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KING KANDY

by SCOTT CRAIN

GENRE: Comedy

SYNOPSIS: While playing Candyland, a frustrated husband vents his grievances against King Kandy and the apparent unfairness of life.

DIRECTOR'S TIP: For maximum effect, Tony's outburst should be comically sincere, while Pam plays it deadpan straight.

TIME: Under 5 minutes

CAST BREAKDOWN: 1M, 1F

TOPIC: Faith, Doubt, Trials, Christian Living

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: Jeremiah 29:11; Romans 8:28

CHURCH YEAR SEASON: Any

SUGGESTED USE: Sermon starter; parenting seminar, classes

CHARACTERS: TONY
PAM

PROPS: A kitchen table and chairs, a Candyland board game

COSTUMES: Contemporary

SOUND: Wireless mics if desired

LIGHTING: General stage

SETTING: A kitchen

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Lights up. TONY sits alone at a kitchen table, playing a round of Candyland alone, his expression sober. He draws a card and moves his plastic game figure.

PAM enters, wearing a housecoat. She stops, caught off guard, and watches him, unnoticed, for a moment.

PAM: *(cautiously)* Babes?

TONY: Yeah?

PAM: It's...midnight.

TONY: Yeah.

PAM: What are you doing up?

TONY: I'm playing Candyland.

PAM: Why?

TONY: Because I have a toothache.

PAM: And you demand justice at the hands of Lord Licorice?

He raises his eyes, humorless. She frowns, trying to read him.

You're kinda freaking me out. I don't think Candyland causes cavities.

He looks back at the game board, his expression black.

TONY: Ask me why I hate this game.

Beat.

PAM: Why do y...

TONY: *(interrupting)* Because it's pure chance! There's no skill in Candyland! You win or lose based ENTIRELY on the cards you draw. You can be all the way up here, *(indicating the top of the board)* not a care in the world, skipping along down lollipop lane, within sight of Candy Castle, and then *(flips a card)*---BAM! All the way back to the Peppermint Forest! What kind of sadistic mind even thought of a game like this for *(reading box)* ages 3-6?

PAM: Or, in your case, 52.

TONY: Unless! UNLESS! It's the best possible lesson for a child! Because you know what? Life is Candyland. And it's a game for suckers.