

CHRISTMAS PRESENCE

by JOHN R. PLASTOW

GENRE: Drama/Reader's Theatre

SYNOPSIS: A reader's theatre perspective on the greatest gift of the holiday season: the presence of God.

DIRECTOR'S TIP: Though speaking independently of each other, the readers need to work together to obtain the right pace, rhythm, and flow.

TIME: 3 minutes

CAST BREAKDOWN: 4M or 4F

TOPIC: Christmas

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: John 14:26-27

CHURCH YEAR SEASON: Christmas

SUGGESTED USE: Christmas Seeker Service

CHARACTERS:
4 READERS

PROPS: None

COSTUMES: Contemporary

SOUND: Wireless microphones

LIGHTING: General stage

SETTING: None

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1: My home is warm, and smells of Christmas cookies baking in the oven. A fire burns slowly, and I sit for a moment, just a moment, to read a card from a friend. Such a happy time Christmas is.

2: The kids have decorated the tree with handmade ornaments far prettier than any from a store and placed them ever so carefully on the limbs of the tree.

3: On the radio play the melodies with which I grew up. The music takes me back to so many joyful times in my life—times of childhood, times of love, times forever remembered.

4: My children huddle around to marvel at the colored lights.

2: To try to guess the content of the package shaken!

1: They sit and dream of the special morning to come.

3: Such a special time.

4: It is Christmas, a time like no other. It is the time for Christmas presence.

1: But presence not like those under the tree.

3: Not those that are so beautifully wrapped and given to the ones we love.

4: Not the presents that we anticipate.

2: Or the ones we longed for as a child.

3: Not the presents so lovingly selected for that special person in our lives.

1: But the presence that is like no other.

4: The presence of God.

2: The presence of Christ.

3: Christmas presence, like no other could possibly be.

2: The presence that brings peace.

3: The presence that brings joy, and hope, and love to a world that is hurting and crying for salvation.

1: The presence that truly will be cherished.

4: The presence that will never be forgotten.