Y4 Christmas Script

Narrator 1: Ahhhhh, the 80s. Big hair, big colourful clothes and LOTS of big ideas about what everyone wanted for Christmas. Toys and games were becoming more and more sophisticated, and more sweets and goodies were being consumed by households than ever before.

Narrator 2: Some lucky children would wake up on Christmas Day to stacks of colourfully-wrapped gifts, including for the first time ever, a computer or games console in their own homes. Electronic toys became more and more popular as the decade went on.

Narrator 3: Christmas in the 1980s was an innovative time, if you were a child. There was no doubt about it: a 1980s Christmas was a loud, lively, colourful and – above all – exciting affair.

[All Sing Merry Christmas Everyone – Shakin' Stevens]

Narrator 4: The year is 1984. There are just a few days left until Christmas. Three children are in their living room, watching programmes on TV. Their dad is sitting on the sofa, watching but not speaking much. Their mum is in another room.

Narrator 5: There are lots of toy adverts being shown on TV. The children are excitedly looking at the screen and talking about what they would like to get for Christmas. As each new advert appears, they cannot agree on what they want most, and keep changing their minds.

Advert Voiceover 1: The new Micro Machines car transporter – now with 20 Micro Machines inside!

Child 1: (Pointing) Oh, wow! Look at that! That's the latest Micro Machines set. I want that for Christmas: it's got **loads** of cars with it.

Child 2: I thought you already had that?

Child 1: No, this is the very **latest** one. See? It's a different colour to last year's.

Dad: It's only slightly different.

Child 1: Don't care – I have **got** to have it!

Dad looks directly at the audience, sighs, and then rolls his eyes. A new advert comes on, for a different toy.

Advert Voiceover 2: He-Man and the Masters of the Universe – the most powerful men and women in the universe are in YOUR hands - now YOU have the power!

All 3 children: I – HAVE – THE – POWER!!! (They giggle)

Child 2: Yeah, I'd love some He-Man figures. Look, there's Castle Greyskull. I really wanted that for my birthday, but Mum wouldn't get it for me. She said I'd only play with it once or twice and then it'd end up in the cupboard with all my other toys. Honestly, she's so mean -

Mum (offstage): I heard that!

Dad: She heard that...

The children shrink down in their seats, muttering 'sorry'.

Advert Voiceover 3: Transformers – Robots in Disguise. Autobot or Decepticon – you choose. Now YOU can be part of the battle!

Child 1: (To Child 2) Mum might have a point, though. I mean, look at what happened when YOU went through your Transformers phase (Child 2 shrugs)...

Child 3: (crossly) **I can remember** – you kept taking my toys apart to see if they would turn into robots!

Child 1: (genuine curiosity) And did they?

Child 3: (sulkily) No – they just turned into little heaps of broken plastic (Child 2 chuckles).

Another advert comes on.

Advert Voiceover 4: One man, Michael Knight, fights against crime with his trusty hi-tech car KITT: do YOU have what it takes to be Knight Rider?

Child 3: Aw, yeah! Knight Rider? I want that car instead. Look at the way it lights up at the front!

Child 2: That's wicked! [Name of child] in my class has one. He says it talks, too.

Child 1: Talks? No way!

Dad: Does it say, "Get me out of here, away from these kids, before they break me?"

Child 2: No...

Dad: Shame. If I was one of your toys, it's what I'd say.

Another advert comes on, this time for a different type of toy.

Advert Voiceover 5: Meet Teddy Ruxpin – your new best friend – it moves, talks, tells you stories and sings you to sleep.

Child 1: That thing is **creepy.**

Child 3: No, it isn't. My best friend wants one of those, but she says her mum won't buy it for her, for some reason.

Dad: Is **the price** the reason, by any chance?

Another advert comes on. Dad is looking exasperated.

Advert Voiceover 6: Presenting the Woolworths Christmas Show – get down to Woolies today, for lots of gifts and goodies at low, low, prices.

Mum (coming in): Ooh, Woolies! That reminds me – I must buy that Wham! album for your Auntie Nicola... oh, and look at the My Little Pony bedding. Half price. That's nice. We could get that for your bedrooms, 3 sets, all matching.

Child 1 and Child 2 look appalled at this idea. Only Child 3 shows enthusiasm.

Dad: Actually, those electric tools look great. That's a pretty good price too. I wonder if...?

Mum: You're not having those – you'd only use them once or twice and then they'd end up in the shed with all your other tools.

Dad: (Muttering) Honestly, you're so mean -

Mum: I heard that!

All 3 children: She heard that!

Dad: Sorry. (Sulking) How many more adverts? Isn't there **anything else** on? Change the channel... let's try that Channel 4.

Child 1: Channel 4? You need the remote control.

Child 2: We don't have a remote control.

Dad: (Smugly) Yes, we do.

Dad nudges Child 3, who rolls their eyes, then gets up and walks over to the TV to change channels.

The channel changes.

Mum: Oh, look, it's that nice Bob Geldof. What's he doing on telly?

Dad: I don't know. Oh, wait, yes I do... he's in Africa. I saw this on the news earlier.

All 3 children: Saw what?

Dad: He's raising money for people in Ethiopia, him and a lot of other rock stars. He says the Ethiopians have no food at the moment and nothing will grow because there's no rain. It's just getting worse and worse for them.

Mum: That's awful. I'm glad he's doing something to help.

Child 1: Me too.

Child 2: And me. But I feel a bit kind of bad now.

Child 3: Why?

Child 2: Well, here's us talking about all the things we want for Christmas, and they don't even have what they need to survive.

Child 1: That's a really good point. I mean, do they know it's Christmas time at all?

Child 3: Oh, they're going to play a song. Turn it up a bit, Dad.

TV Voiceover: And now, for the first time on television, the latest song to hit the charts. It's Band Aid with Do They Know it's Christmas?

[All sing Do They Know it's Christmas?]

[Prayer to finish]