out.*