

Scene Eleven

Mrs. Jeanette Kyger

Suzanne Kyger

Brady Kyger

Grandma Kyger

Mr. Andrew Kyger – the missing father who everyone thought was killed in action

Debra Johnson

Benji Johnson

Casey Johnson

At the very end, can add only the Hendrix family OR bring in the complete caste if desired

(Curtain opens as Mrs. Kyger, Debra, Suzanne, Benji and Casey are kneeling at the altar in the church, praying. Once the curtain is open, they raise heads, smile at each other, maybe one or two of them hug.)

Suzanne: I'm so HAPPY! I've never felt like this before.

Mrs. Kyger: I feel so peaceful. We've lost everything, but yet I have peace.

Debra: Let's have another prayer before we go. (They bow their heads.) Dear Jesus, I'm pretty new at this, but I know it is not how fancy the prayer is but how sincere. Tonight I have been reunited with my mother and my sister. I thank You for taking away the anger and giving me love instead. I thank You for taking us all into Your family. Please help us to love You and live for You. Help us to never forget that "Wisemen still seek Him." And, dear Jesus, help me to deal with the fact that my dad is missing in action. You know if he is still out there, somewhere, and if he is could You let him know that I want his forgiveness for being so disrespectful. We ask Your loving protection for all of us. Amen

(They raise their heads and talk quietly for a little while as Grandma and a middle-age man walk to the other end of the altar and kneel. Then the first group starts to stand and leave but they stop as the prayer mentions Debra, they turn back and see Grandma Kyger and a middle-age man kneeling.)

Grandma Kyger (praying): Dear Heavenly Father, this is a great day for us today. We are overwhelmed with joy that You kept Your hand on my son and brought him home safe after all these years. I'm so thankful that he has learned to love and trust You. We ask Your guidance for what needs to happen next. We know that Debra has accepted You as Lord of her life. And we commit Brady and Suzanne and their mother to You and pray that they will know Your love as well. We are trusting You to speak to them and open their hearts with a love for each other. Help Andrew and the family to be able to pick up the pieces and start over. (The onlookers gasp quietly in recognition.) In Jesus' name we pray. Amen!

(After the prayer, Grandma Kyger and Andrew hug, then Andrew stands and helps Grandma to her feet. When they turn, Grandma and Andrew are facing the others.)

Debra (almost in awe): Grandma, is this . . . can it be . . . ?

Grandma (grinning happily): It is!

Debra and Suzanne (unison): Daddy, forgive me!

Mrs. Kyger: Andrew!

(There's a commotion at the door, Brady bursts into the room.)

Brady: Mother, Kyla said you would be here. Guess what? (Puts hand over heart.) I found Jesus! (Looks at the others, then sees Andrew.) Grandma! Daddy? Dad!

(Curtain closes as the family greets each other. – Reopens with all the cast onstage.)

Andrew: This is the happiest Christmas ever!

Suzanne: Somehow, the price of the Christmas presents aren't important anymore.

Brady: Mr. Hendrix, I'm a Christian because of your Christian attitude, even when wrongfully accused of stealing.

Mrs. Kyger: Kyla, thank you for inviting me to see Jesus. What a difference HE makes!

Casey: Is Jesus still missing?

Benji: Wisemen still seek Him!

All (unison – placing hand over heart): I have found Him!