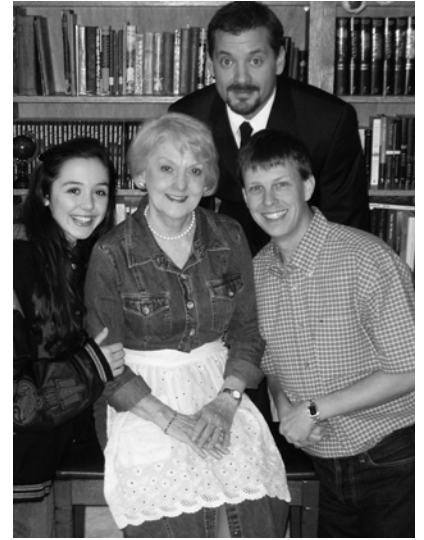


# Leave it to Believer

## Special Episode: Easter

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### Cast:

June Cleaver

Ward Cleaver

Wally or Molly Cleaver

Theodore "Believer" Cleaver

(Cleaver family enters, greeting different congregation members while making their way to the row of chairs on stage. They take their seats in the row on stage. June pulls out her feather duster and starts to dust the pew.)

Ward: Uh, dear...what are you doing?

June: (looks around, embarrassed) Oh, my; sorry...it's a habit I guess.

(Ward and June begin looking at their bulletins)

(Believer looks at his bulletin while Molly yawns BIG and LOUD)

Believer: Molly, can you try to be a little more subtle?

Molly: Excuse me! It's hard rising up out of bed on a Sunday morning!

Believer: Try rising from the dead!

(Molly is acting bored already- looking at her watch, playing with her hair, flipping quickly through her bulletin. Molly yawns BIG)

June: (notices Molly goofing off and leans over to her and whispers loudly)  
Molly! Would you sit still! We haven't been here since Christmas!  
People will think you don't know how to act in church!

Molly: Oh, I know how to ACT. Put a smile on my face and pretend I don't want to be anywhere else but here.

Ward: That's right, honey. Just grin and bear it...(under his breath) like I do.

Believer: (excited) Well, this is EXACTLY where I want to be this morning! It's Easter!

Molly: Yeah, yeah, yeah. Mister goody goody who's always so into this whole church thing. Hey don't look now, but there's that girl you have a crush on. What's her name? Oh yeah, Petra! (Molly does a cute little wave to Petra)

Believer: Molly! (Believer lifts his bulletin to cover his face, then slowly peeks over the top and gives a dopey grin.)

Molly: Pathetic!

(Believer and Molly start nudging each other and swatting at each other. Molly gets angry.)

Molly: Mom!

June: (looks over and gets visibly irritated) Ward!

Ward: (stands up) Kids! Don't make me stop me this service! (notices everyone staring at him and slithers back into his chair)

(Molly and Believer straighten up and start to sit quietly looking at their bulletin.)

June: Oh Ward, Easter just isn't the same now that the kids are grown.

Ward: What do you mean dear?

June: Remember how much fun it used to be to get them all dressed up for church on Easter morning. And the Easter egg hunts we would do out in the yard. Oh, they would stuff themselves on candy and wouldn't eat dinner, no matter how hard we tried!

Ward: Well, it was Easter; you can't expect a miracle!

(Ward and June settle in for the service to start)

Molly: (starts sniffing the air and looking around for the source of the smell) These flowers remind me of a funeral!

Believer: Well, Easter *is* about victory over death.

Molly: Yeah, I know, Jesus rising from the dead and all that stuff, blah, blah. (looking bored)

Believer: Molly! Jesus is the whole point of Easter!

Molly: I know! Every one just makes such a huge deal out of it!

Believer: Because it's a huge deal!

Molly: Well, I just hope Pastor \_\_\_\_\_ doesn't plan to preach for an hour!  
I'm hungry.

Believer: (whispers under his breath) Too bad you aren't hungry for what really matters.

Ward: (leans over to the kids) Shhh! Church is starting!

(Pastor gets up and welcomes everyone to the service, inviting people to stand and greet one another.)

(The Cleavers exit. The worship team gets into position.)

Congregation enters into worship.