

A script from



“Joy to the World! Christ Has Come!”

A Responsive Reading

by

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- What** In a celebratory Readers Theater, audiences are reminded of the miraculous birth of Jesus, the greatest gift we could ever receive. Leads nicely into a choir or congregation singing “Joy to the World.”
Themes: Christmas, Worship, Responsive Reading, Celebrate, Joy, Messiah, Gift of God, Salvation
- Who** Reader 1
Reader 2
Reader 3
Reader 4
- When** Present
- Wear (Props)** 4 Black Binders
- Why** Luke 2:10-14
- How** This could be performed by a family, teenagers or adults and could be followed by singing “Joy to the World”. For ideas on how to perform a Reader’s Theatre or Responsive Reading watch [Skit Tips on SkitGuys.com](http://SkitTips.onSkitGuys.com).
- Time** Approximately 2 minutes

Readers enter and address the audience.

Reader 1: Christmas; a time to celebrate the gift of God's one and only Son.

Reader 2: A time to re-live the miraculous story that would change the world forever.

Reader 3: The arrival of our long-expected Savior was here.

Reader 4: Let men and heavenly host rejoice!

Congregation: Joy to the world, Christ has come!

Reader 1: The breath of heaven filled the earth.

Reader 2: Emmanuel, God with us, born into a stable.

Reader 3: Born both Son of David and Son of God, The King of Kings now dwelt among us.

Reader 4: His kingdom would know no end; his love would reign forever.

Congregation: Joy to the world, Christ has come!

Reader 1: We could not comprehend his ways; our Wonderful Counselor.

Reader 2: The sinless shepherd who would perform miracles.

Reader 3: And give freely the Bread of Life and Living Water.

Reader 4: We would hunger and thirst no more.

Congregation: Joy to the world, Christ has come!

Reader 1: Christmas; a time to celebrate the arrival of the Messiah, the Anointed One.

Reader 2: A time to honor the day Jesus entered our messy world to cleanse it of all sin and shame.

Reader 3: To be the spotless lamb, to redeem us from death.

Reader 4: To be the giver of eternal life; the greatest gift we could ever receive!

Congregation: Joy to the world, Christ has come!

Reader 1: He is the Alpha and Omega.

"Joy to the World! Christ Has Come!"

Reader 2: The First and the Last.

Reader 3: The Beginning and the End.

Reader 4: God, we thank you for Jesus. We thank you for this season of celebration; of salvation's arrival.

Congregation: Joy to the world, Christ has come!

Reader 1: Lord, we will go and tell the story of Christmas.

Reader 2: We will share the gift of your love with others.

All: "For unto us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

All Readers: "Today in the town of David, a Savior has been born to you. He is Messiah, the Lord."

Reader 3: We will sing loudly the carols of Christ's birth.

Reader 4: Hark the Herald, Angels Sing! Glory to the newborn king!

Congregation: Oh come all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant! "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

All: Joy to the world, Christ has come!

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