

CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS WITH MARTHA AND HOMER

by Rene L. Mauck

GENRE: Comedy

SYNOPSIS: Martha and Homer share their approach to various Christmas traditions and expectations.

DIRECTOR'S TIP: Keep it moving! The key to comedy is often uninterrupted sound, so keep the back and forth pace between Martha and Homer tight and full of energy.

TIME: Over 5 minutes

CAST BREAKDOWN: 2

TOPIC: Christmas

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: Luke 2

CHURCH YEAR SEASON: Christmas

SUGGESTED USE: Worship Service, Christmas Eve Service

CHARACTERS:

Martha - stereotypical perfect homemaker, ala Ms. Stewart

Homer - stereotypical slob, ala Mr. Simpson

Narrator

PROPS: A lazy-boy type chair, not very nice, remote control, small fake tree, several Christmas tins, an old pizza box, newspaper, a small table and chair, a saw, Christmas cards, a pen, a Christmas candle, a shopping list, a Santa hat, a journal, a stool

COSTUMES: Sweatshirt and jeans for Homer; nice Christmas sweater and slacks for Martha

SOUND: Three wireless microphones

LIGHTING: General stage

SETTING: The homes of Martha and Homer

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Lights up.

NARRATOR: Welcome to Christmas traditions with Martha and Homer. Tradition number one: The Christmas Tree.

MARTHA: (*Holding a saw*) Oh, my! Isn't this a lovely tree? Saw, saw, saw. Timber!

HOMER: (*Trying to put a very small fake tree together*) Let's see, limb "A" goes in stem section seven, and...wait, why is this bent?

NARRATOR: Interlude. How to prepare for Christmas, part one.

MARTHA: July. Make Christmas shopping list.

HOMER: December 23rd. Call Mom and find out which relatives I absolutely HAVE to buy for.

NARRATOR: Tradition number two: Christmas Dinner.

MARTHA: Turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes and gravy, yams, homemade rolls, fresh baked pies, and fat-free eggnog.

HOMER: Cold pizza with celery sticks and Kool-aid. Green Kool-aid.

NARRATOR: Interlude. How to prepare for Christmas, part two.

MARTHA: August. Finish Christmas shopping.

HOMER: December 24th, Noon. Good thing I get half a day off. Better start my shopping.

NARRATOR: Tradition number three: Fruitcake.

MARTHA: Thanks! I'm glad you like it. It's my own recipe.

HOMER: (*Holding a Christmas tin*) Oh, yeah. I really love it. You can't have too many of these. (*Throws tin on a pile of tins*)

NARRATOR: Interlude. How to prepare for Christmas, part three.

MARTHA: September. Wrap gifts. This year I'm using fabric scraps and making my own bows.

HOMER: December 24th, ten thirty PM. I need a box and paper...Ah! Last's night's pizza box. And the Sunday comics. That'll do.

NARRATOR: Tradition number four: The Relatives Visit.