



Recitation Script



John 1:1-18

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OVERVIEW

Key Points

This 2-person recitation has a nice rhythm that keeps the audience interested in this already incredible passage.

Recitation Delivery Notes

When one person is reciting, the other should be focused on that person. Anything else will be distracting. During the transitions, when one reciter is coming to the end of their section and the other reciter is about to begin, it is effective for the speaking reciter to focus on the non-speaking reciter and effectively “hand-off” the speaking part. In addition to being a more natural segue from one to the other, it also serves a cue for the second person.

Video



Key Quotes

“In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.” (John 1:4-5 ESV)

<https://byheart.org/recitation-videos/john-11-18/>

“And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.” (John 1:14 ESV)

The Quilt

RECITER	PASSAGE
Reciter #1	In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.
Reciter #2	In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.
Reciter #1	There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.
Reciter #2	The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.
Reciter #1	And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.
Reciter #2	(John bore witness about him, and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.'") For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.
Reciter #1	No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.

Optional: The Quilt Interviews

RECITER	PASSAGE
	<i>The panel of speakers all sit for the transition by teaching pastor. After the introduction, the teaching pastor calls them up one at a time. Following is an example of how the flow would occur.</i>
Teaching Pastor	<i>Transition comments by the teaching pastor.</i>
Reciter #1	Today I have given you the choice between life and death, between blessings and curses. Now I call on heaven and earth to witness the choice you make. Oh, that you would choose life, so that you and your descendants might live! You can make this choice by loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and committing yourself firmly to him. This is the key to your life Deut 30:19-20a
Reciter #2	Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect. Romans 12:2 (NLT)
Teaching Pastor	<i><Asks something about the passage or about its significance to the reciters></i>
Reciter #1 & #2	<i><describes the significance of the passage or something that was learned in the process of memorizing it></i>
	Transition as Reciters #1 and #2 sit down and reciters #3 and #4 rise.
Reciter #3	Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go. Joshua 1:9 NKJV
Reciter #4	For God did not give us a spirit of timidity but one of power, love, and self-discipline. 2 Timothy 1:7
Teaching Pastor	<i><Asks something about the passage or about its significance to the reciter></i>
Reciters #3 & #4	<i><describes the significance of the passage or something that was learned in the process of memorizing it></i>
Reciter #5	Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity. 1 Timothy 4:12
Teaching Pastor	<i><Asks something about the passage or about its significance to the reciter></i>
Reciters #5	<i><describes the significance of the passage or something that was learned in the process of memorizing it></i>
Reciter #1	Oh people, the Lord has told you what is good, and this is what he requires of you; to do what is right, to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God. Micah 6:8 NLT
Teaching Pastor	<i><Asks something about the passage or about its significance to the reciter></i>

Reciter #1	<i><describes the significance of the passage or something that was learned in the process of memorizing it></i>
Reciter #2	Don't just pretend to love others. Really love them. Hate what is wrong. Hold tightly to what is good. Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honoring each other. Romans 12:9-10
Reciter #3	But love your enemies, do good, and lend, hoping for nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High. For He is kind to the unthankful and evil. Luke 6:35 NKJV
Reciter #4	In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven. Matt 5:16
Teaching Pastor	<i><Asks something about the passage or about its significance to the reciter></i>
Reciters #2, 3 & 4	<i><describes the significance of the passage or something that was learned in the process of memorizing it></i>
	<i>The final recitation may be done as a benediction</i>
Reciter #5	In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. Philippians 1:4-6

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