

THE KING HAS COME

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GENRE: Drama

SYNOPSIS: Maggie is meeting Derek's family for the first time and is anxious to make a good impression; perhaps too anxious.

DIRECTOR'S TIP: Think about incorporating the sound effects of cars passing while Maggie and Derek are speaking. Simple sound effects such as these can really help a congregation imagine the setting of the scene.

TIME: Under 5 minutes

CAST BREAKDOWN: 2

TOPIC: Love, Relationships

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: Romans 12:2, Matthew 2:6

CHURCH YEAR SEASON: Christmas

SUGGESTED USE: General Church Service, Couples' Groups

CHARACTERS:

ANGEL—can be voice over or someone dressed as an angel, in a spotlight off to one side

DEREK—age 30 to 40, engaged to Maggie

MAGGIE—age 30 to 40, anxious about meeting Derek's family for the first time

PROPS: Two chairs to simulate a car

COSTUMES: Angel costume for angel; casual wear for both Derek and Maggie

SOUND: Wireless mics for Derek and Maggie; standing or offstage mic for angel

LIGHTING: Ability to fade up and down; spotlight for angel

SETTING: Bare stage

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Lights up on ANGEL stage left.

ANGEL: For this is what the prophet has written: “But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will be the Shepherd of my people Israel.”

Light fades on ANGEL. Lights up on DEREK and MAGGIE. They are driving in a car. MAGGIE looks worried.

DEREK: What is it now? I’m not turning around again. If you forgot something else, we’ll just have to do without it.

MAGGIE: No, I’m sure I have everything now; I’m just worried that Jeremy won’t like his present.

DEREK: Didn’t you ask Laura what he wanted?

MAGGIE: Yes.

DEREK: And didn’t she say she had him go through the Toys R Us catalog and pick out his favorite things?

MAGGIE: Yes.

DEREK: And didn’t you get him some Mega-lizard thing?

MAGGIE: The Deluxe Time Force Power Rangers Quantasaurus Rex Megazord.

DEREK: Yeah, that. Any toy with a name that long has to be a winner.

MAGGIE: But what if it’s not really what he wants? What if he just marked it in the catalog so his mom would get off his back about making a list? What if he thinks I’ll be a total loser of an aunt because I don’t know the cool toys? What if he hates me?

DEREK: Maggie! Snap out of it! He’s going to love the toy and he’s going to love you.

MAGGIE: But he’s five. Everyone knows five-year-olds are fickle. And if you just introduce me as his “future aunt,” he’s not going to buy it. He’ll need time to adjust to the concept.

DEREK: Ah-hah.

MAGGIE: Ah-hah what?

DEREK: I’m thinking maybe the five-year-old isn’t the one who needs time to adjust...