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**Theme: Jesus, Christmas, Easter, Power of Christ**

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**What:** Traditional responsive scripture reading about the life of Christ (Themes: Jesus, Christmas, Easter, Power of Christ)

**Who:** Reader All

**When:** Present day

**Why:** Luke 2:8-14; John 1:1-5, 14; Colossians 1:15-17; Philippians 2:6-8; Isaiah 53:4-7, Philippians 2:9-10; Revelation 19:1; Revelation 4:6-9; Revelation 5:11-13

**Wear (Props):** None

**How:** While this style may be perceived as “old school,” it dynamic to hear and read God’s word as the Body of Christ. Set this up properly and there will be more excitement than boredom.

**For:** Big Church or High School

*Luke 2:8-14*

**Reader:** That night some shepherds were in the fields outside the village, guarding their flocks of sheep. Suddenly, an angel of the Lord appeared among them, and the radiance of the Lord's glory surrounded them. They were terribly frightened, but the angel reassured them. "Don't be afraid!" he said. "I bring you good news of great joy for everyone!"

**All:** The Savior – yes, the Messiah, the Lord – has been born tonight in Bethlehem, the city of David!

**Reader:** Suddenly, the angel was joined by a vast host of others – the armies of heaven – praising God:

**All:** "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and peace on earth to all whom God favors."

*John 1:1-5, 14*

**Reader:** In the beginning the Word already existed. He was with God, and he was God. He was in the beginning with God. He created everything there is. Nothing exists that he didn't make. Life itself was in him, and this life gives light to everyone. The light shines through the darkness, and the darkness can never extinguish it.

**All:** So the Word became human and lived here on earth among us. He was full of unfailing love and faithfulness. And we have seen his glory, the glory of the only Son of the Father.

*Colossians 1:15-17*

**Reader:** Christ is the visible image of the invisible God. He existed before God made anything at all and is supreme over all creation. Christ is the one through whom God created everything in heaven and earth. He made the things we can see and the things we can't see – kings, kingdoms, rulers, and authorities. Everything has been created through him and for him.

**All:** He existed before everything else began, and he holds all creation together.

*Philippians 2:6-8*

**Reader:** Though he was God, he did not demand and cling to his rights as God. He made himself nothing; he took the humble position of a slave and appeared in human form. And in human form he obediently humbled himself even further by dying a criminal's death on a cross.

*Isaiah 53:4-7*

**Reader:** Yet it was our weaknesses he carried; it was our sorrows that weighted him down. And we thought his troubles were a punishment from God for his own sins! But he was wounded and crushed for our sins. He was beaten that we might have peace. He was whipped, and we were healed.

**All:** All of us have strayed away like sheep. We have left God's paths to follow our own. Let the LORD laid on him the guilt and sins of us all.

*Philippians 2:9-10*

**Reader:** Because of this, God raised him up to the heights of heaven gave him a name that is above every other name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth. Every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

*Revelation 19:1*

**All:** Hallelujah! Salvation is from our God. Glory and power belong to him alone.

*Revelation 4:6-9*

**Reader:** In front of the throne was a shiny sea of glass, sparkling like crystal. In the center and around the throne were four living beings, each covered with eyes, inside and out. Day after day and night after night they kept on saying,

**All:** “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty – the one who always was, who is, and who is still to come.”

*Revelation 5:11-13*

**Reader:** Then I looked again, and I heard the singing of thousands and millions of angles around the throne and the living beings and the elders. And the sang in a mighty chorus:

**All:** “The Lamb Is worthy – the Lamb who was killed.  
He is worthy to receive power and riches  
and wisdom and strength  
and honor and glory and blessing.”

**Reader:** And then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and I the sea. They also sang:

**All:** “Blessing and honor and glory and power belong to the one sitting on the throne and to the Lamb forever and ever.

*The end.*

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