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"The Advent of Love"

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What The love of God became a living reality when Jesus was born. Through a

remembrance of great acts of God's love through the history of his people, this Readers Theater script joyfully celebrates God's love for the world at the first

Christmas.

Themes: Christmas, Advent, Love

Who Reader 1

Reader 2

When Present

Wear Unless you have the script memorized, Readers should have a black binder to

(Props) read from.

Why 1 Corinthians 13:4-8; John 3:16

How If you read this from the script, be familiar enough with your lines so that your

head isn't down in the script the entire time. Embrace the awe and mystery of

the scripture.

For more ideas on how to perform a Reader's Theatre, watch How to Perform a

Reader's Theatre on SkitGuys.com.

Time Approximately 3 minutes

Readers enter and address the audience.

- **Reader 1:** Ever since the Spirit hovered over the waters, even before the world was formed from the void
- **Reader 2:** It was there.
- **Reader 1:** Before God gathered up the red clay of Eden and shaped Adam from the ground
- Reader 2: It was there.
- Reader 1: Before God, by that same Spirit, breathed life into the lungs of man
- Reader 2: It was there.
- **Reader 1:** And before God brought forth Eve from Adam's rib because it was not right or good for him to be alone
- Reader 2: It was there.
- **Reader 1:** The love of God precedes everything we can ever know
- Reader 2: For God is eternal and God is love.
- **Reader 1:** When Abram was called from his father's house to become a great nation through which the world would be blessed
- **Reader 2:** The love of God called him into the promise.
- **Reader 1:** When Sarah, though barren, was 90 years old, she gave birth to the promised child
- **Reader 2:** It was the love of God that produced the miracle.
- **Reader 1:** When the nation of Israel was chased down by the Egyptian Pharaoh
- Reader 2: Men, women and children pushed to the shore of the Red Sea
- **Reader 1:** The chains of their slavery only just loosed
- **Reader 2:** The fate of each family suddenly on the brink
- **Reader 1:** The love of God brought miraculous deliverance
- Reader 2: And they passed through the sea on dry ground
- Reader 1: When David fought Goliath
- Reader 2: And as King strummed upon the strings to sing his psalms

- **Reader 1:** When he danced in worship before the Ark of the Covenant to praise the name of God
- **Reader 2:** It was the love of God that strengthened his hands and moved his feet.
- Reader 1: And so it was with Moses on the mountain when he received the law
- **Reader 2:** For Rahab hiding in the walls of Jericho spared from death as the walls crumbled down
- **Reader 1:** Elijah in the widow's home when the jars of oil did not run dry during the terrible drought
- **Reader 2:** Or for Daniel in the lion's den, where he was thrown because of obedience to God
- **Reader 1:** Our God, who is love, moved and changed the realities of these women and men.
- **Reader 2:** It was this same love that moved in Mary's heart when she said *Yes* to the plan of God
- **Reader 1:** As the apostle Paul would later write, love "believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things."
- **Reader 2:** And it was the love of God that empowered Mary to believe in God and trust him in his wisdom to bring the Messiah into the world through the womb of an unmarried teen
- Reader 1: The love of God was born in human flesh in the person of Jesus Christ.
- **Reader 2:** God who is patient, God who is kind, God who is not self-serving, or easily angered.
- **Reader 1:** God who rejoices in the truth and who bears all things, hopes all things, endures all things.
- Reader 2: On that first Christmas
- **Reader 1:** The invisible was made visible.
- **Reader 2:** Jesus was born into the world to embody the love of God.
- **Reader 1:** As we light the Advent Candle, we remember that God is love.
- **Reader 2:** The love of God was shown once for all when he gave his one and only son.
- **Reader 1:** The love of God is for everyone and was sent into the world.

Reader 2: The love of God is on display through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Reader 1: The love of God is for each of us and can never be taken away!

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