

IT'S JUST WHAT I'VE ALWAYS WANTED

by JOHN COSPER

GENRE: Comedy/Light Drama

SYNOPSIS: Contestants compete on a game show to see who can pretend to love an undesirable Christmas gift the best.

DIRECTOR'S TIP: The more you can deck the stage like a game show, the better. You can use Powerpoint to create a game board.

TIME: 5 minutes

CAST BREAKDOWN: 2M, 1F

THEME: Christmas; Gifts

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: The Christmas Story; John 1

CHURCH YEAR SEASON: Christmas

SUGGESTED USE: Christmas services and programs

CHARACTERS:

JOE - Game show host

DALE AND ERICA - Contestants

PROPS: Three podiums and, if possible, a game board

COSTUMES: A suit for Joe. Business formal for Dale and Erica

SOUND: Wireless mics if desired

LIGHTING: General stage

SETTING: A game show

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The stage is set up like a game show, with one podium stage right angled toward two at stage left. You may want to use the video screen to put up a game board with the show name and four categories shown on screen. Feel free to invent and include a few more categories on the board, such as Secret Santa, Best Friend, or My Rotten Little Brother.

JOE: Hello and welcome again to It's Just What I've Always Wanted, the game show that wants to know how thankful you can be for those unexpected Christmas gifts you never, ever wanted. Let's meet our contestants. He's a soccer player from Detroit. Say hello to Dale Simpson!

DALE: Hi, Joe!

JOE: And our two time returning champion, Erica Riggs!

ERICA: Thank you for having me back.

JOE: Let's remind our viewers how to play the game. Every year, we all get gifts for Christmas that we really don't like, but our moms always taught us to be thankful and appreciative, no matter how crummy those gifts may be. Our contestants will choose a category, I'll tell them about a crummy gift, and they have ten seconds to show just how happy they are with their brand new junk. Our categories today are: Your Aunt Who Knows Nothing About You, Your Senile Old Granny, Gifts from Santa, and Pot-pourri. Dale, you're the challenger. Pick a category.

DALE: Let's go with Your Aunt Who Knows Nothing About You for \$200 please.

JOE: Your aunt comes over on Christmas Eve every year. She loves to sew, and this year she's sewn something extra special for you, Dale: a frilly pink dress with ruffles and chiffon!

DALE: A dress? Really? A dress? Do I look like a little girl to you, Aunt Pearl? Do I look like a little girl?

.....*Buzz.*

JOE: Oh, I am so sorry, Dale. No points for that.

DALE: Sorry, I lost control. That one hit a little close to home.

JOE: We've all been there, Dale. Erica, the board is yours.

ERICA: Let's go with the same category, \$400 please.

DALE: Your Aunt flew in special to see you this year. She still remembers you as that