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Shine On

Characters: 6 light bulbs in a strand of Christmas lights, Jen, Star

Setting: Six people are standing closely in a tight circle--Purple, Green and Yellow are females and Blue, Red, and Orange are males. They represent Christmas lights that have been bundled up after last season. When they become untangled, they should stand in the form of a Christmas tree. (See below.) Each color character should have a flashlight in their hands and a shirt of their color.

(Jen enters, humming "Amazing Grace")

Jen: Now that the outside lights are all set, let's get started inside. (walks over to "lights") Okay you guys, you've been in storage long enough. Time to get you on the tree so you can do your thing!

Yellow: Here we go!

(Jen begins to "unwrap" the lights—the lights begin to spin around and spread out, resembling the untangling of lights.)

Purple: This is so exciting!

Orange: I think I'm gonna be sick!

Red: Hang in there, Orange. We're almost there.

(As all the lights start separating from each other, Jen arranges the lights in three rows in the following order:

Purple

Yellow Orange

Blue Green Red

Once assembled, the group should form a triangle, to resemble a tree. Purple should stand in the row farthest from the audience, Yellow and Orange in the middle, and Blue, Green and Red in the front row nearest the audience. Orange stands with his eyes closed tight)

Green: (to Orange) You can open your eyes now.

Orange: (*opening only one eye and looking around*) Is it safe?

Green: You're safe. We're all in place.

Jen: There, all set. I'm going to need an extension cord though. Now, where did I put that? (*Jen exits*)

Orange: (*opens the other eye and relaxes*) Whew! We made it all in one piece.

Blue: (*stretching in a big way*) Now this is more like it! Aaahhh!

Yellow: (*worried*) Wait, something's wrong!

Purple: (*concerned*) What is it?

Yellow: I'm not glowing! I can't shine!

Green: Oh no!

Yellow: What am I gonna do? She's going to replace me! I just know it!

Red: Relax Goldilocks. She hasn't even plugged us in yet.

Yellow: Oh. (*embarrassed*) Sorry everyone, false alarm.

Purple: It would be awful though, wouldn't it?

Orange: What would be awful?

Purple: To not be able to shine. I mean, that's what we were created to do, right? If we couldn't do it, well...I just think that would be terrible.

Blue: It is terrible. I've seen whole strings of lights go out before.

(*all the color characters gasp in horror*)

Green: No!

Blue: Yes.

Purple: How?

Blue: It started slowly. One light began to fade and then it went out. That light affected another, and pretty soon it went out too. Before we knew it, the whole string was out.

Red: Could it be saved?

Blue: No. Sometimes, if even one light fades, there's no hope for the rest.

Yellow: Couldn't they just find the bad light and replace it?

Blue: Often they can, yes. But in this case, it was too late. Too many lights had gone dim.

Yellow: That's so sad!

Red: Well, we've got to make sure that never happens to us, right?

Orange: Right!

(Disappointed that only Orange responded, Red repeats himself)

Red: *(more forceful)* I said, we've got to make sure that never happens to us, right?

All: *(yell)* Right!

Jen: *(enters with a cord)* Okay, now let's see what we've got. On the count of three I'm plugging you in. One...two...three...*(she pretends to plug in the lights)* Lights on!

(All the color characters turn on their flashlights and point them at their shirts.)

Jen: Oh, you're all just gorgeous! I've got the best tree on the block! *(she exits)*

Orange: Did you hear that? We're the best looking tree on the block!

Green: Maybe even in the whole city!

Purple: I love to shine!

(Jen returns with tinsel or garland in her hands. She begins putting pieces of the tinsel onto each color character, saying her lines as she walks from light to light.)

Jen: This will make you shine and sparkle even more. I love the lights of Christmas. Seeing you all shine makes me happy. You look gorgeous!

(All the colors smile proudly, listening to Jen praise them)

Jen: I think the purple is my favorite. She has the best glow about her. Just beautiful!

(The colors smiles begin to fade a little)

Jen: Red and Green are definitely Christmas colors, but I've never understood why orange was in this strand. Orange isn't Christmassy at all.

(A sad look appears on Orange's face, and his light begins to dim a little, which can be done by putting his hand over the front of the flashlight to block some of the light from shining through)

(Jen puts the last strand of tinsel on)

Jen: There. It looks great. All that's missing is the star. I'll go get that, and then I'll be finished.
(Jen exits)

Purple: *(excited)* Did you hear that? She said I was beautiful!

Green: Way to be sensitive Purple!

Yellow: Yeah, some of us didn't get such a glowing review.

Purple: *(immediately apologetic)* I'm sorry. I wasn't thinking.

Orange: No, it's okay. Jen's right. Who ever heard of putting orange lights on a Christmas strand? I should have went straight to the Halloween string.

Red: That's not true. Orange looks great on Christmas strings.

Blue: That's easy for you to say. Red is the ultimate Christmas color.

Green: *(defensive)* Hey!

Blue: *(sarcastic)* Relax sweet pea! Didn't you hear what Jen said? "Red and Green are definitely Christmas colors." It wouldn't be Christmas without you.

Yellow: At least you guys were mentioned. Jen didn't say anything about Blue and I. *(she places her hand over her light and it becomes dim)*

Blue: *(realizing)* She didn't, did she? *(he places his hand over his light and it becomes dim)*

Purple: Wait a minute, guys. What's happening?

Red: What do you mean?

Purple: Look at Orange. His light is fading.

Green: So are Blue and Yellow.

Purple: Oh no!

Green: Don't let your lights go out you guys! You were created to shine.

Orange: What's the point? Nobody wants an orange Christmas light. I'm ugly. *(he turns off the flashlight and hangs his head down)*

Purple: *(panicked)* Orange! Orange!

Red: It's no use. He's gone.

Yellow: I don't blame him. I can't compete with the traditional red and green either. And nobody is as beautiful as Purple. I'll never shine like her. *(she turns off her flashlight and hangs her head)*

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Green: This can't be happening! Somebody do something before we all go out!

Blue: Nobody wants a blue Christmas. A blue Christmas is a sad Christmas. *(sings)* "I'll have a blue Christmas without you." It's depressing. *(he turns off the flashlight and hangs his head down)*

Purple: Blue? Yellow? Come on guys, you're really scaring us. Come back!

Green: What do we do?

Red: I don't know if there's anything we can do.

Green: *(she puts her hand over her flashlight)* Oh no! I'm starting to fade!

Red: *(he puts his hand over his flashlight)* Me too!

Purple: I don't know what to do! Somebody help!

(Jen enters with the character, Star. Star should be male and carry a glittery star with his flashlight. When Jen enters, she should bring a stool or something for Star to stand on that will set him higher above the others. Star does not turn on his flashlight yet)

Jen: Now, to finish off the tree we have the Star. You go right up here on the top. Perfect!

(steps back to look at the whole tree and notices some of the lights have gone out)

(gasps) What happened to all my lights? This isn't good. *(she runs off stage)*

Purple: Star, you're so glittery and beautiful! Compared to you, I'm ugly. *(hangs her head but does not turn off the light)*

Red: We all are. *(he hangs his head too but does not turn off his light)* *(Green does the same thing as Purple and Red)*

Star: I am the light that is pure and true. But if we want to make this tree beautiful, we all have to shine together.

Green: But our lights have faded. Some have already gone out.

Star: Look to me and let my light shine through all of you.

Red: Will that really work?

Star: If you believe in me it will.

Purple: I believe in you.

Green: Me too.

Red: So do I.

Star: Then look at me.

(Red, Green and Purple all turn around to look at Star. Star turns on his flashlight and shines it on the glittering star)

Green: *(impressed)* Wow!

Red: *(equally impressed)* Double wowser!!

Purple: I want to shine like that!

Star: You can.

Red: How?

Star: Close your eyes, and ask me for the power to brilliantly shine!

Red, Green and Purple: *(face the audience again and close their eyes and say...)* Please help me shine.

Star: Now, think of how MY light shines pure and true.

Red: I can feel it! *(he turns his flashlight on, opens his eyes)*

Purple: It's amazing! *(she turns her light on, opens her eyes)*

Green: *(she turns her light on, opens her eyes)* I've never shone so bright!

(One by one, Blue, Yellow and Orange wake up and turn their lights on)

Orange: Hey, what's happening?

Red: Star's light is shining through all of us.

Blue: I'm actually glowing!

Purple: Yellow, you look beautiful!

Red: *(to Blue)* It's good to have you back, man.

Blue: I look fantastic! No more sad “blue Christmas” for me!

Yellow: Thank you, Star. I feel great.

Star: As long as you let my light shine through you, you will look and feel great. Other people will begin to notice too. They’ll want to be around you. You are shining out pure light.

Orange: Even me?

Star: Even you. From now on this Christmas string won’t look the same without you.

Orange: Yeah! I am red hot!

Red: Watch it!

Orange: All right, maybe not Red hot but I am lookin’ pretty goooood!

Purple: We’ll find out in a minute. She’s coming.

Jen: *(While walking onto stage)* Well, I found a few extra bulbs. I hope I can fix the lights. *(stops when she sees the tree)* That’s funny, they were burned out just a minute ago. Maybe there is a short in the cord. *(she gently shakes Blue and Green)* I guess they’re okay now. They all look fine. *(noticing Orange)* Wow! This orange one is really glowing. In fact they are all shining brilliantly! I love the lights of Christmas! *(exit)*

Orange: I guess you were right, Star. Thank you.

Yellow: Yeah, thanks for making us all look good.

Star: You’re welcome.

Green: Well, what do we do now?

Blue: We do what we were created to do. We shine!

Yellow: We shine!

Red: We shine!

Orange: We shine!

Green: We shine!

Purple: We shine!

Star: We SHINE!

On Screen:

The true light that gives light to every man has come into the world.
John 1:9