

THE LIGHT HAS COME!



A Christmas Readers' Theatre for Four Performers

Actor 1: Darkness can be a problem.

Actor 3: You mean like when the power goes out?

Actor 2: And you step on LEGO in the dark?

Actor 3: That is the worst kind of suffering.

Actor 4: Or when you can't find your phone because the torch app is on your phone.

Actor 2: That's a design flaw right there.

Actor 1: Darkness makes it difficult to see where we're going.

Actor 3: Or what we're walking into.

Actor 4: Or what we're standing on.

Actor 2: Again... LEGO.

Actor 1: The Bible paints darkness as a picture of confusion, fear, sadness and being far from God.

Actor 3: A world that has lost its way.

Actor 1: And in that darkness, God made a promise.

Actor 4: Listen to these words from Isaiah:

"The people walking in darkness have seen a great light."

Actor 2: That's a pretty bold promise.

Actor 3: It's like saying, "Don't worry, I've got a flashlight."

Actor 2: Except bigger?

Actor 1: Much bigger.

Actor 4: God promised that one day a light would come that would change everything.

Actor 3: God was promising a Saviour.

Actor 1: Hundreds of years later, in Bethlehem, the promise was fulfilled.

Actor 4: A young couple arrived in town.

Actor 3: There was no room for them in the inn.

Actor 2: Not even one tiny room?

Actor 3: Not even one.

Actor 1: That night Jesus was born.

Actor 4: Not in a palace.

Actor 3: Not surrounded by wealth.

Actor 1: In a stable, surrounded by animals.

Actor 4: The Light had come.

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Actor 1: Nearby, shepherds were watching their sheep.

Actor 3: Probably trying to stay awake.

Actor 2: And probably not expecting what happened next.

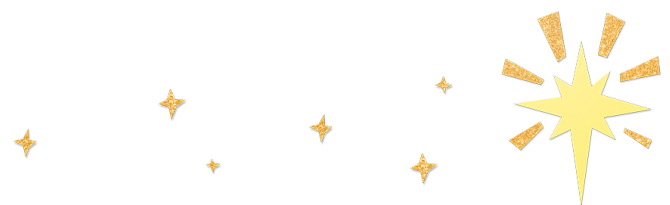
Actor 4: Suddenly, an angel appeared.

Actor 2: That would definitely wake you up.

Actor 1: The angel said:

"Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all people."

Actor 3: There were enough angels to light up the whole sky.



Actor 1: The shepherds hurried to Bethlehem and found the baby Jesus.

Actor 2: So why is Jesus called the "Light"?

Actor 4: Because he shows us who God is.

Actor 2: Like turning on a light in a dark room.

Actor 3: Exactly.

Actor 1: Jesus later said:

"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

Actor 3: The light doesn't just help us see.

Actor 4: It helps us find our way.

Actor 2: And unlike my phone battery, it never runs out.

Actor 3: Now that's a Christmas miracle.

Actor 1: The Christmas story is more than just something that happened long ago.

Actor 4: The Light still shines today.

Actor 2: It shines into worry.

Actor 3: Into confusion.

Actor 4: Into loneliness.

Actor 1: Into every dark place where hope seems hard to find.

Actor 2: Because Christmas reminds us that God came near.

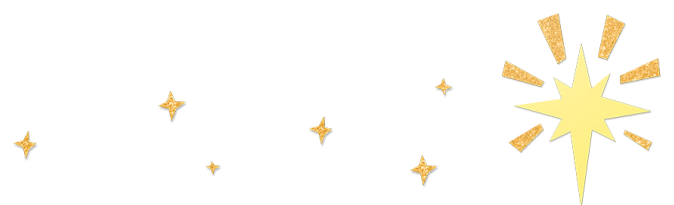
Actor 4: He came as a child.

Actor 1: Jesus, the Light of the World.

Actor 4: Hope has come.

Actor 2: Peace has come.

Actor 3: Joy has come.



Actor 1: The people walking in darkness have seen a great light.

All: The Light has come!

