

A FEW THOUSAND YEARS

by JOHN COSPER

GENRE: Comedy

SYNOPSIS: A group of Christmas ornaments waiting for the holiday season discuss the long wait the world had to endure for the first Christmas, and how easily the world forgot about Christ's coming – then and now.

DIRECTOR'S TIP: The more elaborate you want to go with costumes and sets, the funnier the skit will be. Don't forget ornament hooks!

TIME: 5 minutes

CAST BREAKDOWN: 2M, 2F

TOPIC: Christmas

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: Matthew 1

CHURCH YEAR SEASON: Christmas

SUGGESTED USE: Children's or Adult Service

CHARACTERS:

Red Ball Ornament
Gold Ball Ornament (Goldy)
Pretty Ornament wrapped in newspaper
Darth Vader Ornament (off stage)

PROPS: Newspapers, large cardboard sheets to simulate an ornament box.

COSTUMES: Giant red and gold ball ornament costumes, newspaper for the unseen pretty ornament.

SOUND: Wireless microphones

LIGHTING: General stage

SETTING: An ornament box

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The stage is set up to look like an enlarged section of an ornament storage box. Three large cardboard compartments are seen side by side, separated by cardboard walls. RED BALL and GOLD BALL, two actors in round ball costumes with hooks hanging off their backs, are sitting and asleep. PRETTY ORNAMENT is in the middle compartment. This ornament may not actually be seen; she is fragile, and she is wrapped in newspaper. DARTH VADER ORNAMENT is unseen; it is implied he is on the other side of the upstage wall from RED BALL. GOLD BALL wakes up and stretches.

GOLD: Red? Hey, Red!

RED starts, opens his eyes.

RED: Hmm? What?

GOLD: Are you awake?

RED: *(a little annoyed)* I am now.

GOLD: I think it's time, Red! I think it's Christmas.

RED: Goldy, it's the middle of August. It's not time.

GOLD: It might be! I was talking to the new guy, Harry Potter? He said he was hung up in the card shop last July!!

RED: Goldy, you know they're not going to pull us out until Thanksgiving.

PRETTY: *(waking up suddenly)* Thanksgiving? Is it Thanksgiving? Get me out of here!

RED: It's August, honey. Go back to sleep.

PRETTY: Awwww!

RED: You too, Goldy.

GOLD: But I can't sleep any more! I want it to be Christmas now!!

RED: You're going to wake everybody up!

DARTH VADER's heavy breathing is heard.

PRETTY: What's that? *(in fear and terror)* I know that sound!

DARTH: I've been waiting for you, Obi Wan. When I left you, I was but a learner. Now I am the—