

Jude choral reading

CHARACTERS: A, B, ALL

RUN TIME: 4 minutes

SCRIPTURE/BASED ON: Jude, 2 Peter 2:15, Joshua 24:10, Nehemiah 13:2

FK reading level: 4.3

A: To those who have been called

B: who are loved in God the Father and kept for Jesus Christ

ALL: Mercy, peace and love be yours in abundance.

A: Contend for the faith is entrusted to God's holy people.

B: Without being contentious

A: Be aware of ungodly people, who pervert the grace of our God

B: and deny Jesus Christ our only Sovereign and Lord.

ALL: Woe to them!

A: They have taken the way of Cain

ALL: Who murdered his faithful brother

B: They have rushed for profit into Balaam's error

ALL: who loved the wages of wickedness

A: He was paid to curse God's people

ALL: But God did not listen to Balaam

A: Instead God blessed you again and again

ALL: Our God turned the curse into a blessing

B: Do not rebel like Korah

ALL: Or be shepherds who feed only themselves.

A: Do not be clouds without rain

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ALL: blown along by the wind

B: or autumn trees

ALL: without fruit and uprooted—twice dead.

A: Do not be wandering stars

ALL: Which can cause travelers to lose their way

B: But like the Star of Bethlehem

ALL: Use your light to lead others to Christ.

A: The ungodly are grumblers and faultfinders

ALL: they follow their own evil desire

B: They boast about themselves and divide you

ALL: Following mere natural instincts

A: But you, dear friends

ALL: build yourselves up in your most holy faith

B: praying in the Holy Spirit

ALL: Keep yourselves in God's love

A: as you wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ

ALL: to bring you to eternal life.

A: Be merciful to those who doubt

ALL: save others by snatching them from the fire

B: to others show mercy, mixed with fear

ALL: hating even the clothing stained by corrupted flesh.

Doxology

A: To him who is able to keep you from stumbling

B: and to present you before his glorious presence without fault

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ALL: and with great joy

A: to the only God our Savior

ALL: be glory, majesty, power and authority

B: through Jesus Christ our Lord

A: before all ages

ALL: now and forevermore! Amen.

Discussion questions

The usual pattern is A, All, B, ALL. Why did the writer deviate and have A go twice in a row in the latter part of the script?

Korah is not explained in the text? Besides being a cousin of Moses, what do we know about him in Numbers 16?

What does contentious mean? How is it similar to and different from the word “contend”?

Read Ezekiel 34. How does this relate to the line “shepherds who feed only themselves”? Read John 10:1-18. What should a shepherd be like and do?

How are “clouds without rain” a disappointment to farmers or those who tend animals?

How can an autumn tree be twice dead? (What happens to leaves and fruit in autumn? If a plant is uprooted?)

How were stars used by sailors from ancient times until modern times? What would happen to a ship steered by the stars if the stars “wandered” from their usual position?