

**Lost and Found**© By Chris Brenk

**Scene One:** Four kids hanging out in front of a shopping mall right before it is time to close.

Andy	<i>Walking out of electronics store carrying a gadget.</i> Hey Willy, check this out. It's a remote controlled helicopter. It goes up 20 feet in the air. Cool huh? What do you think?
Willy	That's neat Andy, but I thought you were shopping for a winter solstice gift for your mom?
Andy	I was. <i>Frowns at Willy.</i> This is what I got her.
Taylor	You got her a flying toy helicopter? ( <i>Sarcastically</i> ) Real nice Andy, real nice. I'm sure she'll appreciate that.
Andy	<i>Looking shocked.</i> Actually, I think she will. You see, since school got out for the winter holiday break, I've kinda been a little bored around the house. Driving my mom crazy. So, I thought if I got myself something to keep me busy...well, what better gift could I give my mom?
Willy	<i>Looks unsure.</i> I don't know, Andy, there's something just not quite right about that.
Andy	Ah, it's fine. What about you, Willy? Find anything for your mom?
Willy	Not yet.
Taylor	<i>Points to the Bath and Beauty store next to them.</i> How about a basket of different soaps from Bath and Beauty?
Willy	<i>Looks over and ponders it.</i> That could work...but my mom really doesn't need any soap, she's always clean.
Savannah	<i>Speaking to her friend Taylor.</i> Boys. They don't know anything.
Taylor	That's for sure. You know, I just love shopping. Especially for me. But I suppose I better get something for my dad. Not many days left to shop.
Willy	I hear ya. Soon it will be the 21 <sup>st</sup> ...the day to open presents.

Andy	Wonder why we celebrate on the 21 <sup>st</sup> ?
Taylor	Cuz it's the Winter Solstice. It's the shortest day of the year. I think parents picked it figuring the shorter the day, the less presents they need to buy because it's less time to open them.
Willy	That's true. Hey Savannah, don't you celebrate on the 25 <sup>th</sup> ?
Savannah	Yep – some tradition my grandma insisted on. Can't remember what it's about, but who cares as long as we get presents.
Andy	Yeah, who cares? I just like the idea of - no school for 2 weeks!