



# READERS' THEATRE MICAH AND THE PEOPLES' COURT

Micah 1:2; 6:1-13; 7:8-20 (NIRV)

*This Readers' Theatre Script is a compilation of scripture quotes from Jonah 1-4. The quotes are taken directly from the New International Reader's Version.*

Teacher assigns roles and places everyone for the scene. Nonreaders and younger students often prefer to dress up and act out each sentence as the teacher and assistant read. Older, more proficient readers, may want to read the parts.

Teacher Tip: Challenge children to act out the silent parts such as the mountains, hills, and earth according to the plot.

1. THE LORD: Judge with robe and gavel seated at Judge's table
2. MOUNTAINS, HILLS, EARTH (silent witnesses): 3 non-speaking roles, seated in courtroom chairs to the judge's left
3. GOD'S PEOPLE (defendants): Group seated across from Judge
4. MICAH (court reporter): Seated in chair to Judge's right

## Scene

The scene takes place inside a courtroom arranged as follows:

- Rows of chairs on the Judge's left for Silent Witnesses
- Court Reporter's chair to left of Judge's table
- Judge's table: oblong table with gavel
- Judge's seat: chair at Judge's table

Rows of chairs for the Defendants to Judge's right

[MICAH: Court reporter] *(stand and faces God's people)*  
"Listen to me, all of you nations! Earth and everyone who lives in it, pay attention! The Lord and King will be a witness against you. The Lord will speak from His holy temple in heaven."

[THE LORD: Judge] *(seated, hits gavel on desk, speaks to God's people)*

"Stand up in court. Let the mountains serve as witnesses. Let the hills hear what you have to say."

[MICAH: Court reporter] *(faces witnesses)*

"Hear the Lord's case, you mountains. Listen, you age old foundations of the earth. The Lord has a case against His people Israel. He is bringing charges against them."

[MOUNTAINS, HILLS, EARTH: Silent witnesses] *(nod in agreement)*

[GOD'S PEOPLE: Defendants] *(speaks to Micah)*  
"What should we bring with us when we go to worship the Lord? What should we offer the God of heaven when we bow down to Him?"

[MICAH: Court reporter] *(speaks to God's people)*  
"The Lord has shown you what is good. He has told you what He requires of you. You must treat people fairly. You must love others faithfully. And you must be very careful to live the way your God wants you to."

*(Micah sits.)*

[THE LORD: Judge] *(hits gavel on desk, speaks to God's people)*  
"Listen, tribe of Judah and you people who are gathered in the city. You sinful people, should I forget that you got your treasures by stealing them? You use dishonest measures to cheat others. The rich people among you harm others. You are always telling lies. You try to fool others by what you say. So I will strike you down. I will destroy you because you have sinned so much."

[GOD'S PEOPLE: Defendants] *(speaking to Micah)*  
"We have fallen. But we'll get up. Even though we sit in the dark, the Lord will give us light. We've sinned against the Lord. So He is angry with us. That will continue until He takes up our case. Then He'll do what is right for us. He'll bring us out into the light. Then we'll see Him save us."

[THE LORD: Judge] *(speaks to God's people)*  
"I showed your people my wonders when they came out of Egypt long ago. In the same way, I will show them to you."

[MICAH: Court reporter] *(stands, faces the Lord)*  
"Lord, who is a God like you? You don't stay angry forever. You will throw all of our sins into the bottom of the sea. You will do what You promised to do for our people when You took an oath long ago."

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