

STAFF MEETING

by Tim Bass

GENRE: Comedy

SYNOPSIS: In the midst of a weekly “staff meeting,” a family learns that regular dinner conversations might be a better way to keep in touch.

DIRECTOR’S NOTES: Keep the pace of the dialogue driving-almost to the point of overlapping-in order to get maximum effectiveness out of the “sharpness” of the lines and to emphasize the moment when everything stops for the mother’s speech about how much she does.

TIME: Under 5 minutes

CAST BREAKDOWN: 5

TOPIC: Relationships, Family

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: Philippians 2:1-4

CHURCH YEAR SEASON: Any

SUGGESTED USE: Worship Service

CHARACTERS:

TED—father

JEN—mother

TED, JR—son

LISA—daughter

SUSIE—daughter

PROPS: Whistle

COSTUMES: Contemporary

SOUND: Five wireless mic

LIGHTING: General stage

SETTING: A living room

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Lights up on living room. TED is standing. He holds a clipboard and a whistle. He blows the whistle.

TED: OK! Let's go! Family staff meeting! Right now! Let's go, let's go, let's go! Front and center! Let's hit it and quit it! Everybody! Right now! Let's go! (*Family enters. JEN, the wife, TED, JR., LISA and SUSIE. They sit.*) Okay, listen up. As I call your name, please respond.

LISA: Dad...

TED: Did I call your name?

JEN: Ted, you know we're all here.

TED: I don't recall calling your name either.

SUSIE: Can we just get on with it? Valerie and I are going to the eleven-thirty movie at the mall.

TED: Says who?

SUSIE: Mom said I could.

TED: She did, did she?

LISA: What movie?

JEN: I did.

JR: Can I go?

SUSIE: Pirates of the Caribbean.

TED: She didn't ask me.

JR: Oh, oh, oh! I want to go!

SUSIE: No, you can't go!

JEN: Well, she did ask me.

TED: When?

JEN: Thursday.

LISA: You wouldn't like it, Junior, it's not that good.

JR: Don't call me "Junior"! My name's Theodore. Dad, tell her not to call me "Junior"!