Type: Joy Through Reading
Theme: Resurrection
Scripture: John

Scripture: John 14, 17-20
Duration: 15 min
Participants: 2
Memorization: No

Characters

Narrator - Sets the scene and guides transitions

Reader - Searching for answers, reacts to Scripture

Technician - Plays pre-recorded Bible passages

OUR RESURRECTED LORD

PURPOSE: This audio is an interactive Bible reading that explores Jesus' death and resurrection through the eyes of a young seeker who reveals doubts and asks honest questions. As God's Word comes to life, the seeker discovers the hope, purpose, and eternal life found in Jesus, reminding us that God has a plan for each of us.

No memorization required. Pre-recorded Bible verses play with pauses for reader interaction.

Reader Key Tip: 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** – Sets the scene and guides transitions.
- **Reader** – Reacts to the recorded Bible verses.
- **Technician** – Plays pre-recorded Bible passages.

STAGE DIRECTIONS / NOTES

- Keep the stage simple (and a Bible placed on a stand or table.
- Have a sound system ready for the Bible recording.

- Start the recording. Once it begins, there are five 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
(Center stage, softly, to audience)
This is the story of someone who has many questions and is searching for the purpose of life.

Searching for Answers

READER
(Sits or stands center stage, looking upward, frustrated)

God? … *(Pause — long, as if listening for an answer)*
As I sit here, I wonder why does life have to be so hard? Have you abandoned me?

What is Your plan for me?

READER

(Looks down, notices a Bible on the floor. Turns pages slowly.)
I have heard that Your plan for me is written in the pages of the Bible. Is that true? *(Pause)*

God, show me the purpose You have for my life.

John… chapter 14… *(Turns page reverently)*

TECHNICIAN — Play Recording

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The recording begins at John 14:1 and continues through John 14:1–6, 15–19, and John 17:1–3, 25–26. The first pause will come after the verses in John 17 is read. You will then hear 8 seconds of silence.

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

#1 PAUSE

(8 Seconds)

READER
God, You want me to know… You love me!

Garden of Gethsemane – John 18:1–11

#2 PAUSE

(10 seconds)

READER
(Step back slightly, hands over heart)
Jesus, You could have saved Yourself here… but You chose to suffer?

Jesus Arrested – John 19:1-3, 14-16

#3 PAUSE

(10 Seconds)

READER
(Loudly) **Jesus only loved us!**

(Pause) **Why? Why did they crucify Him?**

It is Finished – John 19:25-30

#4 PAUSE

(8 Seconds)

READER
(Voice trembling, gesturing toward heaven)
God, You love us that much? You gave Your Life for us!

Empty Tomb – John 20:1–2, 8–10

#5 PAUSE

(17 Seconds)

READER
(Reads from Bible, eyes shining brightly with anticipation!)
"Mary" Jesus said. "Go and tell my brothers, I am ascending to My Father and your Father. To My God and your God." Mary told them "I have seen the LORD." *(John 20:16-18 NLT)*
(Look around as if seeing Jesus)

Jesus Reveals Himself to Thomas – John 20:24–31

END OF RECORDING

READER
(Hands open as if seeing the nails.)

I believe! Lord, I believe You are the risen Christ.

(Catching breath – hand to heart.)

For us to be saved, Jesus had to take my place and die for my sins. Thank you.

(Reader closes Bible and bows in silent prayer.)

Jesus, You are my Savior!

NARRATOR:

(Raises Bible reverently, stepping forward slightly, full voice)

"**For this is how God loved the world: He gave His One and Only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life. "** *(John 3:16 NLT)*

His blood has removed our sins—
as far as the east is from the west.

If you believe this and would like to receive Jesus as Savior, say 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.

Props

- Chair
- Bible on a stand or table
- Sound system for Bible recordings

Staging

Keep the stage simple: a chair, a Bible on a stand or table.
Optional: Soft lighting to highlight the Reader during emotional moments.

Music / Audio

Pre-recorded Bible passages (Google Drive audio files)