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BORN IS A KING! by Karen Yingling

GENRE: Reader's Theater

SYNOPSIS: A pair of tour guides lead the audience through the sites of two contrasting royal birthplaces. Discover the differences between a King of God's choosing and a king chosen by man. Which king would you choose to follow based on the pedigrees presented?

DIRECTOR'S TIPS: A. Introduce the setting by informing the audience they are embarking on a tour of royal birthplaces. Consider using lighting changes to indicate progress of the tour from room to room.
B. The Man-made Guide speaks in a friendly, but clipped voice and emphasizes the informational aspects of the tour.
C. The God-made Guide paints a vivid picture of the site and connects with the audience in a warm and expressive manner.

TIME: 12 minutes

CAST BREAKDOWN: 2 readers

TOPIC: Christmas/Advent, Jesus, Leadership

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: Matthew 1:1-25, 2:1-11; Luke 2:1-20; Isaiah 11:1, 7:14

CHURCH YEAR SEASON: Advent, Christmas

SUGGESTED USE: Sermon introduction, small group discussion

CHARACTERS: Man-made Guide, God-made Guide

PROPS: Two music stands for readers' materials

COSTUMES: Man-made Guide - modern street style
God-made Guide - earthy street style

SOUND: Two wireless mics.

LIGHTING: Stage lights dimmed with soft spots on readers

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Welcome.

MAN MADE GUIDE: Hello, and welcome to Brave New World. Let's begin to immerse ourselves in the not so distant future.

GOD MADE GUIDE: Welcome to Truth Center. It's my privilege to guide you through our "Born is the King" exhibit. Please relax and allow yourself to fully experience the sights, sounds, and emotions you are about to encounter. Feel free to ask questions at any time if there are things you want to know more about

Strategic Planning Room.

MAN MADE GUIDE: Our first stop on today's tour is the United Nations General Assembly Building and the Sustainable Development Council Chamber.

The world's top leaders are strategizing solutions to address the most critical problems plaguing planet Earth today.

- Unequal distribution of resources
- Death of innocents by terrorism, crime, and random violence
- Global environmental issues
- Discrimination and intolerance
- World health, particularly mental illness, suicide, and addictions

These are just a few of the issues the UN has identified to focus on in order to save our world.

GOD MADE GUIDE: Our first stop represents a strategic planning room not of this world - the Throne Room. Notice three persons huddled together in the center. The one on the left is God the Father, to His right is Jesus the Son, and that's the Holy Spirit hovering over them.

Observe how intently they appear to be looking at their creation - earth. They are in deep conversation, discussing what they see in the hearts of men.

Few are choosing to worship God but instead worship objects made with their own hands. They hope these things will give them everything they ask for, protect them from harm, and empower them. Instead, people have become enslaved to them.

They see many people doing what seems right in their own minds rather than following God's ways. Things everyone once understood were evil are now accepted and even being called good. Truth is being exchanged for lies. As a result, corruption and violence rule the day.