

Reader Leader role:

1. Please discuss with the five readers if they will be wearing costumes. If they are going to wear costumes, help them pick them out and mark them in such a way that they can be found easily on Christmas Eve. Please help them with putting on the costumes. Most years, this group wants to wear costumes, but it is optional.
2. Talk with the readers about how to read into the microphone at the pulpit. Secure a step stool for those readers who will need one. Practice with lining up and being ready to read to keep the flow of the program moving. Help them with any vocabulary words and pronunciation. They need to speak slowly, and clearly into the mic. The mic needs to be about two fingers away from their mouth.
3. Cue the readers about when to step up into the pulpit to read. The change in readers usually happens during a carol.
4. If any choir students are readers and there is an anthem during the reading of the lessons, the choir member should sing with the choir and then return to the readers' location. All readers step out from behind the pulpit to sing "Away in a Manger" with all the children.
5. Cue readers that they should pay attention to when there is an acting part happening while they are reading so they can time their words to the action. Sometimes the action takes longer than the words.
6. After the service, please help organize the costumes back into their storage bags/boxes.

Thanks!!!

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