Type: Joy Through Reading

Duration: 15 min
Participants: 2
Memorization: No

GOD WITH US

PURPOSE: This dramatic audio tells the story of Jesus' birth and why He came to earth. It reminds us that Jesus is on His throne, and absolutely nothing can separate us from His love!

Interactive Bible Reading *(Stage?Ready Script with Dramatic Pauses)*

No memorization needed. A pre?recorded audio track of Bible verses will be played with reflective pauses built into the script.

Key Tip for Reader: Listen closely to the Bible verses and respond with your heart as written for the Reader.

"Pay close attention to what you hear. The closer you listen, the more understanding you will be given-and you will receive even more." ***Mark 4:24***

CHARACTERS

- **Narrator**
- **Reader**
- **Technician** (Start the recording)
- ***The above could be done by one person**

STAGE DIRECTIONS / NOTES

- Keep the stage simple: a stool and Bible. (sitting on a stool rather than a chair will make it easier for residents to see).
- Have a sound system ready for the Bible recording.
- Start the recording. Once it begins, there are six built-in pauses, so there's no need to stop the track—just follow the script.
- While the recording is playing, look down at your Bible and follow along while occasionally turning a page.
- At each numbered pause, look up, respond to the reading, and deliver the "Reader" lines as indicated.
- Audio Bible is read in the New King James Version (NKJV)

SCRIPT

NARRATOR
(Warm, gentle tone)
This is a story about someone who has many questions about life…
and is searching for truth.
(Pause for effect.)

Searching for Answers

[Reader steps forward holding a Bible.]

READER
(Curious, slightly overwhelmed)
I wonder sometimes. *(Pause)* Is there even a God?
I've heard there are many different gods…
Is there really only **one** God? And does He see me? Does He really know me?
(Opens Bible slowly; breathes deeply. Flips pages deliberately to John 1)

TECHNICIAN
Play Recording — John 1:1–5, 14

Tap to Play the GOD WITH US – RECORDING

The recording begins at John 1:1 and continues through John 1:5 and verse 14. The first pause will come after these verses are read. You will then hear 15 seconds of silence.

Reader: During this pause, follow the prompts in **#1 PAUSE** as written.

#1 PAUSE

(15 Seconds)
READER: Jesus always existed…*(After pause, in awe)*
and He created everything?*(Looking around.)*
He created **me**?*(Thinking.)*
And He became human… but how?

The Angel Visits Mary – Luke 1:26–35, 37–38

Joseph's Dream – Matthew 1:19–25

#2 PAUSE

(15 Seconds)

READER: *(Softly, amazed)*

Emmanuel means…
"God with us!"
Wait…
Is God really right here with us?

The Birth of Jesus – Luke 2:6–20

#3 PAUSE

(15 Seconds)

READER
"I bring you GOOD NEWS that will bring great JOY to ALL people." (Luke 2:10)
But… why did Jesus come to earth as a human?

Jesus Explains His Mission – John 12:27, 32–34, 44–47

#4 PAUSE

(15 Seconds)

READER

(Reading the Bible) ***"For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard."*** *Romans 3:2*3

(Look past the audience, as speaking directly to Jesus.)

I have done a lot of things wrong God. Why? Why would you die for me?

The Meaning of the Cross — Romans 5:6–8

#5 PAUSE

(Long pause — 25 seconds — reflective.)

READER
(Soft, emotional)
Jesus, You died because of Your "Great Love" for us.

You never sinned! It is only Your perfect blood that can saves us.

You love us that much. *(Reflective, with humility and thankful.)* **Forgive me. Thank you, Jesus.**

Nothing Can Separate Us — Romans 8:31–34

#6 PAUSE

(15 Seconds)

READER
You overcame death. You are on Your throne right now, praying for us!

Nothing can separate us from You, Jesus.

Trials Cannot Separate Us – Romans 8:35-39

END OF RECORDING

READER:

God, You are always with us! (*Looking up with Joy.)* **And You see me.**

NARRATOR
(Stepping forward gently)
Jesus, who created the universe
stepped into this world…
lived among us…
understands us completely,
died for us…
rose again…

and **Now** nothing—
Nothing—
can separate us from His love.

If you believe this and desire to receive Jesus as your Savior, pray this prayer with me:

(*Help guide residents through the prayer of Salvation. Have them repeat*)

God, You created me.
Thank You for loving me.
You are my Father and Savior.
I have sinned—please forgive me.
Your death paid for my sins.
I want you to be the Lord of my life.
In Jesus' name, amen.