

A CHRISTMAS TO REMEMBER—Interactive Bible Reading

No memorization needed for this skit. This responsive reading emphasizing bible verses that focus on the birth of Jesus.

NARRATOR: This is a story about a young girl (or boy) who has a lot of questions and is trying to figure out the purpose of life. She visits an elderly couple who tells her all about God and gives her a Bible.

READER: (Holding a Bible) Is there even a God? I've heard there are many different Gods. Is there Only one God? (Opens the Bible and starts reading.)

READER: (Turns the pages of the bible to John 1.)

TECHNICIAN: (Play Recording. [Download soundtrack](#))

In the beginning the Word already existed. He was with God, and He was God. He was in the beginning with God, He created everything there is. Nothing exists that He didn't make. Life itself was in Him. And this life gives life to everyone. The light shines through the darkness and the darkness can never extinguish it. (John 1:1-5)

So the Word became human and lived here on earth among us. He was full of unfailing love and faithfulness. And we have seen his glory, the glory of the only Son of the Father. (John 1:14)

READER: (Paused for 15 seconds) Jesus always existed, and He created everything!? He created me. And He became human. But how?

God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a village in Galilee, to a virgin named Mary. She was engaged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of King David. Gabriel appeared to her and said,

"Greetings, favored woman! The Lord is with you!"

Confused and disturbed, Mary tried to think what the angel could mean.

"Don't be frightened, Mary," the angel told her, "for God has decided to Bless you. You will become pregnant and have a Son, and you are to name Him Jesus. He will be very great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The

Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David. And he will reign over Israel forever; his Kingdom will never end!”

Mary asked the angel, “But how can I have a baby? I am a virgin.”

The angel replied, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the baby born to you will be holy, and He will be called the Son of God.” (Luke 1:26b-35)

For nothing is impossible with God.

Mary responded, “I am the Lord’s servant. And I am willing to accept whatever He wants. May everything you have said come true.” And then the angel left. (Luke 1:37-38)

Joseph, her fiancé, being a just man, decided to break the engagement quietly so as to not disgrace her publicly. As he considered this he fell asleep and an angel of The Lord appeared to him in a dream.

“Joseph, son of David,” the angel said, “do not be afraid to go ahead with your marriage to Mary. For the child within her was conceived by the Holy Spirit. And she will have a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.”

All of this happened to fulfill the Lord’s message through his prophet:

“Look! The virgin will conceive a child! She will give birth to a son,
and he will be called Immanuel, meaning
‘God is with us.’”

When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord commanded and brought Mary home to be his wife. But she remained a virgin until her son was born. And Joseph named him Jesus. (Matthew 1:19-23)

READER: (Paused for 15 seconds) Jesus is called Emmanuel, which means “God with us?” Wait! God is with us?

And while they were there, the time came for her baby to be born. She gave birth to her first child, a Son. She wrapped him snugly in strips of cloth and laid

him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the village Inn. That night- some shepherds were in the fields outside the village guarding their flocks of sheep. Suddenly, an angel of the Lord appeared among them, and the radiance of the Lord's glory surrounded them. They were terribly frightened, but the angel reassured them.

"Don't be afraid!" he said. "I bring you good news of great joy for everyone. The Savior—yes, the Messiah, the Lord—has been born tonight in Bethlehem, the city of David! And this is how you will recognize Him: You will find a baby lying in a manger wrapped snugly in strips of cloth.

Suddenly, the angel was joined by a vast host of others—the armies of heaven—praising God "Glory to God in highest heaven, and peace on earth to those with whom God favors." When the angels had returned to heaven, the shepherds said to each other, "Come on, let's go to Bethlehem! Let's see this wonderful thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about."

They ran to the village and found Mary and Joseph. And there was the baby, lying in the manger. Then the shepherds told everyone what had happened and what the angel had said to them about this Child. All who heard the shepherds' story were astonished, but Mary quietly treasured all these things in her heart and thought about them often. The shepherds went back to their fields and flocks, glorifying and praising God for what the angels had told them and because they had seen the child just as the angels had said. (Luke 2:4b-20)

READER: (Paused for 15 seconds) This is what Christmas is all about! Jesus's birth. But why did God come to this earth as a human being?

Now my soul is deeply troubled. Should I pray, 'Father, save me from what lies ahead'? But that is the very reason I came! (John 12:27)

And when I am lifted up on the cross, I will draw everyone to myself." He said this to indicate how he was going to die.

"Die" asked the crowd "We understood from Scripture that the Messiah would live forever. Why are you saying the Son of Man will die? Who is this Son of Man, you are talking about?" (John 12:32-34)

Jesus shouted to the crowds, "If you trust me, you are really trusting God who sent me. For when you see me you are seeing The One who sent me. I have come as a light to shine in this dark world, so that all who put their trust in me will no longer remain in the darkness. If anyone hears me and doesn't obey me,

I am not his judge, for I have come to save the world and not to judge it. (John 12:44-47)

READER: (Paused for 15 seconds) Wait a minute! God, you came to save us and not to judge us. Save us from what?

When we were utterly helpless, Christ came at just the right time and died for us sinners. Now, no-one is likely to die for a good person, though someone might be willing to die for a person who is especially good. But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners. (Romans 5:6-8)

READER: (Paused for 25 seconds) “And according to the law almost all things are purified with blood, and without shedding of blood, there is no forgiveness of sins.” (Hebrews 9:22) Jesus, Your blood saves us from our sins? You love us that much!

“What shall we say about such wonderful things as these? If God is for us, who can ever be against us? Since God did not spare even His own Son, but gave Him up for us all, won’t God, who gave us Christ, also give us everything else? Who dares accuse us whom God has chosen for his own? Will God? NO! He is the one who has given us right standing with himself. Who then will condemn us? Will Christ Jesus? NO! For He is the one who died for us and was raised to life for us, and is sitting in the place of highest honor next to God, pleading for us.” (Romans 8:31-35)

READER: (Paused for 15 seconds) You died for us, raised to life again, and now You are on Your throne praying for us!

“Can anything ever separate us from Christ’s love? Does it mean he no longer loves us if we have trouble or calamity, or are persecuted, or hungry, or are cold, or in danger, or threatened with death?” (Romans 8:35)

“No, despite all these things, overwhelming victory is ours through Christ, who loved us. And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from His love. Death can’t. And Life can’t. The angels can’t. And the demons can’t. Our fears for today, our worries about tomorrow and even the powers of hell can’t keep God’s Love away! Whether we are high above the sky or in the deepest ocean – nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from The Love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus Our Lord.” (Romans 8:37-39)

READER: Nothing can separate me from You, God? You are always with me!

“So then, since we have a great High Priest who has entered heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to what we believe.

This High Priest of ours understands our weaknesses, for he faced all of the same testing’s we do, yet he did not sin.” (Hebrews 4:14-15)

God, is that why You came as a baby? So, You could experience everything we do as humans on this earth?

You hurt and felt pain just as we do.

You bled and bruised when you were hurt, just like us.

You had feelings and were sad at times. You know exactly how we feel.

“Because God’s children are human beings—made of flesh and blood—the Son also became flesh and blood. For only as a human being could he die, and only by dying could he break the power of the devil, who had the power of death. Only in this way could he set free all who have lived their lives as slaves to the fear of dying.

....it was necessary for him to be made in every respect like us...so that He could be our merciful and faithful High Priest before God. Then he could offer a [perfect] sacrifice that would take away the sins of his people.” Hebrews 2:14-18