



Rescuer – Lesson 2 Order of Service (Skit)

1) Introduction

2) Welcome & Memory Verse

Hey everybody! My name is _____ and I am so glad all of you are here today. As you all know, I just love this time of year! I especially love being here with all of you, learning about God and his son, Jesus.

Let's all stand up and learn our new memory verse.

“God (point up)

loved (sign for love)

the world (arms form a circle above your head)

so much (arms way out wide)

that he gave (hands palms up out in front of you like offering a gift)

his one (hold up one finger)

and only Son. (use arms like cradling a baby)

Anyone (arm sweeps in front of you and out as if presenting everyone)

who believes (point to head)

in him (point up)

will not die (squatting down while moving hands palms down back and forth over the tops of each other like in the hand jive)

but will have eternal life.” (jump up with hands above your head)

John 3:16

Let's try that one more time. (Repeat.)

Good job, everyone! You can sit back down now. Let's get to know more of God, respect others, and put on our listening ears to hear more about the very first Christmas.

3) Skit

Roles:

Actress: Holly Day (a talk show host)

Actor: Joseph - a Biblical or modern day version

Props:

Actress costume: overdressed in holiday attire

Actor costume: Joseph

Handheld microphone

Small table or stool

Sheet

Nativity scene (cover with sheet at beginning)

Holly: (Enters and stands center holding mic) Welcome everyone to my show—The Holly Day Show, the most popular TV show in the country! I am delighted you could join me for my Holly Day Christmas Special. I know you are going to be a great audience, and I have a great guest lined up for this very special show!

But first, do you know what snowmen eat for breakfast? Frosted Flakes! Ha! Ha! Ha! I just crack myself up sometimes.

Oh, I do love the holidays! The singing, decorations, the presents. This entire show, we are going to be looking for all the good news about the holidays. And here to help me is our special guest. He's a talented carpenter and best known for his part in the story of the birth of Jesus. Let's welcome Joseph!

(Joseph enters)

Welcome Joseph. Thanks for being with us today!

Joseph: Thanks for having me.

Holly: It's such a pleasure to have with us someone from the first Christmas!

Joseph: It's my pleasure to share my story. I hear you are looking for good news, and I think I can help you out.

Holly: Great! Now you are in the Bible in the book of Matthew, correct?

Joseph: Yes, I am in the story, but I am definitely not the most important character. I am just an ordinary guy God used in an amazing story.

Holly: WOW – that's cool! Did you bring a video clip?

Joseph: No, but I think this may help. (Uncovers nativity scene.)

Holly: Oh, I just love those! They are so festive!

Joseph: Yes, but did you know the Good News of Christmas can be told using these figures?

Holly: Really? Please show us!

Joseph: Gladly, Holly! (Holds up angel.) One night, an angel appeared to me and told me not to be afraid. The angel said that I should marry Mary and that she was going to give birth to God's son. The angel told me we were to name the baby Jesus because this baby would be the one to save the people of the world from their sin. It was the greatest news I had ever heard.

Holly: That IS good news!

Joseph: (Holds up donkey.) Mary and I were married, and then we had to travel to Bethlehem to be counted for the ruler Caesar Augustus.

Holly: It must have been hard to travel when she was expecting a baby.

Joseph: It was tough, but we made it with God's help. We tried to find a room, but there weren't any. Every room in town was booked up.

Holly: But what about this pretty cabin? (Points to nativity)

Joseph: Oh, it wasn't a cabin, Holly. There were no rooms available, but an innkeeper said we could stay in his stable with all his animals.

Holly: You mean you slept in a BARN?

Joseph: Yes, a barn with hay and animals. (Points to sheep.) And that night, the Son of God was born in a stable. I knew my life had changed forever. Mary wrapped him in strips of cloth and laid him in the animals' feed box. (Points to manger) It's called a manger. I wanted to shout to everyone that Jesus, the Son of God, had been born. I wanted everyone to hear the good news!

Holly: Wow! That is a great story! Thanks for sharing that with us, Joseph.

Joseph: You're welcome Holly, but do you realize it's all true? You can read about it in the Bible. And about the shepherds and angels and three kings that came to celebrate Jesus' birth.

Holly: Well then, this isn't just good news, this is GREAT news!

Joseph: This story is the purpose for Christmas.

Holly: I think it's easy to think about new toys and presents and shopping and food and lights. But Christmas is the celebration of Jesus' birth.

Joseph: That's right. God sent Jesus to save us from our sin and Christmas is the celebration of Jesus' birth. What better news is there than forgiveness of our sins?

Holly: I wanted some good news and this is by far the best news I've heard. Thanks for being here Joseph; you were a wonderful guest. And thanks to all of you for being such a great audience!

4) Songs

That really is great news! Let's all stand up and sing about the wonderful news of Christmas!

5) Prayer & Closing

Great job singing! Let's sit back down and pray before we go back to our classes.

Dear God, thank you so much for the great news of Christmas. Please help us to remember the real reason that we celebrate. Thank you for being our Rescuer and sending your son, Jesus. Amen.

Thanks so much for coming today! We'll see you next time!



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