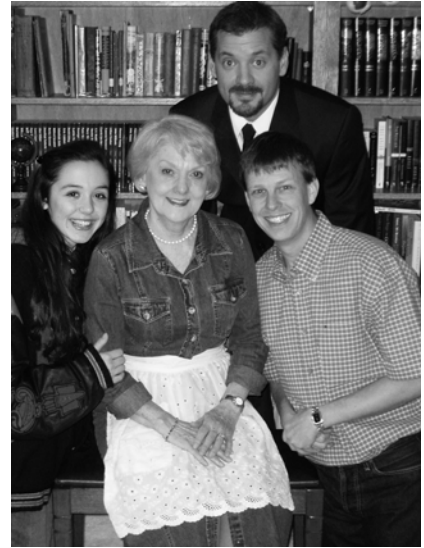


# Leave it to Believer

## Episode Two: Let's Gather in the Kitchen

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### Cast:

June Cleaver

Ward Cleaver

Wally or Molly Cleaver

Theodore "Believer" Cleaver

Set: the sanctuary stage is set up as a home, featuring: kitchen, Christmas tree, nativity, fireplace, recliner and/or couch.

Believer walks into the kitchen area of the stage, arms loaded with baking ingredients (flour, eggs, milk, butter...). Molly walks in on Believer looking really confused.

Molly: Hey Believer. What'cha you doing?

Believer: Oh, hey Molly. Mom's at a meeting with Miss Landers at the school. I wasn't sure what it was about so just in case I'm in trouble I thought I'd surprise her by making Christmas cookies.

Molly: Knowing you, you'll surprise her all right! Just don't go doing something goofy like setting your pants on fire.

Believer: Oh, all right, Molly. [has a confused look on his face] Molly...how do I make Christmas cookies anyway?

Molly: Now how am I supposed to know that? I think Mom just throws some stuff together in a bowl. I gotta run to basketball practice. Don't let me catch you getting into any trouble or I just might have to pop you one.

Believer: Come on, Molly; don't you know Jesus tells us to love?

Molly: OK, I'd **LOVE** to pop you one!

Believer: [laughing] Good one, Molly! See you later! [refocused on his project] Now, what do I do?

[Ward walks in]

Ward: Hello Believer. What are you working on?

Believer: Oh, I dad! I'm surprising mom by making Christmas cookies.

Ward: Do you have a recipe?

Believer: What's a resspie?

Ward: Well a RECIPE is very important. It tells you the right ingredients to put together, how long to bake the cookies and at what temperature. Let's see, your mother must have a recipe book around here somewhere. [recipe book is in plain sight, but they can't seem to find it]. Where is that recipe book?

[Kids in the audience will help them find it].

Ward: Oh yes, there it is. Thank you for the help, kids. [to Believer] This book is filled with instructions for right baking. Follow it closely, obey what is written in it and your cookies will turn out delicious.

Believer: Gee Dad, sounds like another book I know.

Ward: Which book?

Believer: The Bible. You know the big one that sits on the coffee table but nobody reads.

Ward: [uncomfortable] Oh, yeah right [looks at his watch] Oh look at the time, gotta run.

[Ward exits quickly through the audience]

Believer: Now, let's get these cookies finished. [Believer freezes]

[stage hand walks to the front of the sanctuary with a sign: *30 minutes later* written on it]

[June walks in]

June: Believer, what is this?

Believer: Hi Mom! I made some Christmas cookies! Try one! Try one!

June: What a nice surprise! [June takes a bite of a cookie] My, it's delicious!

Believer: Yah, when you follow the instructions in the recipe book, they turn out just the way they are supposed to. Just like another book I know!

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