

SIDE FOR: DEBRA, AUDREY

DEBRA

(into her phone)

I will absolutely see what I can do, Mrs. Jones. I understand. Yes. I'll get back with you right away. (hangs up) This is catastrophic.

AUDREY

Something wrong?

DEBRA

Catastrophic. I just—I—Jill and Timothy's mother and father are caught in traffic on their way to the show tonight and they can't possibly be back here by 6pm.

AUDREY

What'll we do?

DEBRA

Let me think...I've got it. Jill and Timothy's father can still catch the show—we could just switch performance times.

AUDREY

What? You can't be serious.

DEBRA

Why not?

AUDREY

Why not?? The memo already went out with our performance time! (to CHILDREN) Noise!! Level ONE! (to DEBRA) The show is only four hours away and there is no way we can get the word out that quickly.

DEBRA

Honestly? This is 2023 (or substitute the year). Text blast? Instagram, Twitter, Facebook, Remind, email...(add whatever technology seems appropriate here)

AUDREY

We're going to change the performance times for forty-something kids because ONE set of parents can't make it on time? (looks around) Is this a prank? Is there a hidden camera somewhere hidden here?

DEBRA

It's not that crazy an idea.

AUDREY

Isn't it? It's preposterous! Ridiculous. Absurd. (checks watch) And it's rehearsal time.

DEBRA

You mean OUR rehearsal time. You just had yours.

AUDREY

We have to run ours with tech.

DEBRA

Which you will do immediately after we run ours with tech. Look at your schedule!

AUDREY

I don't have the schedule!

DEBRA

Well, you should!

AUDREY

Suzanne, where is the—

AN ANGEL bursts into tears. It stops the adults in their tracks.

AUDREY

(to DEBRA)
Look what you did.

DEBRA

What I did?! What I did???

AUDREY

It is beyond my understanding that a leader of a church group of children can be so insensitive and unyielding. Unbelievable.

DEBRA

Me?! You're the one who won't change the performance time!!

AUDREY

It's too much to ask! Think about it! What would Jesus do??

DEBRA

Jesus would throw his hands up at this whole thing and sing Kumbaya!!

AUDREY

I'll just bet he would!

DEBRA

He absolutely would! (starts singing 'Kumbaya' loudly in AUDREY's face)

AUDREY responds in kind and the lights go down on the two singing loudly in each other's faces,