

A Tale Of Two Thanksgivings

CHARACTERS: 5, 2 are children and one child's part is non speaking

PROPS: Can be done pantomime. Having a movie board is effective

COSTUMES: Street clothes

SETTING: Movie set of a home

(Mother, father, two kids getting ready for Thanksgiving dinner. Father pantomimes reading, mother is cooking, two children are helping set the table, etc. during both halves of the skits. Actions should stay consistent with both run-throughs).

PART A

DIRECTOR: Places please. (*Cast moves into position*) Lights! Camera! Action!

FATHER: (*Reading the newspaper*) How close are we to dinner? I don't want to miss the football game afterward.

MOTHER: It won't be long. I'm just waiting for the pies. (*Children get big grins*)

FATHER: One for you three, and two *all for me!* (*Children scowl at father*)

MOTHER: Set the table now, kids. We need six places.

CHILD: Six?

FATHER: Yeah, one for each of you and three for me. I intend to pig out.

CHILD: Should we use the good china?

MOTHER: No sense doing that when it's just family

FATHER: (*Reading from paper*) Listen to this "Approximately 2 in every nine people will have no Thanksgiving dinner or will have to go to a shelter to have one". I'm glad we have our own dinner.

CHILD: All this food - just for us.

MOTHER: Even with the turkey, stuffing, potatoes, gravy, cranberries, green beans, squash, cheddar biscuits and pies with whipped cream I can't help feeling something is missing. Maybe I should have made cranberry bread or that cranberry Jell-O your mom used to do.

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FATHER: I don't know what it could be but we can always add it next year.

NARRATOR: Cut! (*Thinking*) I don't like the "feel". Let's try it the other way. (*Cast nods and takes places*) And Action!

FATHER: (*Reading the newspaper*) How close are we to dinner? I don't want to miss the fellowship when our guests arrive.

MOTHER: It won't be long. I'm just waiting for the pies. We'll have plenty of time to talk with Betty and James.

FATHER: Which pie are we sending over to the Wilson's?

MOTHER: They're all pumpkin so it doesn't matter. Set the table now, kids. We need six places.

CHILD: Six?

FATHER: Yeah, one for each of us and two for our guests. .

CHILD: Should we use the good china?

MOTHER: Of course. We're having company.

FATHER: (*Reading from paper*) Listen to this "Approximately 2 in every nine people will have no Thanksgiving dinner or will have to go to a shelter to have one. I'm glad we thought to invite Betty and James.

CHILD: Yes, they would have had no one to celebrate with since Betty is a widow and James is in the Navy and a long way from home.

MOTHER: I can't help feeling this is going to be the best Thanksgiving ever.

CHILD: You mean because of the turkey, stuffing, potatoes, gravy, cranberries, green beans, squash, cheddar biscuits and pies with whipped cream?

MOTHER: No, because we included the most important ingredient - love.

DIRECTOR: Cut! I think we got it right this time. That's a wrap.

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