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“Adam and Eve and the Big Empty”

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- What** When Adam and Eve find themselves outside of the garden, they discover that they now have a big empty spot near their hearts. After numerous humorous attempts to find what’s missing, they learn that the answer is as near as a prayer.
- Themes:** Commercialism, Prayer, Funny, Comedy, Marriage, Forgiveness, Emptiness
- Who** Adam
Eve
- When** The beginning of the world
- Wear
(Props)** Adam and Eve are wearing white t-shirts with a black spot about the size of a softball painted on the back and front near their hearts. Props, which are hidden on stage, include:
- A piece of furry material
 - Large bone (can be cardboard)
 - Wheelbarrow wheel or something similar that’s been made to look like a stone-age wheel (it needs to roll)
- Why** John 2:15-16
- How** Play this like a married couple who’ve been together a long time. There are many opportunities for humor.
- Time** Approximately 4 minutes

Adam and Eve enter

Adam: Well, Eve here we are. You know this is all your fault.

Eve: My fault?! Look buster, you could have said not to eat the apple any time, but no-o-o-o! You said, "Let me taste it."

Adam: It's too late to argue about it. We're out here now, and we'll just have to make the best of it.

Eve: *(touching Adam's black spot)* Hey! What's this? You didn't have this when we were in the garden.

Adam: *(touching Eve's black spot)* I don't know, but you've got one, too.

Eve: Ewww! Does it go all the way through?

Adam: *(walks around to her back)* Yeah!

Eve: What do you suppose it means?

Adam: I don't know, but I feel like I need to fill it up with something. Maybe it means I'm hungry. Let's go find some berries or something to eat.

Eve: OK, but no apples! I'm not eating any apples.

Search around on stage. Eve finds a small furry piece of cloth and holds it up.

Eve: Look!

Adam: That doesn't look like berries.

Eve: I think you were wrong about being hungry. I think the empty spot is all about my need for new clothes. My fig leaf is so last year. *(Drapes cloth over her front)* Does this make me look fat?

Adam: *(circling Eve)* No. But...

Eve: What?

Adam: The empty spot is still showing.

Eve: Where?

Adam: Around back. Does that matter?

Eve: Of course, it matters. I don't want people to see it.

Adam: Eve? Look around.

Eve: *(looking)* Yeah, so?

Adam: Do you notice anything missing?

Eve: Like what?

Adam: Like people. No one is going to notice... BECAUSE THERE'S NO ONE ELSE OUT HERE!

Eve: You have a point there. It doesn't matter anyway. I still feel empty.
(drops fur)

Adam: Me, too. I didn't find any berries. Let's look again.

They resume searching the stage. Adam finds bone.

Adam: Hey Eve. Get a load of this. It's gonna' look great hanging above the mantel.

Eve: No! Absolutely not! We're not having that huge thing in my living room.

Adam: But it could be the start of a great collection. I think collecting trophies might make me feel better about being stuck out here. Is the empty spot disappearing?

Eve: *(examining spot)* It's not. But I know something else that's disappearing.

Adam: What?

Eve: Your chance of living with me if you bring that thing into our house.

Adam: Okay, okay. I'll put it back where I found it. Let's go look for something to eat besides berries.

Eve: Yeah, I'd like a nice salad. Hey! If I go on a diet, I might find some new clothes that fit.

Adam: Don't count on it.

Eve: Boy, you sure are cranky when you're hungry.

Search again. Adam shows Eve the wheel.

Adam: Look what I found! Isn't it great? I feel so powerful when I'm behind this thing. *(makes engine sounds)* That's what I'm talking about!

Eve: *(sarcastically)* Really?

Adam: *(beat)* You're not feeling the power? Look it's round just like the empty spot.

Eve: It's too big. If you keep carrying that thing around, it's going to drag you down.

Adam: You're right. My arms are already tired. It's too bad I can't find a way to move it around more easily.

Eve: Yeah. It does seem like it should be useful.

Adam: *(rolls it off-stage)* I guess we'll never know.

Eve: I ate some berries while I was looking around, but I still feel empty.

Adam: You know what Eve? I don't think the empty feeling is about food.

Eve: I think you're right. I wish I knew what would make it go away.

Adam: I never felt empty when we were in the garden.

Eve: Me either.

Adam: But I don't think it was the garden that made us feel complete.

Both: *(together with sudden insight)* It was being with God.

Eve: Remember when we were naming the animals and you wanted to call the friendly, fuzzy one a wet-tongued wiggle rump?

Adam: Yeah, then God told me I might want to choose something I could say easier.

Eve: *(laughing)* Yeah, He had you try to call it. 'Here wet-tongued wiggle rump. *(whistles)* Wet-tongued wiggle rump, where are you?'

Adam: God was right. Dog was a much better name. *(beat)* You know, talking about God makes me feel less empty. I miss Him.

Eve: God? *(calling louder)* God? Can you hear me? *(beat)* Hey! That's weird.

Adam: What?

Eve: You try it. Call God's name.

Adam: I'm sure He's busy. And probably really angry with us right now.

Eve: Stop arguing and just try.

Adam: Okay... *(softly)* God?

Eve: Well? Did you feel it?

Adam: *(with wonder)* I did. He answered, and I felt... I felt whole again.

Eve: Me, too. What do you suppose it means?

Adam: I think it means He still loves us even though we messed up.

Eve: Wow!

Adam: Double Wow! *(looking up)* Hey God! I'm sorry and I miss you.

Eve: Me, too, God

They hold hands and start walking off.

Adam: Hey, God! Me and Eve were just talking about the wet-tongued wiggle rump.

Eve: Yeah, and remember what Adam wanted to call that really tall animal?

Adam: Oh, don't go there. That's way too embarrassing.

Eve: Knobby-headed-brown-spotted-long-necked-leaf-eater.

Adam: I still think it's a better name than giraffe.

Lights fade.