

Den 9's Gift

From "Skits and Puppets" for the Boy Scouts of America

(Offstage: A boy's regular-sized wagon with a cardboard box, gaily wrapped on three sides with the back side of box open. A boy, dressed as a Den Mother sitting in it, holds a sack of Christmas paper and ribbons.)

Scene: Table, number of chairs, depending on size of den doing skit, an open catalog with a Cub Scout looking at it.

NARRATOR: The title of our skit is Den 9's Gift. You see before you Cubs gathering for a den meeting. They have no project, no material to work with, no Den Mother!

NUMBER 1 BOY: *(Walking in)* Hi! What are you doing?

NUMBER 2 BOY: *(Looking at catalog)* Looking for a Den Mother.

NUMBER 1 BOY: In the catalog?

NUMBER 3 BOY: *(Looking over shoulder of Number 2 Boy)* My dad says you can find anything in the catalog!

NUMBER 4 BOY: *(Walked in with Number 1 boy)* What happened to our Den Mother?

NUMBER 5 BOY: *(Sitting at table)* Mrs. Clark moved.

NUMBER 2 BOY: And Mrs. Smith quit because her boy went into Webelos.

NUMBER 1 BOY: *(With expression)* Oh! For the shame of it all—me to be a Cub Scout dropout!!

NUMBER 5 BOY: I wrote to Santa Claus.

NUMBER 6 BOY: *(Pretends to knock on door, then pulls wagon in)* Is this Den 9?

NUMBER 1, 2, 3, 4, 5: Yes.

NUMBER 6 BOY: This gift came by Santa Express. *(Boys form a circle around the box pretending to unwrap it. Bits of ribbon and paper keep flying above heads of the group tossed y boy in the box.)*

NUMBER 1 AND 4 BOYS: Wonder what it is?

NUMBER 2 BOY: I think it's alive!

NUMBER 3 AND 5 BOYS: A Den Mother!

NUMBER 7 BOY: *(Stepping out from back side of wagon wearing a wig, navy blue skirt, own clothes and Den Mother's hat)* I'm not so pretty, I'm not so smart, but I've got that Cub Scout feeling deep in my heart. So when do I start?

NUMBERS 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6: Right now!

END. All boys join together to say, "Merry Christmas and Happy Cubbing!"