



## **“The I Am’s of Advent: I Am Hope”**

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**What** The hope of God is revealed in this Readers Theatre for Advent. Incorporate this script into your church service as you lead your congregation toward Jesus' birth.

**Themes:** Light, Hope, Darkness, Christmas, Readers Theatre

**Who** Reader

**When** Present

**Wear  
(Props)** Black binder with script for Reader

**Why** Luke 2:8-20

**How** Read with conviction and passion and be careful not to rush the dialogue. It's also possible to memorize this script and deliver it as a monologue.

**Time** Approximately 2 minutes

*Reader enters and addresses the audience.*

**Reader:** I am Hope.

In this world, there is no force that can destroy me.

Though I may flicker when I stand unsheltered in the strongest storm,  
my flame cannot be snuffed out by the winds and rainstorms of the  
soul.

Yet ... I can be ignored. I can be hidden away.

There are many who squeeze their eyes tightly shut so my light cannot  
reach them.

But even with eyes shut, they may hear me speak.

I am the voice that can break the most agonizing silence with a simple  
whisper.

One holy night long ago, I waited ... forgotten by a world with eyes shut  
and ears covered.

Dim, but not extinguished.

Quiet, but not mute.

In the dark silence of the night sky over Bethlehem, angels appeared to  
shepherds watching their flocks, announcing the birth of God as an  
infant human.

And as they sang...

*With intensity and excitement.*

My flame burst into an inferno.

My whisper rose to a roar.

Created by God, embodied by the Savior born in a stable.

Open your eyes to my light. Open your ears to my voice.

I am Hope.

*Lights out.*