

FINDING PEACE

by JOHN COSPER

GENRE: Comedy/Light Drama

SYNOPSIS: The parents of two unruly kids visit the neighbors who they believe are responsible for this change. They are introduced to the Prince of Peace, Jesus.

DIRECTOR'S TIP: Roger and Elaine are parents who were on the edge before their kids went to camp. They're a little over-the-top in their gratitude, but Tracie and Ben are not put off by this.

TIME: Under 5 minutes

CAST BREAKDOWN: 4

TOPIC: Peace

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: Philippians 4:7

CHURCH YEAR SEASON: Any

SUGGESTED USE: Sermon starter

CHARACTERS:

TRACIE and BEN- a Christian couple
ROGER and ELAINE- their neighbors

PROPS: Tray of cookies, furniture

COSTUMES: Casual dress

SOUND: Wireless mics if desired

LIGHTING: General stage

SETTING: A nice suburban living room

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Tracie sits on the couch reading. The doorbell rings. Ben enters.

BEN: I got it, honey.

Ben opens the door. Elaine and Roger stand there, holding trays of cookies.

ROGER: Ben? Tracie?

BEN: Yes?

ROGER: I'm Roger Tucker, and this is Elaine.

BEN: Oh yes! Mickey and Carissa's parents. Come in, please.

Roger and Elaine enter.

TRACIE: It's nice to meet you, finally. We see the kids all the time, playing with the twins.

ELAINE: Well, we wanted to get to know you as well.

TRACIE: Are those cookies?

ROGER: Five dozen. Hope you like chocolate chip.

BEN: I know I do.

TRACIE: You didn't have to do that.

ELAINE: Believe me, we did.

TRACIE: No, don't be silly.

ELAINE: No, really. This isn't just a social call. We're here to say thank you.

Everyone starts to sit down.

BEN: For what?

ELAINE: For taming the wild, uncontrollable beasts that are our children.

BEN: Mickey and Carissa? They're sweet kids.

ROGER: Sweet? You sure we're talking about the same kids?

BEN: Tall boy, blonde curly hair? Red head with glasses and lots of freckles? Sweet as can be!

ROGER: That sounds like them all right. Except the sweet part.