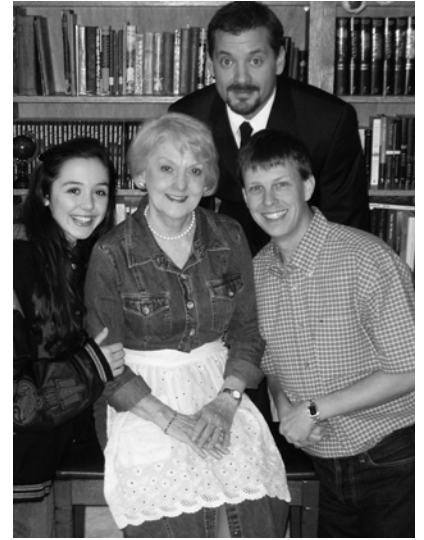


# Leave it to Believer

## Episode 3: Let's Gather around the Nativity

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### Cast:

June Cleaver

Ward Cleaver

Wally or Molly Cleaver

Theodore "Believer" Cleaver

June: (June enters from side stage humming We Wish You A Merry Christmas. She is holding pieces for a nativity set already partially set up.)

Believer: (enters eating a Christmas cookie.) Hey Mom, what'cha doin'?

June: (busily fussing over the arrangement of the pieces.) Oh, hi Believer. I'm setting up our nativity scene.

Believer: The one from Great Aunt Gertrude?

June: (distracted and not really paying attention.) Yes. What do you think? Should the shepherds be on this side or would they look better over here?

Believer: I think they were probably gathered around Jesus. Not standing off to the side.

June: But Beaver! If they gather around Jesus, you won't be able to see them all. Go get your Father and I will ask him.

Believer: Ok Mom. (Shrugs his shoulders and goes over to side of stage he entered from and hollers.) Hey Dad!

Ward: (enters with a strand of Christmas lights draped around his shoulders and dragging behind him.) What is it son?

Believer: Mom needs you. (points at mom)

Ward: Yes dear?

June: (still fussing with the arrangement. ) Where do you think the shepherds should go?

Molly: (Enters with paper and pen) Back in the box. Really Mom, that nativity set is the worst.

June: Molly! Your Great Aunt Gertrude gave us this nativity set! How would she feel if she heard you say that?

Molly: She'd be relieved that we figured out it was a gag gift!

Ward: That's enough Molly.

Believer: (walking over to Molly to see what she is working on) What's that Molly?

Molly: (proudly displaying his list for Believer to see) I'm making my Christmas list.

Believer: You sure have a lot of people to buy for!

Molly: It's not a list of people to buy for. It's a list of gift ideas for me!!

Believer: Gift ideas for you! It's awful long. (takes the list and begins to read it) A new stereo, an electric guitar, a car!!! You are never going to get any of this for Christmas!

Molly: (grabbing back the list) Mom and Dad want to get us things we want, and I want a car!

Believer: Molly, you know that Christmas is about more than presents!

Molly: I know! There's also time off from school, parties and pumpkin pie.

Believer: (just rolls his eyes and walks away mumbling) That wasn't what I meant.

June: (finally gets the nativity set up the way she wants it to be) Finished! How does it look?

Ward: (looking up from his strand of lights) It looks great dear. Just great.

Molly: It looks like a gift from Great Aunt Gertrude.

Ward: Molly!

Molly: Sorry Dad.

June: I need to run to the mall and do some Christmas shopping. Anyone care to join me?

Ward: (standing from the couch) I would love a break from these lights. I'll go pull the car around. (exits side stage)

Molly: Let me grab my purse! There is a huge sale on shoes this weekend. (exits side stage.)

June: How about you Believer? Do you want to come along?

Believer: Uh, yeah sure Mom, I'll be right there.

(June exits side stage)

Believer: (walks over to the nativity, looks at it for a moment and then looks up) They would have been looking at you.

(Believer exits side stage)