

“The Invisible Christmas Tree”

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This skit most children can participate in. There are 3 main characters and a Policeman and a group of 5 to 20 or more kids can be in it. Ages 2 to 12.

Cast of Characters: Joey, Luke, Anna (older children will work best for these 3 parts.) A policeman. (Adult or a child dressed up like one.)

Props: A Christmas scene with a lights on a artificial tree will work. Any size will do. A jump rope and a ball any size. A flashlight and police uniform. A basket, a large doll with blanket. Activity scenes with an artificial tree.

SCENE ONE

(Joey and Luke playing with balls and Anna is jumping with her jump rope walking towards the woods.)

JOEY

We will never find us a Christmas tree to put in our fort.

LUKE

Aha, you just give up too easy, Joey.

ANNA

Oh, come on, boys. We must hurry.

JOEY

There you go Anna, rush, rush ,rush.

LUKE

Yea, that is all she knows.

ANNA

Well, without me rushing where would you all be?

LUKE

Probably playing with the rest of the kids and having fun.

ANNA

(She replies in real matter-of-fact way.)

Yea, right. You would be fighting with them over me, ha-ha.

JOEY

How can you think of such a thing, Anna? We got more important things on our minds, and it's not you.

ANNA

(Anna shrugs her shoulders and gives them a dirty look.)

LUKE

That is so right, Joey, you tell her.

ANNA

(Anna puts her hands on her hips now.)

Come on now, guys, we got a tree to find before the storm gets here.

Joey

Okay let's walk over here. Look! I see something and its, it's all lit up.

(All the kids' eyes are opened real wide in astonishment)

(In a distance there is a beautiful tree all decorated and lit up.)

ANNA

I told you guys if we hurry we would find a special tree.

LUKE

Yea, but you said nothing about it being all decorated for us.

JOEY

How can that be? Who would decorate a Christmas tree and leave it in the woods?

ANNA

Well, who cares. Let's get it moved to our fort.

JOEY

We don't want to steal this tree now do we?

LUKE

Well, do you have a better idea?

ANNA

Quiet now, I hear something.

(All the other kids in the play walk up and surround Joey, Luke, and Anna singing a Christmas Carol. Any song will work.)

ANNA

Oh, gosh, what are all you kids doing here? They need to go back home before the bad weather hits.

(But the children keep singing.)

(The kids look at them and their eyes light up when they see the beautiful Christmas tree, and their voices get louder and louder as they all sing their song, and Anna, Joey and Luke listen.

ANNA

Now, kids, who are you? Where do you come from?

JOEY

That is a good question. I have never seen any of these children— And, Anna, better yet, just tell them to go home. That would be the easy way out.

ANNA

Okay, kids, you must go home. The storm will be here any minute. Now GO wherever you came from please leave.

(The children turn around and walk off stage while singing another song as they leave the stage.

Luke, Josh and Anna turn their back on the Christmas tree and watch the strange kids leave. When Anna, Luke and Joey turn back around the Christmas tree is gone, just as fast as the kids are. Just the lights are on the ground.)

ANNA

That was so strange, all the kids coming way up here all alone out of nowhere. I have never seen them before.

JOEY

Me either

LUKE

Don't look at me.

(You can leave an extra set of lights hidden. While the smaller kids are leaving the stage you could throw a sheet over the tree or remove it altogether.)

JOEY

Look, I do not believe this, the tree is missing. Only the lights are left.

(The lights are laying on the ground as she goes over and picks them up.)

LUKE

Okay, alright already, the tree was just here and it could not have gone far.

JOEY

Well, tell the tree that.

ANNA

I see no explanation why it would disappear.

LUKE

And I see no explanation why it was decorated. Oh tree, oh, Christmas tree please come back. We need more than just your lights.

(He says in a loud voice)

ANNA

You're wasting your voice Luke. It's gone just as fast as it showed up. Just like all those kids. Besides it is starting to snow. We have to get back to our fort.

LUKE

Not without the tree. Hey, look here is a broken light and bulb way over here.

(He picks up a broken bulb and light.)

ANNA

Look, there is a trail of glass. Let's follow it.

(They all walk around on the stage like they are on a hunt.)

(Curtain closes)

SCENE 2

(The setting is in the woods. Trees in the background. You can use artificial ones or draw a scene. In the distance under an artificial tree or plant they see a basket with a baby inside of it. You can use a large doll wrapped in a big blanket)

ANNA

Look! Oh my, what is it?

(All 3 rush over and Anna lifts the basket up and pulls the blanket back)

JOEY

It looks like a baby.

(They all look in the basket)

LUKE

Is it alive Anna?

ANNA

It's breathing. Oh, my poor baby. Who left you out here in the woods?

LUKE

Do you hear that? Where is that singing coming from?

(The children are below the stage and are singing
“Away in the Manger.”

It gets real silent while the older kids take it all in
and listen to the song. Anna holds the basket with the
baby in it.)

JOEY

We are like the 3 wise men when they find baby Jesus in the
manger.

LUKE

Well, this whole night is a mystery.

JOEY

Yea, let us forget about getting a tree for our fort.

ANNA

What is that coming towards us?

LUKE

It looks like a light. Come on, let's follow it.

(All three walk to one end of the stage. A bright light is shining and they walk towards the lights. A police officer walks out with his big flashlight.)

POLICEMAN

Did you find a missing baby, kids?

ANNA

We found this little boy, wrapped in this blanket.

(As she gives the policeman the basket with the baby in it.)

POLICEMAN

You kids just got yourself a reward. But tell me how did you find him? He was abandon by his mother and she could not remember where she left him. You know she has a mental illness, but at least had enough sense to report it to us.

ANNA

Well, we went looking for a Christmas tree for our fort and we found one all decorated and then it disappeared on us.

JOEY

Yea, it was here and then just vanished.

POLICEMAN

Yea, right. (Skeptically)

LUKE

No, please believe us! And then we heard all the children singing Christmas carols and glass broken and we followed it to the baby.

POLICEMAN

No one would come out in this storm to the woods singing Christmas carols. Besides trees do not disappear, and are not decorated when you find them in the woods. And I see no broken glass anywhere.

But you did a great job in finding the baby. I want you all to go home now before it gets worse out here.

JOEY

Okay, come on, guys, let's go back to our fort.

(The officer took the baby from them and they went back to their fort. Inside their fort on the stage in a corner is the missing Christmas tree.)

ANNA--

Look! The vanishing tree is back, all set up in our fort.

JOEY

It's a miracle.

LUKE

Yes, and one that no one will believe.

(They all stare at the tree.)

ANNA

This must be the reward the policeman talked about.

JOEY

But who was the policeman? Whose baby? And, yes, the tree?

ANNA

Do you hear that?

(The kids are singing in a distance "Joy to the World.")

The scene closes with the singing and Anna, Luke and Joey singing with them but cannot see them.

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