

Lesson 2 Christian the Lion

Scene 1

[1] One day in 1969, a large department store in London was crammed with shoppers. Housemates, John and Ace, were living in London and shopping that day for Christmas gifts to send to their families in Australia.

[2] As they were shopping, they found a baby lion in a little cage for sale! “This is the first time for me to see a lion at a department store!” Ace cried out in surprise.

[3] The baby lion was darling but seemed really unhappy. They took pity on the lion in such a little cage. In the end John said, “Let’s buy him.”

Scene 2

[4] They named the male lion Christian. After a couple of days, Christian began to like living with John and Ace. The two men and Christian enjoyed being with each other. If the two men were having a conversation, Christian would lightly touch one of them to get their attention and show that he wanted to play.

[5] Christian also adored being outside. John and Ace got him a special collar. When they took him for a walk, he pulled on his lead like an eager little puppy. They spent hours in a field playing with a ball and running around together too. “I can’t imagine life without him,” John said with a grin.

[6] At first, people were shocked to see a lion in the city of London. However, they soon found that Christian was an adorable little friend. Many people, including newspaper photographers and television reporters, came to see him.

[7] However, Christian was growing up very fast. John and Ace felt that their happy life wouldn’t last long.

Scene 3

[8] One day, Christian saw a belt in the house and bit it. Ace attempted to retrieve the belt from him, but for the first time he furiously showed his sharp teeth. Ace was stunned, and the incident reminded him that Christian was a wild animal.

[9] Since John and Ace were worried about Christian’s future, one of their friends