DRAMA Ministry

NO ROOM by JOHN COSPER

GENRE: Comedy

SYNOPSIS: Mary and Joseph find no room at an inn crammed with Christmas icons.

DIRECTOR'S TIP: This script could work as a stand alone piece in a Christmas program or as part of a worship service. Make sure the character costumes make it clear who they are. Pace it quickly, and over the top. TIME: Under 5 minutes

CAST BREAKDOWN: 7

TOPIC: Christmas, Biblical Times

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: Luke 2:6-7

CHURCH YEAR SEASON: Christmas

SUGGESTED USE: Seeker Service, Sermon Starter

CHARACTERS:

BUCK -- the Innkeeper MARY and JOSEPH CHARLIE BROWN SANTA CLAUS RALPHIE SCROOGE FROSTY the SNOWMAN

PROPS: A door, a BB gun

COSTUMES: Biblical costumes for Mary, Joseph, and Buck. Traditional costumes for the other characters, including a pink bunny costume for Ralphie.

SOUND: Seven wireless microphones

LIGHTING: General stage

SETTING: Outside an inn

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A door is on stage at stage right, facing out toward center. JOSEPH and MARY enter from stage left to soft Christmas music. They knock. BUCK enters stage right and answers the door.

BUCK: (Yelling back) I tell you what, Margie! You're so smart, you look up the recipe for fruit cake! (To JOSEPH) Yes?

JOSEPH: Excuse me, my wife and I have traveled all the way from Nazareth for the census. We need a place to stay, and I was--

CHARLIE BROWN enters stage right.

CHARLIE: Excuse me, sir. I was wondering if there might be any place my dog Snoopy can go for a walk?

BUCK: Sure. Out the back door, take a left, there's a park two blocks down.

CHARLIE: Thank you.

CHARLIE exits.

BUCK: You were saying?

JOSEPH: Yes, sir. We're looking for a place to rest for the night.

BUCK: Sorry, pal. We're a little full at the moment.

SANTA enters.

SANTA: Ho ho ho! Can you tell me where the kitchen is again? My wife keeps giving me carrot sticks, but I'm in the mood for milk and cookies.

BUCK: Down the hall to the left.

SANTA exits.

JOSEPH: Please, sir. We've had a very hard journey. And as you can see, my wife is great with child.

BUCK: (Mutters) Like we don't have enough kids in there.

RALPHIE enters in a pink bunny suit with a BB gun, holding his eye.

RALPHIE: Ahhh! I need a first aid kit! I shot my eye out!

BUCK: Didn't I tell you, not in the inn? Front desk, get some bandages!