

Reader's Theater
Script for:

Bink & Slinky's

CHRISTMAS ADVENTURE



Bink & Slinky's Christmas Adventure
Reader's Theater Script
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The script can be used as a reader's theater, but there are stage directions included to accommodate a simple production.

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CAST OF CHARACTERS

If all characters are played by individuals, including the non-speaking characters, there are a total of **22 parts**. But parts can be combined, and script can be adapted to have fewer if needed.

NARRATOR 1

NARRATOR 2

BINK (boy)

SLINKY (girl)

GOD

SNAIL-KID 1

SNAIL-KID 2

SNAIL-KID 3

MARY

ANGEL

OWL

SHEPHERDS (any number ranging from 3-5)

CAMEL

WISE GUY 1

WISE GUY 2

WISE GUY 3

Non-speaking parts

JOSEPH

SCALLYWAG SHEEPDOG

SUGGESTED PROPS

- **Large Scrapbook**
- **Flowers, Plants, Rocks** (for garden scene)
- **Large Bag** (for Mary)
- **Staff** (for Joseph)
- **Small Pup Tent** (for Rest-Stop scene)
- **“No Vacancy” Signs** (3-5 signs suggested)
- **Jingle Bells** (2 suggested)
- **Signs for each Scene:** (see below)
- **Any Available Manger Scene Props:** doll (for baby Jesus), manger, hay, etc.

SCENES

Scene 1: Good News Campground

Scene 2: Mary’s Garden

Scene 3: Rest-Stop

Scene 4: Bethlehem Town

Scene 5: Shepherds’ Field

Scene 6: Bethlehem Town

Scene 7: Good News Campground

BINK AND SLINKY'S CHRISTMAS ADVENTURE

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NARRATOR 1: And then, early on the Sixth Day of Creation, God created all the critters that creep and crawl upon the earth. Things like lizards and snakes, spiders and crabs, beetles and earthworms, turtles...and snails. And after He had made them, He looked upon all He had created and said, "It is good!"

NARRATOR 2: But of all the creepy-crawly creatures God created that day, *none* have taken their place in history to help mankind like the lowly . . . snail. And of all the snails in the entire world, *none* have captured the heart of God like the two snails you're about to meet.

NARRATOR 1: They weren't rich or famous.

NARRATOR 2: They weren't fast.

NARRATOR 1: They weren't big...strong...or mighty.

NARRATOR 2: But they made up for what they lacked in size in giant leaps of faith. For whenever and *wherever* God asked, "Who will go?" these two fearless snails always answered His clarion call.

NARRATOR 1: And *who*, you ask, are these little-known heroes of the faith? Why—Bink and Slinky! That's who!

(Bink and Slinky enter)

BINK: I'm Bink...

SLINKY: I'm Slinky...

BINK and SLINKY: Two wormy-squirmy snails. We're sliming up our sneakers now to tell a Christmas Tale.

We slide! We Glide!
We're grooving side-by-side!
We don't know where we're going, but—
We know God will provide.

SCENE 1
Good News Campground

(“Good News Campground” sign is held up to set the scene).

NARRATOR 1: One cold Christmas Eve, at the Good News Campground, these two groovy snails heard a strange message coming from the clouds as they returned from their traditional sleigh-ride.

GOD: Bink and Slinky, listen carefully *(clears His throat)*
Go gather your children and snuggle them near.
Tell them the story they all long to hear,
Of shepherds and wise men on one midnight clear...
Angels and starlight ... It’s that time of year.

(Bink and Slinky look at each other, confused, and shrug)

GOD: By the way, this is God, and PS: go NOW... *please.*

(Bink and Slinky look at each other, smile, and give each other a “thumbs up”)

BINK: Well, I guess we have our evening, activities planned! Hey, Slinky, where *are* the kids?

SLINKY: *(looks all around as kids come on stage from all directions)* Well, I’m sure they’re around here somewhere. Oh, look! Here they are now.

BINK and SLINKY: Hey, Kids, Storytime!

SNAIL KIDS: Yeah! *(kids scramble to sit and/or stand around Bink and Slinky)*

SLINKY: Okay, everyone, gather around. You’re gonna love this story from our family scrapbook.

SNAIL KID 1: Oh boy, is it an adventure?

SNAIL KID 2: Is it scary?

SNAIL KID 3: Are there Superheroes?

BINK: Well, yes—and no, but it’s *not* a fairytale or a made-up story.

SLINKY: What your father means is, although the story was plenty scary—

SNAIL KIDS: Oooooooh . . . *(kids look at each other excitedly, rub hands together)*

BINK: And quite an adventure—

SNAIL KIDS: Ahhhhhhh! (*kids point index finger up, with raised eyebrows*)

SLINKY: It is absolutely *true*. And yes, there is definitely a Superhero.

SNAIL KIDS: Ohhhhhh! (*kids look at each other, shaking heads up and down*)

BINK: Why, you might say, it's the greatest story ever told! (*opens scrapbook*)

NARRATOR 1: So, Bink and Slinky dug out their Scrapbook. They assembled their family, and all took a look.

SNAIL KID 1: Oh, look! There *you* are, Dad!

SNAIL KID 2: And there *you* are, Mom!

SNAIL KID 3: Man, you guys have *really* changed.

SNAIL KID 1: Yea, you look funny! (*giggles*)

SNAIL KID 2: Yeah . . . but you've been *lots* of places!

SNAIL KID 3: What are these pictures?

BINK: These are snapshots of memories of days long gone by, when we traveled to Bethlehem, not knowing why.

SCENE 2

Mary's Garden

(*"Mary's Garden" sign is held up to set the scene*).

(*Mary is in the garden praying when Angel appears*).

SLINKY: Young Mary sat praying in her garden one day, when an angel named Gabriel came by to say:

ANGEL: Do not be afraid, Mary, you're like no other.
For you have been chosen to be Jesus' mother.
Now hurry, find Joseph—'cause he needs to know,
He'll be the new daddy to help Jesus grow.

MARY: (*shocked and with a slight attitude that slowly changes*) Hold it! You've got to be kidding. There must be some mistake! Like—I can't have a baby! I'm not even married. Besides . . . I'm not ready for a *baby in my life!* (*pauses*) *However*—I do love God with all my heart, and I will do *whatever* He asks of me.

ANGEL: The baby you'll have is The Long-Promised One:
Emmanuel! Savior! He's God's only Son.

NARRATOR 2: About that same time, Joseph had to run down
To Bethlehem City—King David's hometown.
They saddled a donkey to hike rugged trails
Just Mary and Joseph? But where are the snails?

SLINKY: Slime up your feet, Bink, there's no time to drag.

BINK: We can't miss this trip. Sneak inside Mary's bag!

NARRATOR 1: They clip-clopped through forests, up mountains of rocks,
Down boondocks in valleys and over roadblocks,
Where skittering critters chased shadows in quarries
And shivers of fright quivered past bedtime stories.

SCENE 3

Rest-Stop

(*"Rest-Stop" sign is held up to set the scene*).

(*Mary and Joseph are setting up the pup-tent*).

OWL: (*peeks around the corner*) Whoooooo!

SLINKY: (*grabs Bink's arm*) Oh no! What was that? Did you hear that howl?

BINK: (*gulps, looks around, trying to be brave*) Don't worry, my Slinky. It's only an owl.

OWL: *Whoooo... Whoooo!* And just *Whoooo* are *yoooouuuuu?*

(*Both snails jump up. Bink staggers back, looking at Slinky*).

BINK: (*stutters in fear*) We're here with God's family—

SLINKY: And they're tired, *t-t-t-too!*

OWL: *(swivels head slowly left-to-right)* Well, shiver me timbers and swivel my head.
I'll keep up the watch, Buckos, yoooo go to bed.

NARRATOR 2: And so, they slept soundly through every dark night,
With peace washing over them in the moonlight.

SCENE 4
Bethlehem Town

(“Bethlehem Town” sign is held up to set the scene).

NARRATOR 1: Morning came quickly, they grabbed all their gear.

NARRATOR 2: More hard days of clomping, then Bink gave a cheer:

BINK: Bethlehem Town! But...what have we here?

(A few people hold “NO VACANCY” signs).

SLINKY: “NO VACANCY” signs? Oh, Snapple! Oh, frown!

BINK and SLINKY: There’s no room for Mary and Joseph in town?

NARRATOR 1: Just when they thought things could never get worse,
a scallywag sheepdog snatched up Mary’s purse.

(Sheepdog looks left, then right, snatches Mary’s bag and runs down the center aisle or out the door).

NARRATOR 2: He took off gallumping down steep, winding trails.
While rattling inside—they were two scared-y snails!

SCENE 5
Shepherd’s Field

(“Shepherd’s Field” sign is held up to set the scene).

NARRATOR 1: Next thing they knew, they were tumbling downhill,
until they spilled out, rolling to a standstill.

NARRATOR 2: Where woolly-white critters *bah-bahhhhed* on the ground,
while shepherds kept watch in the fields all around.

(Bink and Slinky rise and look at each other in confusion).

SLINKY: Wow! This is weird. Now what do we do?

BINK: *(scratches his head and looks around)* Yikes! I don't know. I don't have a clue!

NARRATOR 1: Then suddenly... *Flash!* A light ripped the sky. The shepherds fell, screaming...

NARRATORS and SHEPHERDS: We're all gonna die!

(Shepherds fall to the ground and pretend to faint).

ANGEL: A baby was born in a manger tonight,
The Blessed Hope-of-Glory, God's perfect delight!
Now hurry to Bethlehem! Tell all your friends,
God's on their side, and His love never ends!
Don't be afraid. I bring you "Good News!"
Hear what we say. This is the "Good News:"
God's on your side, and His love never ends.
Jesus is Savior, now tell all your friends.

NARRATOR 2: The skies rang with singing and angels galore!
A heavenly party! A glorious uproar!

NARRATOR 1: The shepherds all shouted...

NARRATORS and SHEPHERDS: Whoopee! Hip-Hooray! We must go at once!

NARRATOR 2: Then they darted away!

BINK: Hey, wait on us, fellas! Come back here. *(turns to Slinky)* They ran!

SLINKY: You can't leave us here!

BINK and SLINKY: This *can't* be God's plan! *(turn to the audience and shrug)*

(Narrator 1 and 2 shake jingle bells).

BINK: What's this strange noise? A jangling of bells?

SLINKY: It swaggers. It sways...and it *definitely* smells. *(Sniff air and hold nose)*

(Camel enters with Three Wise Guys following).

BINK and SLINKY: It's a camel!

CAMEL: (*swaggers up to Bink and Slinky*) Hey, little snails! What's up with you two?

BINK: I'm Bink...

SLINKY: I'm Slinky...

BINK and SLINKY: But just *who* are you?

CAMEL: I'm here with these Wise Guys. We've traveled real far.
We seek a great king. We've been googling his star.

WISE GUY 1: Hoofbeats crossing the desert sand,
Sounds of a mighty eastern caravan.

WISE GUY 2: Hear the beat of the tambourine,
On our way to see the King.

WISE GUY 3: From our treasury His gifts we bring.
On our way to see the King.

ALL WISE GUYS: With a star that bright. With a guiding light.
A very special King is born tonight.

CAMEL: Yup, Yup, Yup! This new little fella would be a wee baby,
I know it's a long shot, but just thought that maybe...?

BINK and SLINKY: We know where He is!

NARRATOR 1: They thought they'd explode!

BINK: The King's in a stable.

SLINKY: It's just up the road!

CAMEL: Well, inch up my leg! Hitch a ride in my sleigh!

NARRATOR 2: They straddled his saddle and sang all the way.

BINK, SLINKY, and WISE GUYS: We slide, we glide, we're grooving side-by-side.
We're on our way to Bethlehem, the star will be our guide.

Scene 6
Bethlehem Town (manger scene)

(“Bethlehem Town” sign is held up again to set the scene).

(Mary, Joseph, Shepherds, Wisemen, Camel, Bink and Slinky all gather around the baby Jesus who can either be held by Mary or laid in a manger if available).

NARRATOR 1: They finally all made it to the stable that night,
The shepherds, the Wise Men, all led by Love’s light
To worship the baby who’d be a life-changer:
God, come to earth—new life in a manger.

Scene 7
Good News Campground

(Bink and Slinky and their children are all gathered around the scrapbook).

SLINKY: Well, kids. There you have it. Just the way it happened. *(closes scrapbook)*

BINK: The story of the very first Christmas, and how your mom and I saved the day.

SLINKY: Yes, but Jesus really saves the day...right Bink?

BINK: You got that right, Slinky! Why, He’s the greatest Superhero of all time.

NARRATOR 2: But wait—what’s this they hear? Another message, ringing out clear!

GOD: Thank you for telling your children my story:
The hardships, the dangers, the trust, and the glory.
You’ve always been faithful—ten feet in my sight.
Happy Birthday to Jesus . . .

EVERYONE: And to all a *gooooood* night! *(waves goodbye to the audience).*

THE END