

Lesson 2 Christian the Lion

Scene 1

- 1** John and Ace shared a house in London. One day in 1969, they were shopping at a big department store for Christmas presents to send to their families in Australia.
- 2** Instead they found a baby lion for sale! “A lion at a department store!” Ace cried out in surprise.
- 3** The baby lion was cute but looked really sad. They felt bad for the lion and decided to buy it.

Scene 2

- 4** They named him Christian. He seemed happy to live with John and Ace. The two men and Christian got along really well. When they went for a walk, Christian would gently touch one of them and ask to play.
- 5** Christian loved to take walks with John and Ace. They bought him a special collar, and he would eagerly pull on his lead. Sometimes they ran and played with a ball for hours. “I can’t imagine life without him,” said John.
- 6** At first, people were surprised to see a lion in the city of London. However, they found out he was a gentle, friendly lion. Many people came to see him.
- 7** However, Christian was getting older. John and Ace worried that their happiness wouldn’t last.

Scene 3

- 8** One day, Christian picked up a belt, and Ace tried to take it from him. Christian got angry and showed his teeth. This surprised Ace, and he remembered that Christian was a wild animal.
- 9** After that, a friend suggested talking to George, an expert on African lions. George said that Christian should return to the wild with other lions, and they agreed.
- 10** In 1970, the two men went to Kenya to set Christian free. George trained Christian to live in the wild, and he also learned how to live from his new lion friends.
- 11** Soon John and Ace had to leave. After one last fun day with Christian, they left early the next morning without saying goodbye.