DRAMA Ministry

FIT TAB B INTO SLOT A by STEPHEN D. LARSON

GENRE: Comedy

SYNOPSIS: It's Christmas and Dad is having trouble putting together "Susie Sunshine's" myriad of accessories and turns it into a teaching moment for his son, explaining how many people have trouble "fitting the pieces together" about the Christmas story and the Gospel.

DIRECTOR'S TIP: Be sure to allow plenty of rehearsal time with the actual "unassembled" toy in order to make it a part of the dialogue, and not a distraction from it. TIME: Under 5 minutes

CAST BREAKDOWN: 4

TOPIC: Christmas, The Gospel

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: Luke 2:1-20

CHURCH YEAR SEASON: Christmas

SUGGESTED USE: Sermon Opener

CHARACTERS:

DAD MOM SON – ten or so DAUGHTER - maybe five or six

PROPS: Christmas tree, ornaments, lights, etc.; doll and accessories, some of which are unassembled; Nativity set with figures; couch, chair and other furniture as available

COSTUMES: Modern

SOUND: Four wireless microphones

LIGHTING: General stage

SETTING: A family room at Christmas time

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A family is decorating the tree. MOM supervises as DAD, his SON and DAUGHTER hang ornaments, check lights, etc.

MOM: (*To DAUGHTER, hanging an ornament*) No, honey, not there. There's already a red ball there and you can't have a red ball next to a red ball.

DAUGHTER: Why?

MOM: You... you just can't that's all.

SON: (Stepping back from the tree) How's that, dad?

DAD: Looks fine, son.

MOM: Looks fine?! You men! You can't just clump the tinsel that way.

SON: How do you want it clumped?

MOM: You don't clump it. You lay it on one strand at a time. See? (She demonstrates) One at a time, one at a time...

SON: Mom! I'll be old enough to drive by time I get finished.

MOM: (to DAD) Talk to your son.

DAD: Do as your mother asks, son.

MOM: Thank you.

DAD: You can learn to drive after you're through.

MOM: I don't know why I put up with the both of you!

DAD: Because you love us dearly?

MOM: (Smiling) That must be it.

DAD: Look, it's almost Nicole's bedtime...

DAUGHTER: Daddy! I want to stay up and see Santa!

DAD: He doesn't come until tomorrow night, sweetheart. You put her to bed and let us men finish the tree.

DAUGHTER: But it's too early to go to bed!

MOM: Tell you what. We'll go have a nice play bath, I'll wash your hair, and then we'll all have some hot chocolate.