

# **“Christmas at the Mall”**

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Holiday displays at a local shopping mall come to life when the mall closes and try to figure out the true meaning of Christmas.

## **SYNOPSIS OF SCENES**

- Scene 1: Two mall maintenance workers finish putting up a pair of holiday displays. One is Santa’s workshop; the other is the nativity. When the workers leave, the figures come to life, stretching after being in storage since last year. Joseph, Mary, the shepherds and the Magi from the nativity ask the toys to be more quiet as not to wake the baby Jesus. They sing “It’s a Long Wait for Christmas”. As the mall reopens, the figures all have to freeze.
- Scene 2: Two “elves” enter to set up for Santa’s arrival. Excited children rush in to get their pictures taken with St. Nick. They sing “Red Suit, White Beard, Rosy Cheeks, Santa!” Santa arrives and takes pictures with each child while they sing. The mall closes again.
- Scene 3: The displays come to life again. The toys think that Christmas is all about children and gifts making them happy. The nativity characters talk about their story of shepherds and magi coming to see the baby Jesus. The toys sing “What Does It All Have to do with Christmas?”
- Scene 4: A kindly janitor enters. He knows all about the figures coming to life and takes the time to tell them about Jesus. The baby Jesus was born off to the side of the world much like the nativity is not the center of attention at the mall. He sings “Off to the Side”. In answer to the question of Santa, the janitor shares that the original St. Nicholas served Jesus his whole life. The play closes with singing “What Child Is This?”

## **SETTINGS, PROPS, COSTUMES**

A shopping mall Christmas display that includes Santa’s workshop and a nativity is set center stage. A large chair for Santa along with a “camera” for the elves is set up. The janitor can push a wheeled trashcan or mop bucket and supplies. Children can be dressed in their Christmas best.

**CHARACTERS**

FRED\*

BARNEY\* — Mall workers

BALLERINA

CLOWN

JACK-IN-THE-BOX

TEDDY BEAR

COWBOY

SHEPHERDS

MAGI

MARY

JOSEPH

ELF 1

ELF 2

SANTA\*

CHILDREN

JANITOR\*

\*Adults or teens