

Sample Pages

***Reader's Theatre
For the Homeschool***

*Narrations from
Scripture Passages and Fables
to Build Reading Skills*

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paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, He will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine "

Saul: Go, and may the LORD be with you.

Narrator I: Then Saul clothed David with his garments and put a bronze helmet on his head, and he clothed him with armor. David girded his sword over his armor and tried to walk, for he had not tested them.

David: I cannot go with these, for I have not tested them.

Narrator I: And David took them off. He took his stick in his hand and chose for himself five smooth stones from the brook, and put them in the shepherd's bag which he had, even in his pouch, and his sling was in his hand; and he approached the Philistine.

Narrator II: Then the Philistine came on and approached David, with the shield-bearer in front of him. When the Philistine looked and saw David, he disdained him; for he was but a youth, and ruddy, with a handsome appearance. The Philistine said to David:

Goliath: Am I a dog, that you come to me with sticks?

Narrator II: And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. The Philistine also said to David:

Goliath: Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the birds of the sky and the beasts of the field.

David: You come to me with a sword, a spear, and a javelin, but I come to you in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have taunted. This day the LORD will deliver you

Matthew 5 (NKJV)

Three Readers

The Beatitudes

Reader 1: And seeing the multitudes, He went up on a mountain, and when He was seated His disciples came to Him. Then He opened His mouth and taught them, saying:

Reader 2: Blessed *are* the poor in spirit,

Reader 3: For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Reader 2: Blessed *are* those who mourn

Reader 3: For they shall be comforted.

Reader 2: Blessed *are* the meek

Reader 3: For they shall inherit the earth.

Reader 2: Blessed *are* those who hunger and thirst for righteousness

Reader 3: For they shall be filled

Reader 2: Blessed *are* the merciful

Reader 3: For they shall obtain mercy.

The Ant and the Dove

For One Reader

Once there was an ant who needed to go to a stream for water. As he slowly sipped the water, the ant was suddenly carried away in the gentle current. A dove felt sorry for the poor ant as he floundered along. Spying a small twig, the dove gracefully swooped down and scooped the twig in her beak and helped the ant safely to shore. Later, the ant saw his chance to repay the dove's kindness. A hunter, taking careful aim, was about to kill the dove. The ant scurried to the hunter and bit his foot, and the hunter, yelping in pain, forgot about the dove. Some of the smallest friends turn out to be the most helpful.

The Man, the Boy, and the Donkey

For Six Readers: Narrator, Countryman, Man #1, Woman, Man #2,
Wise Old Man

For two Readers: One child can be the narrator and the other child can read all the other parts, changing his/her voice or holding a different prop for each person.

Narrator: A man and his son were once going with their donkey to market. As they were walking along by its side a countryman passed them and said:

Countryman: What foolish toil! What is a donkey for but to ride upon?

Narrator: So the man put the boy on the donkey and they went on their way. But soon they passed a group of men, one of whom said:

Man #1: See that lazy youngster? He lets his father walk while he rides.

Narrator: So the man ordered his boy to get off, and got on himself. But they hadn't gone far when they passed two women, one of whom said to the other:

Woman: Shame on that lazy lout to let his poor little son trudge along.

Narrator: Well, the man didn't know what to do, but at last he took his boy up before him on the donkey. By this time they had come to the town and the passers-by began to jeer and point at them. The man stopped and asked why they were scoffing.

Man #2: Aren't you ashamed of yourself for overloading that poor donkey with you and your hulking son?

Narrator: The man and boy got off and tried to think what to do. They thought and they thought, till at last they cut down a pole, tied the donkey's feet to it, and raised the pole and the donkey to their shoulders. They went along amid the laughter of all who met them. Finally, a wise old man who had followed them said:

Wise Old Man: Please all and you will please none.