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“But God...”

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What We were dead in our sins, but God, who is rich in mercy, sent His son to rescue us and save us through His grace. This Reader’s Theatre is a great addition to your Christmas worship service or Christmas Eve candlelight service.

Themes: Christmas, Salvation, Hope, Sin, Mercy, Redemption, Forgiveness, Socially Distance Friendly

Who Reader 1
Reader 2
Reader 3

When Present

**Wear
(Props)** 3 Black Binder

Why Ephesians 2:4-5

How Read together as if one person is reading, careful to stay on top of your queues. For more tips on how to perform a Reader’s Theatre, watch [How to Perform a Reader’s Theatre](#).

Time Approximately 2 minutes

Readers enter and address the audience.

Reader 1: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was fully God.

Reader 2: The Word was with God in the beginning.

Reader 3: All things were created by him, and apart from him not one thing was created that has been created. (John 1:1-3)

Reader 2: God created man to dwell with Him, but man chose sin and rebelled against God.

Reader 3: But God was rich in mercy.

Reader 1: Man would repent time and again, God would forgive, but man would rebel again.

Reader 3: But God was rich in mercy.

Reader 2: Adam and Eve chose to listen to the enemy's lies and ate of the tree that was forbidden.

Reader 3: But God was rich in mercy.

Reader 1: Abraham and Sarah didn't trust God for the son promised to them and took matters into their own hands.

Reader 3: But God was rich in mercy.

Reader 1: Jacob deceived his father, stole his brother's birthright, fled his family, and wrestled with God.

Reader 2: Jacob's sons sold their youngest brother into slavery because of their jealousy.

Reader 3: But God was rich in mercy.

Reader 2: Moses in anger responded to injustice with murder and then fled the country. When God called him back, he gave a dozen excuses as to why he couldn't carry out God's plan.

Reader 3: But God was rich in mercy.

Reader 1: Moses led his people out Egypt and away from slavery to live in God's promised land. But the people complained and rebelled and worshipped idols.

Reader 3: But God was rich in mercy.

Reader 2: King David, the man after God's own heart, even after all that God had done for him, disobeyed and fell out of God's will and killed a man to cover up his sin.

Reader 3: But God was rich in mercy.

Reader 1: We lost sight of you and worshipped other gods and made idols out of stone.

Slight beat. The past is now the present. Quiet, reverent building...

Reader 3: But God *is* rich in mercy.

Reader 2: We are sinful people. We lie, cheat, and steal. We are quick to anger and slow to forgive.

Reader 1: We forget to be grateful. We forget that every good and perfect thing comes from above.

Reader 3: But God...

Reader 2: God's people waited and longed for the Messiah, the One that Yahweh had promised. The One the prophets foretold. Through 400 years of silence, they waited.

Reader 3: But...

Reader 1: ...then one quiet night in Bethlehem...because a young girl said "yes" to Jesus...Hope was here. Salvation has come! Love has come! The promise fulfilled!

With hope and excitement!

Reader 3: But God, being rich in mercy, because of his great love with which he loved us, even though we were dead in transgressions, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you are saved! (*Ephesians 2:4-5*)

Reader 2: Joy to the World! The Lord has come! Let earth receive her King!

Reader 1: But the story does not end with His birth. In fact, it is still taking place.

Reader 3: God's story is eternal. His kingdom is forever. Like the wreaths on our door He is never ending.

Reader 2: Like the evergreens we hang and leaves on our Christmas trees, His Word stands through the harshest of times.

Reader 3: Instead of adding Jesus to our celebrations, may we, this holiday season, truly believe that He is the center of it all.

"But God..."

Reader 1: But above all pursue His kingdom and righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. (*Matthew 6:33 NET*)

Reader 2: Merry Christmas.

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