

“It’s Christmas, God”

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What This Readers Theater highlights how we can serve Jesus by caring for others. As a gift to our Savior, we can make sacrifices to meet the needs of those Jesus calls us to serve.

Themes: Christmas, Serving Others, Serving Jesus

Who Reader 1
Reader 2
Reader 3
Reader 4
Reader 5

When Present

**Wear
(Props)** Matching dark clothing for the readers (optional)

Why Matthew 25:34-40

How Readers are standing on stage in a horseshoe pattern. If available, the reading can be accompanied by projected pictures that coincide with images from the skit. For example, when the reader is referring to the shepherds, the projected picture could include a scene reflecting the angels speaking to the shepherds. Be careful to avoid distracting pictures or abrupt transitions between the scenes. The script is solemn and reflective; avoid rushing.

Time Approximately 5 minutes

Readers address the audience.

Reader 3: It's Christmas, God.

Reader 1: When we reflect on Your birth.

Reader 2: The moment in history when You became man.

Reader 4: Bounding Yourself by the constraints of time.

Reader 1: So that You could live among us.

Reader 3: So that You could serve among us.

Reader 5: So that You could die among us.

Reader 4: Simply to save.

All: Us.

Reader 3: It's Christmas, God.

Reader 4: The time we shop for the perfect present.

Reader 1: Gift-giving.

Reader 2: For the sake of honoring our Savior.

Reader 5: So I'm asking this Christmas.

Reader 3: What gift could I offer to You, Jesus?

Reader 1: What gift can I give?

Reader 2: To a Savior that I can't touch with my hands?

Reader 3: See with my eyes?

Reader 4: Hear with my ears?

Reader 5: But can still feel with my heart.

Pause

Reader 3: Would it matter if I had been there at Your birth?

Reader 1: Maybe then I could have swaddled You in garments of the highest quality.

Reader 5: Or given You a place to lay Your head.

Reader 3: Other than a trough where cattle fed.

Reader 2: In a coarse stable.

Reader 4: I could have protected You from King Herod.

Reader 2: And caravanned miles to bring You expensive gifts from far away.

Reader 3: Setting them at Your precious feet.

Reader 1: I would have seen the bright star heralding Your birth.

Reader 5: I would have witnessed the dawn of Hope at Your first infant cry.

Reader 2: I would have listened in awe beside the shepherds as a choir of angels
sang of the Great Joy on earth for everyone

All: For us.

Reader 4: I could have brought You a gift worthy of a King, then.

Reader 3: But I wasn't there.

Pause

Reader 3: Would it matter if I had been there during Your ministry on earth?

Reader 1: Maybe then I could have followed You.

Reader 4: I could have helped feed Your disciples.

Reader 2: I could have invited You into my home.

Reader 5: Or visited You when you were grieving.

Reader 3: I could have washed Your feet.

Reader 2: With oil mingled with my own tears.

Reader 5: I would have watched in wonder as You healed the blind.

Reader 1: And raised Lazarus.

Reader 4: I would have seen first-hand that, You, Jesus are Lord.

All: Lord of All

Reader 1: My gift could have been to serve You, Lord.

Reader 3: But I wasn't there.

Pause

Reader 3: Would it matter if I had been there when You died?

Reader 2: Maybe then I could have sat with You in the garden.

Reader 4: Offered comfort and companionship as You waited to be betrayed.

Reader 1: I could have fought off the soldiers who arrested You and took You away to be falsely accused.

Reader 5: I could have torn the crown of thorns from Your head.

Reader 3: And gently washed Your bleeding wounds made from the angry whip.

Reader 2: I could have helped You carry the burden of the heavy cross.

Reader 4: And mourned with Your mother as Your body was pierced and broken.

Reader 1: I could have placed the sponge on Your parched lips to quench Your thirst.

Reader 5: As You hung (*pause*) dying on the cross.

Reader 1: For me.

Reader 2: For me.

Reader 3: For me.

Reader 4: For me.

Reader 5: For me.

Beat

All: For Us

Reader 3: But I wasn't there.

Pause

Reader 3: So, Lord it's Christmas again.

Reader 2: And I wonder what gift I can give to my Savior?

Reader 4: To the One who doesn't walk in flesh among us now.

Reader 1: But yet lives in me.

Pause

Reader 3: Maybe that's it!

Reader 1: I can try to live like You would live.

Reader 2: I can be Your hands and feet on earth.

Reader 3: I'll tend to the sick.

Reader 4: And hold the hand of the dying.

Reader 5: I'll wipe the tears of the grieving.

Reader 2: And create a magnificent feast for my hungry neighbor.

Reader 1: I'll pour out gallons of pure water to the thirsty.

Reader 4: And gently place warm blankets on the shoulders of the homeless.

Reader 5: I'll fight for the weak.

Reader 3: Care for the widows.

Reader 2: Speak up for the oppressed.

Reader 1: Pray for the broken.

Pause

Reader 3: Love Your children.

Reader 5: Lord, I'll proclaim Your glory.

Reader 4: Your honor.

Reader 3: Your greatness.

Reader 2: In the darkest places.

Reader 1: To rekindle Hope for the hopeless.

Reader 2: Until Your return.

Reader 3: This is my gift to You this Christmas.

All: Amen.

Lights out.

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