



## **NIGHT TIME READING BOOKS**

## **ITEMS NEEDED:**

Pajamas and robes

A book

A Bible

## **CHARACTER BREAKDOWN:**

1M, 1F

## **CHARACTERS:**

Phil - A door to door salesman

Mary - An unsuspecting customer

Mary enters in pajamas with a book. Phil enters, also in pajamas, with a Bible.

PHIL: Good evening, madam!

MARY: You again!

PHIL: I see you're dressed for bed time. And what's this in your hand? Some light reading?

MARY: Yes. I like to read before falling asleep.

PHIL: Madam, I urge you, toss that book away. The Bible has all the night time reading you will ever want!

Phil grabs her book and tosses it off stage.

MARY: Oh come on.

PHIL: You know what I love at bed time, besides a glass of milk?

A healthy heap of praise and wisdom, and I get all of that in the books of poetry and wisdom found conveniently in the middle of your Bible.



MARY: Aauugh!

PHIL: There's the classic poem, Job, an epic tale about a man whose faith was truly tested. He lost everything! He suffered greatly! And yet, he never lost his faith.

MARY: But sir, I—

PHIL: Need something more uplifting? Of course you do! That's why there's Psalms, a collection of 150 songs of praise from ancient times about the goodness of God.

MARY: Do you think it's wise-

PHIL: Do I think the Bible is wise? Why madam, the Bible contains the greatest book of wisdom ever put to paper. Proverbs was written by King Solomon, and it's chock full of little bits of wisdom.

MARY: You know sometimes I need-

PHIL: A heavy dose of wisdom? Of course you do! That's why the Bible also includes Ecclesiastes, Solomon's master work on the meaning of life. "Meaningless! Meaningless! Everything is meaningless!" It's perfect for a deep thinker like you.

MARY: Are you done yet?

PHIL: No, and neither is Solomon. For after Ecclesiastes, we come to his love poem, Song of Solomon, a beautiful collection of verses depicting God's plan for marriage. Trust me, madam. You want something inspirational to read before bed, or even after you wake? The books of poetry and wisdom have it all!

MARY: Is there anything in there about not giving someone a sales pitch in their pajamas?

PHIL: No.

MARY: Well, there should be!

Mary exits.