

## A DAY BEFORE VACATION

by John Cosper

**GENRE:** Drama/Light Comedy

**SYNOPSIS:** A successful business-man and devoted family guy finds out he is being fired the day before leaving on a dream family vacation.

**DIRECTOR'S TIP:** The tone of the skit should be upbeat and hopeful until the moment Roger walks in, in order to heighten the devastation that Jerry feels at the bad news.

**TIME:** Under 5 minutes

**CAST BREAKDOWN:** 3

**TOPIC:** Loss

**SCRIPTURE REFERENCE:** Job 1

**CHURCH YEAR SEASON:** Any

**SUGGESTED USE:** Seeker Service, Sermon Introduction

**CHARACTERS:**

JERRY – a family man

MEREDITH – Jerry's coworker

ROGER – Jerry's boss

**PROPS:** Desk, chair, phone, computer, papers, Mickey Mouse doll

**COSTUMES:** Business formal attire

**SOUND:** Wireless microphones

**LIGHTING:** General stage

**SETTING:** A plush office

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*A small office, complete with desk, phone, computer, and a few stacks of documents. There is also a small, plastic Mickey Mouse doll on the desk. JERRY enters, talking on his cell phone.*

**JERRY:** Hey. How's your day going? Well, I just got back from lunch, and it looks like I'll be able to get out of here early ... Looks like I can be out around 2, so if you want me to get Bryce and pick up the groceries, I will ... No, I'm not trying to get out of packing. Although you are way better at it than I ...

*MEREDITH enters.*

**JERRY:** I'm kidding, I'll be there. We'll work side by side until it's all loaded up in the minivan. Just gotta get an overnight package ready, and Roger wants to talk to me before I leave. Alright, sweetheart, I love you. Bye.

*JERRY hangs up.*

**MEREDITH:** You know, she called a while ago.

**JERRY:** Robin did?

**MEREDITH:** She told me you'd try to duck out of packing, and just in case you decided to stay later than you had to...

**JERRY:** She would.

**MEREDITH:** Kids excited?

**JERRY:** Who cares if the kids are excited? I've been dying to see Disney World my whole life.

**MEREDITH:** Why does that not surprise me?

**JERRY:** As much as I've been looking forward to this, it's sad to think it might be our last family vacation.

**MEREDITH:** Tammy's ready for college?

**JERRY:** She leaves two weeks after we get home. Then Brian's driving and getting a job, and Melanie's at the gym more than school. My babies are headed out in all different directions.

**MEREDITH:** It happens.

**JERRY:** I can't help thinking it's going to end up a Clark Grizwald-sized disaster. I've been saving up for so long for one last family vacation.