

46. Christmas Scrooges — with a Purpose

(Girl)

1 My parents have completely lost their minds. They've
 2 gone all earthy, save-the-world kind of thing, and they're
 3 taking my sister and me down with them!
 4 No presents! *No presents!* Are they crazy? You can't
 5 have Christmas without presents! What will we do
 6 Christmas morning? Sit around and look at each other? Talk
 7 about world hunger, find a cure for cancer? What are they
 8 doing? Trying to buy a straight ticket to heaven? Don't they
 9 know that God cannot be bought?
 10 This is the most ridiculous, over-the-top thing I've ever
 11 heard. You don't just stop Christmas. (*Mimics.*) "We have a
 12 responsibility." Well, what about their responsibility as
 13 parents? Their responsibility to their *children* — not the
 14 world! I don't *want* to spend Christmas day lading soup for
 15 the poor. I don't *want* them to spend *my* Christmas gift
 16 money on toys for kids or care packages for the military. I
 17 don't *want* to buy a cow, or a goat, or even a chicken for a
 18 backwards, underprivileged village!
 19 Don't we get a say in this? Don't we get to decide if we
 20 want to be charitable with our gifts? I don't mind helping out
 21 the poor. Remember — I did help raise money last year for
 22 that well they built in Uganda. But what's it going to hurt if
 23 I have Christmas, too? No one's going to know!
 24 This is a two-part holiday! You have to have the *giving*
 25 and the *receiving!* It's just not the same without it! We're
 26 not saints! We're two girls with needs and desires. I've
 27 waited all year to ask for a television for my room! *All year!*
 28 I'm not a bad person. I'm not! But seriously, Mom and

1 Dad — *no* Christmas? We might as well give up all the
 2 holidays! (*Pause*) No, wait! I was kidding! You cannot take
 3 away Easter, too!