

A script from



## **“Questions Without Answers”**

### **A Reading for Mother’s Day**

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**What** This is a monologue or reading about Biblical mothers and our own mothers  
**Themes:** Mother’s Day, Mothers, Gratitude to Mothers

**Who** Reader 1  
Reader 2  
Reader 3  
Reader 4

**When** Present

**Wear (Props)** We recommend memorizing, but if the script needs to be read, then each Reader can use matching black binders.

**Why** Proverbs 23:25

**How** This would best be memorized, but can be performed as a reading. Tone should start playful, then slowly shift to earnest.

For ideas on how to perform a Reader’s Theatre, watch our Skit Tips at:  
<https://skitguys.com/blog/post/how-to-perform-a-readers-theatre>

**Time** Approximately 4 minutes

*Readers enter and address the audience.*

**Reader 1:** There are lots of gaps in our knowledge about our Biblical heroes. We don't know anything about Jonah's childhood, or what color hair Daniel had. We have no idea if Samson was a morning person or a night owl, or if Peter was a messy eater.

**Reader 3:** No one can definitively say if Abraham sucked his thumb way too long, or if Ruth was too rough with her toys.

**Reader 2:** But there is one thing we know about all of them.

**Reader 4:** They all had mothers.

**Reader 3:** No doubt, some lost their mothers early, others may have been momma's boys well into adulthood, and at least one floated away from his mother in a pitch-sealed basket.

**Reader 4:** But it would be fascinating to talk to those mothers. Think about all the questions you never knew you wanted answers to.

**Reader 1:** Did Noah show a fondness for matched pairs?

**Reader 2:** Was Samson in the habit of tossing his hair back like a model on a shampoo commercial?

**Reader 1:** Did Thomas believe in the tooth fairy?

**Reader 3:** What did Solomon build out of his alphabet blocks?

**Reader 4:** Did Paul have a pen pal?

**Reader 2:** Did Martha do Mary's chores for her?

**Reader 1:** Did David drive his family crazy by singing all the time?

**Reader 2:** Was Daniel a dog person or a cat person?

**Reader 3:** It would be fun to know the answers.

**Reader 4:** But what would we learn if we asked more personal questions?

**Reader 2:** Like...

**Reader 1:** Was Peter's mother worried when he chose a Nazarene carpenter as his rabbi?

**Reader 2:** How did Daniel’s mother teach him to pray so fervently?

**Reader 3:** What sent the woman Jesus met at the well down the path to seeking her worth from men?

**Reader 4:** Did Jonah go to his mother for advice when God called him to Nineveh?

**Reader 1:** What was it like to hold the tiny hand of the Son of God as He learned how to walk?

**Reader 3:** We can’t know the answers to these.

**Reader 2:** But we know for sure that just like each of us, these Biblical figures were shaped by the presence of or lack of motherly influence in their lives.

**Reader 1:** We can’t ask them how their mothers affected them. But some of us could hop in the car or pick up the phone and ask our own mothers questions we’ve never thought to ask.

**Reader 4:** Who was your first boyfriend?

**Reader 2:** How did you meet my dad?

**Reader 3:** How did you come to know Christ?

**Reader 1:** What was the hardest part of being my mom?

**Reader 4:** There is no one-size-fits-all description for the relationships we have with our mothers. They can be complicated or simple, beautiful or troubled, close or distant.

**Reader 2:** But one thing is for certain: God believes in the power of mothers. They have not only shaped heroes of the faith, many are heroes of the faith in their own right.

**Reader 3:** So today, mothers of the world, we honor you—not only our own mothers, but all the mothers in our churches, our workplaces, and our communities.

**Reader 1:** We thank God for you. We commit to honor you and cherish you. When you are young, we will stand alongside you and support you and pray for you.

**Reader 4:** When you are old, we will care for you and we will seek your wisdom and counsel. We will honor your legacy.

**Reader 2:** We will strive to live up to the Psalmist's words that children are a treasure from the Lord. We will follow Christ because so many of you have pointed the way.

**Reader 1:** And with the author of Proverbs, we will pray this blessing:

**All:** May your father and mother rejoice; may she who gave you birth be joyful! (*Proverbs 23:25*)

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