

A script from



“You Can't Have Christmas Without...”

Big Cast Version

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What The many beloved trappings and traditions of Christmas are personified in this children’s play as all of them try to claim that you can’t have Christmas without...well, them! But they are about to discover the real meaning of Christmas and understand their role is important in helping to celebrate the season. **Themes:** True Meaning of Christmas, Decorations, Christmas Fun, Jesus, Children, Kid Scripts

Who	Girl	Cookie	Light 1
	Boy	Present 1	Light 2
	Christmas Tree	Present 2	Cookies
	Decoration 1	Present 3	Decorations
	Decoration 2	Presents	Presents Carols
	Decoration 3	Carol	Lights

When Present

Wear (Props) *See end of script for list of costumes and props.

Why Luke 2:1-20, John 14:6

How This is a short but very sweet script that requires minimal blocking by the majority of the actors. Have your actors standing in a primary spot with the Boy and Girl doing the majority of the movement. This will allow you to be more extravagant with your costuming if you wish. This is intended to be acted by children but the role of Boy and Girl could be morphed into a sort of NARRATOR position and acted by an adult...since it is a little more line and action heavy.

Time Approximately 5 minutes

Enter **Girl** and **Boy** running. They are obviously excited.

Onstage sits **Christmas Tree, Cookies, Decorations, Presents, Carols, Lights.**

Girl and **Boy** run to each of the many **Characters** onstage jumping up and down, clapping their hands and shouting joyous expressions. *Ad lib.* Yay! I'm so excited! I love Christmas! I can hardly wait! etc.

The **Characters** all beam delighted to cause so much excitement and be so admired. They are very proud.

- Girl:** Can you believe it? It's almost Christmas!
- Boy:** I can't wait! I'm so excited!
- Girl:** (Looking around) Well, it looks like we almost have everything we need to celebrate!
- Boy:** (Pointing or moving toward each one as he says them) Cookies, Carols and Lights! All kinds of Decorations!
- Girl:** (Pointing or moving toward each one as he says them) And a big beautiful Christmas Tree, and of course...lots of Presents!
- Boy:** I love presents!
- Girl:** Me too!
- Boy:** But it's so hard to wait to open them.
- Girl:** Uh oh. It's almost time. We better finish getting ready!

Exit Girl & Boy

- Tree:** Did you hear that?
- Decoration 1:** Christmas is almost here!
- Decorations:** Hooray!
- Light 1:** It's our favorite time of year!
- Lights** Yeah!
- Carol:** We're so excited we could sing!
- Carols:** *(Singing)* Fa la la la la la la la!
- Cookie:** It's going to be so sweet!

Cookies: Just like us!

Present 1: But did you hear what they said?

Present 2: They said they were *really* excited about *us*!

Present 3: Well of course they are! You can't have Christmas without Presents!

Presents: (*Ad lib.*) Of course you can't! You have to have presents! Christmas would be terrible without us! etc.

Present 1: Imagine waking up on Christmas morning and not finding me!

Light 2: Well, what about us? Just imagine Christmas without us!

Light 1: Yeah, without us Christmas lights nothing would shine or twinkle or blink or beam!

Lights You can't have Christmas without Christmas Lights!

Cookie: Well, you can't have Christmas without us either!

Cookies: Yeah!

Cookie: What would Christmas taste like if the only special things to eat were beans and broccoli?

All except for Decorations exclaim "Ewwwww."

Decoration 2: Hey...I like broccoli.

Decoration 1: Me too! And you know Christmas just wouldn't be the same without *us*!

Decoration 3: No stockings by the fireplace.

Decoration 2: No wreaths hanging in the windows.

Decoration 1: No giant inflatable lawn decorations!

Decorations: You can't have Christmas without Decorations!

Tree: Well, at least, you can't have Christmas without one very important decoration...

All the Characters look around at one another not knowing what that means and then...

Tree: Me! I'm talking about me! You can't have Christmas without a Christmas Tree! Where would you put the presents? Where would

you hang the tinsel and lights? Nope, without me Christmas just wouldn't be the same.

Carol: Don't forget about us...

Carols: *(Singing)* O Christmas Tree, O Christmas Tree!

Carol: Christmas without carols? I don't think so. You can't have Christmas without...

Carols: *(Singing)* mi mi mi mi mi!

Carol: You can't have Christmas without Carols!

The Characters begin to ad lib about why they are the most important part of Christmas and why you can't have Christmas without them. They are, in essence, quarreling back and forth about who's more important. Ad lib. The Carols sing carols, "Just imagine no lights! So dark!" "No cookies? No sweets? That's unheard of!" "If you didn't have decorations you wouldn't even know it's Christmas!" "Christmas without presents is no Christmas at all!" etc.

Girl and Boy enter. Girl holds a crèche. The two react to the loud quarreling of the Characters.

Boy: Hey! What's going on in here!

Girl: Everyone! Stop fighting! Stop it! *(Finally loud enough)* STOP!

The Characters all stop.

Boy: Are you all fighting over who's the most important part of Christmas?

Present 1: Presents are!

Light 1: No! Lights!

Cookie: Cookies!

Decoration 1: Decorations!

Tree: The Christmas Tree, of course!

Carol: No, Carols!

Carols: *(Singing)* We wish you a Merry Christmas! We wish you a Merry Christmas! We wish you a Merry Christmas! And a Happy New Year!

As soon as the **Carols** start to sing the rest of the **Characters** begin to ad lib again and quarrel about who is the best.

Girl and **Boy** shake their heads and quietly begin setting up the crèche scene. As they do, the **Characters** slowly respond curiously to what they are doing and fall silent and watch them as they do.

Tree: (Pointing at the manger scene) What's that?

Girl: This? Oh. Well, you can't have Christmas without *this*.

Carol: What is it?

Boy: *This...* is Christmas.

All the **Characters** look at one another in confusion.

Girl: This is Mary and Joseph. God told Mary she was going to have a baby. They were in a little town called Bethlehem when she was going to have the baby.

Boy: There were a lot of people in town so there wasn't any room for them in any inn.

Girl: Jesus was born in a stable full of animals.

Boy: These are the shepherds. A great choir of angels came to them and told them their Savior had been born.

Girl: This is the star that was shining high in the sky. It led the magi to find him. They brought him gifts of great worth and great sacrifice.

Boy: And this is Jesus. God sent him to live with us to teach us how to love like He would love.

Girl: You can't have Christmas without Jesus.

Present 1: If *that* is Christmas...then what are *we* all doing here?

Light 1: I guess we're not needed.

Decoration 1: Come on, friends...let's go.

All the **Characters** lower their heads in sadness and begin to walk out slowly and dejected.

Girl: Now wait a minute! Don't go!

All the **Characters** stop and turn around to listen.

Boy: Christmas wouldn't be the same without all of you.

Carol: Really?

Boy: Of course not.

Girl: The truth is we don't need cookies and carols, lights, decorations, Christmas Trees and presents. We don't need all of that. But we do want you.

Boy: We want you, Lights, to remind us that Jesus is the light of the world.

Girl: We want you, Decorations, to help deck every hall everywhere to remind us God is all around us!

Boy: Carols, sing to us like the angels sang out the savior's birth that first Christmas announcing Jesus' arrival to all people.

Girl: Cookies, you need to remind us how sweet are the mercy and promises of God.

Boy: Christmas Tree, your life reminds of the life that Jesus gave for us on a tree.

Girl: And Presents, you will always remind us of the great gift of love God gave to all when he gave us Jesus.

Decoration 2: So, you really do want us to stay?

Girl: Of course we do.

Present 2: All of us?

Boy: Every single one of you.

Light 2: Christmas wouldn't be the same without all of us.

Girl: That's true. And now all of you can help us to remember...

All: You can't have Christmas without Jesus! Merry Christmas!

Singing "Joy to the World" as they exit.

***Wear/Props:**

The actors are dressed like the objects they represent.

Wrap "LIGHTS" in a string of Christmas lights and plug their costume into the wall while they are onstage.

Decorate a wreath and wear it around the neck as "DECORATIONS" or a red or green sleeping bag with white felt trim to be a stocking for "DECORATIONS".

Poster sandwich-board and paint a "COOKIES" costume or use to create an open songbook for "CAROLS".

Maybe a spray painted inner tube or sledding disc would make a good base for "COOKIES".

Use an old artificial Christmas tree for "CHRISTMAS TREE" to create a costume or simply stand in front of and have the actor "morph" into the prop and hold some artificial limbs as well.

Wrap large cardboard boxes in festive paper and cut armholes for "PRESENTS" and put a giant bow on their head.

BOY and GIRL could be dressed in their "holiday best" or in Christmas pj's.

No set is necessary as the actors costumes should be decor enough, but you could always set the stage with a fireplace and other living room furniture and decorations as befits the space.

You will need a crèche with the manger character figures for the BOY and GIRL to bring in and manipulate.

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