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I CAN CARRY IT

by JOHN COSPER

GENRE: Comedy

SYNOPSIS: A kid who doesn't think he needs help with carrying the burdens of life quickly becomes overwhelmed by parents, school, and more.

DIRECTOR'S TIP: The bigger the boxes, the funner - and more memorable - the scene.

TIME: 5 minutes

CAST BREAKDOWN: 2M, 2F

THEME: Burdens, Letting go and letting God

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: 1 Peter 5:7

CHURCH YEAR SEASON: Any

SUGGESTED USE: Children's ministry

CHARACTERS:

RYAN

MOM

DAD

MISS MCKIMSON - Ryan's teacher

PROPS: Several large boxes

COSTUMES: Suit for dad, casual dress for mom, nice dress for Miss McKimson

SOUND: Wireless mics if desired

LIGHTING: General stage

SETTING: Not specified

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Ryan enters, carrying a box.

RYAN: I'm so glad that God loves me. I'm glad to know that he's always there, and when life's burdens get too heavy, he's there to help me out. But right now, I don't need any help. I'm only ten. What kind of burdens do I really have? The only things that bother me are whether the Yankees will win the pennant and deciding what to ask for at Christmas time. My burdens are pretty small, and as you can see, they're not that heavy. Maybe later I'll need some help, but for now--

Mom enters, carrying a box.

MOM: Ryan?

RYAN: Hey, Mom. Guys, this is my Mom.

MOM: Sorry to interrupt your speech, dear, but I need a quick word with you.

RYAN: Umm, okay.

MOM: Since I'm going back to work, I need you to help with a few chores. I'll need you to do your own laundry, do the dishes every night, cut the grass once a week, and would you be a dear and bathe your baby brother during the week? Oh, and on the weekends too.

Mom sets her box on top of Ryan's box.

MOM: Thanks, hun, love you.

Mom exits.

RYAN: Okay, so I have a few other burdens now. So what? It's still not that big a deal. I don't have any major life issues to carry, right?

Dad enters with a box.

DAD: There you are, Ryan. Listen, I have some bad news. We're not going to be able to pay for college.

RYAN: You're not?

DAD: I'm sorry, son, but your mom's racked up about a hundred thousand dollars in debt on the Visa, and, heh, dear old Dad has to play his golf every weekend, so with all those financial obligations, we just can't save up for college. That's why you have to get out there and get a scholarship in baseball so you can get a good education!