

# I Love Lucy Episode Guide

## DISC ONE



Episode 0 **The Lost I Love Lucy Pilot** (0:45) Produced 1951, never aired: This episode was a test for the sponsors to see if they wanted to sponsor the show. There are many differences between this episode and the show that we came to know and love. The opening is different, the settings are very different, and Fred and Ethel Mertz are nonexistent. The show starts out with Lucy wanting to get into Ricky's audition for a television show. Ricky just wants Lucy to cook and clean for him. This was the only appearance of Ricky's agent Jerry, played by Jerry Hausner. He was supposed to be on future episodes of the show, but they decided not to continue with his character. They go to what came to be known as the Tropicana Nightclub where Ricky is practicing with his orchestra. Pepeeto the clown is rehearsing his act and he injures himself. He goes to Ricky's apartment to rest, and Lucy is surprised to see him there. Pepeeto ends up driving his bike through the wall, and he is unable to perform in the audition later that night. Lucy shows up as Pepeeto and does the show with Ricky. They end up offering Lucy a television contract and she ends up declining it to be a wife to Ricky. This is not the best pilot for a show ever, but it is definitely worth watching!

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Episode 1-1 **The Girls Want to Go to the Nightclub** (0:30) First Aired 15 Oct 51: It's Fred and Ethel's 18th wedding anniversary, Ethel wants to go to the Copa Cabana and Fred wants to go to the fights. Lucy helps Ethel to try and change the boy's minds and Ricky helps Fred to do the same with the girls. Neither side will give in so Lucy tries to find dates to escort her and Ethel to the Copa, when Ricky finds out he tells Fred they need to find dates so they can go to the Copa and keep an eye on the girls. They both end up calling the same person for help with finding escorts and the result was the beginning of TV's funniest sitcom ever.

Episode 1-2 **Be a Pal** (0:30) First Aired 22 Oct 51: Worried that Ricky is starting to lose interest in her, Lucy decides to remind Ricky of Cuba and his childhood. With Ethel's help she decorates the home and decides to impersonate a singer like Ricky's mom.

Episode 1-3 **The Diet** (0:30) First Aired 29 Oct 51: Ricky will finally let Lucy be in his show—if she can starve and steam her way into a size 12 costume.

Episode 1-4 **Lucy Thinks Ricky Is Trying to Murder Her** (0:30) First Aired 5 Nov. 1951: After becoming too involved in a murder mystery book, Lucy believes that Ricky is trying to murder her.

Episode 1-5 **The Quiz Show** (0:30) First Aired 12 Nov 51: When Lucy is months behind in paying the bills, she decides to go on a radio show to win \$1,000. To win the money, she must introduce a stranger to Ricky as her 'first husband'.

## DISC TWO

Episode 1-6 **The Audition** (0:30) First Aired 19 Nov 51: Ricky tries to keep Lucy away from his TV audition, but when a clown can't make it, Lucy shows up in his place (Remake of the pilot).

Episode 1-7 **The Séance** (0:30) First Aired 26 Nov 51: After suddenly becoming interested in superstitions, Lucy reads Ricky's horoscope and it says that today is not a good day for Ricky to make business deals. So when a call comes through with a very good job offer for Ricky, Lucy tells them no, leading Lucy to have a séance to set things right.

Episode 1-8 **Men Are Messy** (0:30) First Aired 3 Dec 51: Lucy decides to teach Ricky a lesson about his being messy when his press agent lines up a spread in Halfbeat Magazine by trashing the house. Little does Lucy know though that the reporter Ricky brings home to do the spread is actually from Look Magazine causing big trouble.

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Episode 1-9 **The Fur Coat** (0:30) First Aired 10 Dec 51: Ricky has to resort to hiring Fred to pretend to burglarize Ricky's house and steal a fur coat that Lucy will not take off and believes is her anniversary present, but it really is a prop for one of Ricky's shows that he brought home to show everyone.

Episode 1-10 **Lucy Is Jealous of Girl Singer** (0:30) First Aired 17 Dec 51: Lucy sneaks into Ricky's "Jezebel" chorus line to try and find out if Ricky is seeing another woman.

Episode 1-11 **Drafted** (0:30) First Aired 24 Dec 51: Lucy and Ethel mistakenly believe that Ricky and Fred have been drafted when they receive a telegram for Ricky telling him to report to Army's Fort Dix. Their suspicions are further proved when Ricky and Fred come into the house practicing marching with brooms. So Lucy and Ethel decide to throw them a going away party, but Ricky and Fred believe that the girls are pregnant, and plan a party for them on the same night. Chaos ensues when Lucy and Ethel discover that when Ricky and Fred came into the house marching, they were really practicing for a routine at the club, and they're not really drafted.

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Episode 1-12 **The Adagio** (0:30) First Aired 31 Dec 51: While practicing for a number in one of Ricky's shows, Lucy gets a dance instructor that has more than dance lessons on his mind making Ricky furious.

Episode 1-13 **The Benefit** (0:30) First Aired 7 Jan 52: Ethel desperately wants Ricky to perform at the women's club benefit, but the only way that Lucy will ask is if she gets to be in the show too. Ethel finally agrees just because she wants Ricky there. After a lot of coaxing, Ricky says that he'll be in the benefit with Lucy, but when he brings home the act for Lucy to study, Lucy finds that Ricky has given himself all of the funny lines. So she then comes up with a way to teach Ricky a good lesson.

Episode 1-14 **The Amateur Hour** (0:30) First Aired 14 Jan 52: Lucy has to babysit two spoiled rambunctious twins to make money to pay for a dress that she spent too much money on. She doesn't realize though what she's getting herself into, but at the last moment before Lucy goes insane, the twins' mother calls and tells Lucy that if she'll perform in a talent show with the twins, she'll let Lucy keep the \$100 prize money.

Episode 1-15 **Lucy Plays Cupid** (0:30) First Aired 21 Jan 52: Lucy's neighbor wants her to deliver an invitation to the grocer for a date. When she does, the grocer thinks the note is from Lucy rather than the neighbor. The grocer is delighted to think he will have dinner with Lucy.

Episode 1-16 **Lucy Fakes Illness** (0:30) First Aired 28 Jan 52: Lucy is so frustrated that Ricky won't let her go into show business, she fakes being mentally ill. When Ricky finds out, he hires an actor to play a doctor and tell her she's really very sick and needs an operation.

Episode 1-17 **Lucy Writes a Play** (0:30) First Aired 4 Feb 52: Lucy enters a playwriting competition, hoping to cast Ricky, but has to settle for Fred, and rewrites. But when Ricky learns a movie producer will be judging the plays, he takes over for Fred, not knowing the script's been changed.

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Episode 1-18 **Breaking the Lease** (0:30) First Aired 11 Feb 52: The Ricardos and the Mertzes get into a huge fight, and Lucy and Ricky decide that they're leaving. There's only one catch to their plan though, they signed a lease. So now Lucy and Ricky decide to become the worst tenants ever and get kicked out. But as soon as the Mertzes do kick them out, they decide that they can't go through with it. In the end, they all apologize, and Ricky and Lucy get to stay.

Episode 1-19 **The Ballet** (0:30) First Aired 18 Feb 52: When Lucy learns of two openings in Ricky's show, one for a ballet dancer, and one for a burlesque comic, Lucy decides to take ballet lessons because she has some past experience in it. But once that goes horribly wrong, she then decides to hire someone to help her learn the art of burlesque comedy. Then Lucy learns that Ricky now has only one opening left in the show, and falsely assuming that it's the burlesque comic, she goes down to the club with disastrous results.

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Episode 1-20 **The Young Fans** (0:30) First Aired 25 Feb 52: To rid Ricky of Peggy, an amorous Lucy teaches Peggy's clumsy schoolmate, Arthur, how to dance. Now the schoolboy has a crush on Lucy!

Episode 1-21 **New Neighbors** (0:30) First Aired 3 Mar 52: Lucy wrongly believes that the new neighbors are out to kill her, but in reality they were just rehearsing for a play.

Episode 1-22 **Fred and Ethel Fight** (0:30) First Aired 10 Mar 52: Ethel and Fred have been arguing with each other nonstop for the past few days, and Lucy decides to put an end to it. So Lucy invites Ethel to dinner, and Ricky invites Fred to dinner, neither of them knowing that the other is coming. But during dinner, Ricky and Lucy begin to argue, but Ethel and Fred have stopped fighting. Now Fred and Ethel have to figure out a way to patch things up between Ricky and Lucy.

Episode 1-23 **The Moustache** (0:30) First Aired 17 Mar 52: Lucy doesn't like Ricky's mustache and wants him to shave it off. But Ricky refuses, so Lucy decides to show him what it's like by gluing a fake beard on her face. Ricky eventually gives in and agrees to shave it, but only on the condition that Lucy gets rid of hers. But when Lucy tries to take it off, she finds out the remover of the glue she attached it is not being made anymore.

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Episode 1-24 **The Gossip** (0:30) First Aired 24 Mar 52: The boys place a bet with the girls that they can go longer than the girls without gossiping, and the winner gets breakfast in bed for a month. Everything is going fine until Ricky's plan to cheat backfires on him.

Episode 1-25 **The Pioneer Women** (0:30) First Aired 31 Mar 52: Lucy and Ethel accept a bet from Ricky and Fred that they can't go a day without modern appliances, but what will the boys do when the girls insist that they do the same?

Episode 1-26 **The Marriage License** (0:30) First Aired 7 Apr 52: When Lucy discovers that Ricky's name is misspelled on their marriage license, she believes that they're not legally married and insists that they get married in the same place they supposedly did the first time. But they have more trouble getting there than they expected.

Episode 1-27 **The Kleptomaniac** (0:30) First Aired 14 Apr 52: When Lucy is hosting an auction, Ricky thinks she has stolen the goods she is hiding in the closet. It worsens when Fred and Ricky witness Lucy taking a cuckoo clock out of the Mertzes apartment, unaware that Ethel had put her up to her. Thinking she's a kleptomaniac, they hire a psychiatrist. However, to get back at Fred and Ricky, Lucy and Ethel put on an act like they have just robbed a bank.

Episode 1-28 **Cuban Pals** (0:30) First Aired 21 Apr 52: Lucy tries to keep Ricky from dancing with his old dance partner from Cuba who used to be a little girl, but definitely isn't anymore.

Episode 1-29 **The Freezer** (0:30) First Aired 28 Apr 52: Lucy accidentally gets locked in a freezer that her and Ethel paid \$483 for while trying to hide a ton of meat they purchased.

## DISC SIX

Episode 1-30 **Lucy Does a TV Commercial** (0:30) First Aired 5 May 52: In this **classic episode**, Lucy angles her way onto Ricky's special as the show's pitch girl. She advertises a medicine called "Vitameatavegamin." Believing it contains vitamins, minerals, meat, and vegetables, Lucy isn't aware the stuff also contains twenty-three percent of alcohol. After four takes, she's "happy," but not very "peppy."

Episode 1-31 **The Publicity Agent** (0:30) First Aired 12 May 52: Ricky's publicity goes bad, so Lucy creates a stunt that includes her posing as the princess "Maharincess of Franistan."

Episode 1-32 **Lucy Gets Ricky on the Radio** (0:30) First Aired 19 May 52: The gang listens to a quiz show on the radio and Ricky answers all of the questions right. This inspires Lucy to get Ricky and herself on the show.

Episode 1-33 **Lucy's Schedule** (0:30) First Aired 26 May 52: After Lucy causes them to be late for dinner with Ricky's new boss, he puts her on a tight schedule.

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Episode 1-34 **Ricky Thinks He's Going Bald** (0:30) First Aired 2 Jun 52: When Ricky begins to believe he's going bald, Lucy performs an outrageous treatment on him that she made up to make him believe his hair is growing back.

Episode 1-35 **Ricky Asks for a Raise** (0:30) First Aired 9 Jun 52: After Ricky asks for a raise, and is then fired, Lucy, Fred, and Ethel go into the club in numerous disguises, and pretend that once they discover that Ricky doesn't perform there anymore, they leave.

## SEASON TWO

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Episode 2-1 **Job Switching** (0:30) First Aired 15 Sep 52: After Ricky and Fred get upset about the girls' spending, Lucy and Ethel go to work in a candy factory while the boys do the housework.

Episode 2-2 **The Saxophone** (0:30) First Aired 22 Sep 52: Lucy doesn't want to be left home when Ricky goes on tour, so she tries to convince him that she is a talented saxophone player. When that doesn't work, she tries to make him so jealous that he won't leave her by herself.

Episode 2-3 **The Anniversary Present** (0:30) First Aired 29 Sep 52: For their anniversary, Ricky secretly tries to buy some pearls for Lucy through a neighbor lady who works at a jewelry store. Lucy finds out just enough to think there's something going on between them.

Episode 2-4 **The Handcuffs** (0:30) First Aired 6 Oct 52: Lucy handcuffs herself to Ricky to try and get him to spend more time with her, but then she realizes that she doesn't have the key. The bad thing is that Ricky has to perform a show handcuffed to Lucy while they wait for a locksmith.

Episode 2-5 **The Operetta** (0:30) First Aired 13 Oct 52: When the women's club is running short on funds for their play, Lucy and Ethel decide to write and star in the play. But when the check for the costumes and props bounces, the company begins to repossess their props and supplies right in the middle of the play.

Episode 2-6 **Vacation from Marriage** (0:30) First Aired 20 Oct 52: Lucy convinces Ethel that both of their marriages are in a rut. They decide to take some time away from their spouses. Lucy moves in with Ethel and Fred moves in with Ricky. By Saturday night they all get bored and both attempt to check the activity of the other pair at the same time. Lucy and Ethel almost get caught spying and end up getting locked on the roof in their night clothes.

Episode 2-7 **The Courtroom** (0:30) First Aired 10 Nov 52: When Lucy and Ricky give Fred and Ethel a TV set as an anniversary present, Ricky's trying to fix it causes it to blow up. Fred then kicks in the Ricardo's TV set, which ends them all up in court.

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Episode 2-8 **Redecorating** (0:30) First Aired 24 Nov 52: Lucy refuses to leave the house while waiting to receive word on whether or not she's won a contest to get her apartment redecorated. This annoys Ricky so much that he decides to have Fred call Lucy and tell her that she's won, but Ricky never bargained on having to buy back all of his old furniture back when Lucy believes the phony call and sells all of the furniture.

Episode 2-9 **Ricky Loses His Voice** (0:30) First Aired 1 Dec 52: Lucy throws together a crazy ensemble of a cast after Ricky loses his voice and can't perform at the big reopening celebration for the Tropicana.

Episode 2-10 **Lucy Is Enceinte** (0:30) First Aired 8 Dec 52: Lucy has to try to find the perfect moment to tell Ricky that she is pregnant. But no matter when she tries, something always interrupts her.

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Episode 2-11 **Pregnant Women are Unpredictable** (0:30) First Aired 15 Dec 52: Lucy begins to believe that Ricky has lost all interest in her and only cares about the baby.

Episode 2-12 **Lucy's Showbiz Swan Song** (0:30) First Aired 22 Dec 52: Pregnant Lucy insists on being in a barbershop quartet skit at the club with Ricky and the Mertzes.

Episode 2-13 **Lucy Hires an English Tutor** (0:30) First Aired 29 Dec 52: Lucy is afraid that their new baby will pick up bad speaking habits from Ricky, so she hires an English tutor to teach them all how to speak properly.

Episode 2-14 **Ricky Has Labor Pains** (0:30) First Aired 5 Jan 53: Ethel and Lucy throw Ricky a daddy shower when he begins to feel left out because of all the attention that Lucy is getting.

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Episode 2-15 **Lucy Becomes a Sculptress** (0:30) First Aired 12 Jan 53: Lucy goes to great lengths to impress an art critic when she tries her hand at becoming a sculptress.

Episode 2-16 **Lucy Goes to the Hospital** (0:30) First Aired 19 Jan 53: After rehearsing for months, Ricky and the Mertze's plans on taking Lucy to the hospital calmly to deliver her baby crumbles when the time comes for Lucy to go to the hospital.

Episode 2-17 **Sales Resistance** (0:30) First Aired 26 Jan 53: Lucy seems to be unable to resist buying junk from fast-talking salesmen. Ricky tries to get Lucy to stop being a sucker for a sales pitch.

Episode 2-18 **The Inferiority Complex** (0:30) First Aired 2 Feb 53: Ricky turns to a psychiatric doctor for help when Lucy begins to develop an inferiority complex.

Episode 2-19 **The Club Election** (0:30) First Aired 16 Feb 53: Lucy and Ethel run against each other to become president of the Wednesday Afternoon Fine Arts League, testing their friendship. As it turns out, exactly half of the club votes for Lucy, and the other half for Ethel. But when a new member joins the women's club, who will cast the deciding vote, Ethel and Lucy go out of their way to earn her vote.

Episode 2-20 **The Black Eye** (0:30) First Aired 9 Mar 53: Fred and Ethel suspect abuse when Lucy has a black eye that she really got when she missed a book that was tossed to her by Ricky, but the Mertzes just won't buy her story.

Episode 2-21 **Lucy Changes Her Mind** (0:30) First Aired 16 Mar 53: When Ricky gets upset about Lucy constantly changing her mind and never finishing anything, he tells her she has to finish everything she starts. When she finds an old, incomplete love letter to a former boyfriend, she decides to finish it.

Episode 2-22 **Children Allowed** (0:30) First Aired 20 April 53: Lucy has a difficult night with Little Ricky crying constantly. A neighbor, Mrs Trumbull complains and says the lease does not allow children. Ethel says the lease does not matter because the Ricardos can stay.

Episode 2-23 **Lucy Hires a Maid** (0:30) First Aired 27 Apr 53: When Lucy needs to help with the baby and housekeeping, but she hires a maid who turns out to be more than a little domineering.

Episode 2-24 **The Indian Show** (0:30) First Aired 4 May 53: Ricky is planning an Indian show at the club and needs to find a few Indians to be included. Of course, Lucy, Fred & Ethel want to be part of it. Ricky hires Fred & Ethel but not Lucy, so Lucy has to resort to trickery to be included.

Episode 2-25 **Lucy's Last Birthday** (0:30) First Aired 11 May 53: After believing that everyone has forgotten her birthday, Lucy is surprised to discover that her friends have been planning a surprise party to celebrate her birthday.

Episode 2-26 **The Ricardos Change Apartments** (0:30) First Aired 18 May 53: Lucy wants to trade apartments with another tenant now that Little Ricky is born because she feels that they need more room.

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Episode 2-27 **Lucy Is a Matchmaker** (0:30) First Aired 25 May 53: Lucy tries playing cupid for one of the Mertze's friends that works as a lingerie salesman.

Episode 2-28 **Lucy Wants New Furniture** (0:30) First Aired 1 Jun 53: Lucy purchases new furniture to go with their new apartment and then tries to hide it from Ricky.

Episode 2-29 **The Camping Trip** (0:30) First Aired 8 Jun 53: Lucy and Ethel want to go with Ricky and Fred on their camping trip. Later, Lucy gets back at Ricky for trying to make her camping experience miserable by doing the very same thing to him.

Episode 2-30 **Ricky and Fred Are TV Fans** (0:30) First Aired 22 Jun 53: The girls get fed up with the boys watching the fights on television. They try to do something to distract them and end up getting arrested.

Episode 2-31 **Never Do Business with Friends** (0:30) First Aired 29 Jun 53: When the Ricardos sell the Mertzes their old washer and it ends up breaking, Fred and Ethel decide that they want out of the deal and try to give the washer back. But when the Mertzes learn that a repairman will give them \$50 for it, they desperately try to get the machine back.