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GET A LIFE

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GENRE: Reader's Theatre

SYNOPSIS: This reader's theater piece is written for two readers but can be performed by more. It is a touching exploration of the places we look for love while ignoring God's still, small voice telling us, "You're wonderful. I love you." This script also has a choice of endings. A break is written in to make it an open-ended sermon starter, or you can use the complete script as a stand-alone piece.

DIRECTOR'S TIP: This script was written for (and works best with) two readers, but it can be adapted for more readers by dividing the character lines from the narration. The characters Baby, Jumping Child, Messy Girl and Taunted Teen should all be played by the same person — they are the same character getting older. The other characters — Mother, Father, Taunter, etc. — can be broken out and assigned to different readers.

TIME: Over 5 minutes

CAST BREAKDOWN: 2

TOPIC: Love

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: Psalm 103:7-14, Romans 8:31-39

CHURCH YEAR SEASON: Any

SUGGESTED USE: Worship Service, Sermon Starter

CHARACTERS:

Reader 1 ~ Male

Reader 2 ~ Female

PROPS: Notebooks with scripts for each reader

COSTUMES: Nondescript clothing that won't draw attention to reader

SOUND: Two wireless microphones

LIGHTING: General stage

SETTING: Bare stage

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Reader 1 and Reader 2 are in place when the lights come up

READER 1: Time:

BOTH: Everyday

READER 2: Place:

BOTH: Anytown, USA.

READER 1: The happening:

READER 2: A miracle.

READER 1: She's so tiny. Look how exquisite her fingers are. Her little ears are perfect. But honey, she's bald.

READER 2: *(Laughing)* Takes after her father.

READER 1: *(Grabs hair, or lack of it)* Do you really think that's the reason?

READER 2: Honey, they all start out that way. She'll have beautiful hair.

READER 1: A baby is born.

READER 2: A bundle of joy.

READER 1: A chip off the old block.

READER 2: Our little gift.

READER 1: Our own little prune face.

BOTH: A present from heaven.

READER 1: A baby is born.

BOTH: A hungry baby is born.

READER 2: *(Small voice)* Feed me. Love me.

READER 1: Born with a desperate hunger for only two things.

READER 2: Food and love.

BOTH: And the greatest of these ...

READER 2: ... is love.