

CBM #12/Grade 4

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Instructions

You are going to read this story titled The Church Play out loud. This story is about when Ramona is hiding during the church play (place the reading passage in front of the child, face down). Try to read each word. You can use your finger to keep your place. If you come to a word you don't know, I'll tell it to you. You will read for one minute. Be sure to do your best reading. Do you have any questions? (Turn the passage right side up). Put your finger on the first word. Begin.

The Church Play

My ears are as good as theirs, Ramona told herself. The floor felt cold through the seat of 17
her thin pajamas. 20

"Look at the little lambs!" cried an angel. "Aren't they darling?" 31

"Ba-a, ba-a!" bleated Davy and Howie. 35

Ramona longed to be there with them, jumping and ba-a-ing and wagging her tail, too. 49

Maybe the faded rabbits didn't show as much as she had thought. She sat hunched and 65
miserable. She had told her father she would not be a sheep, and she couldn't back down now. 83

She hoped God was too busy to notice her, and then she changed her mind. Please, God, prayed 99
Ramona, in case He wasn't too busy to listen to a miserable little sheep, I don't really mean to be 118
horrid. It just works out that way. She was frightened, she discovered, for when the program 134
began, she would be left alone in the church basement. The lights might even be turned out, a 152
scary thought, for the big stone church filled Ramona with awe, and she did not want to be left alone 171
in the dark with her awe. Please, God, prayed Ramona, get me out of this mess. 185

Beezus, in a long blue robe with a white scarf over her head and carrying a baby's 201
blanket and a big flashlight, found her little sister. "Come out, Ramona," she coaxed. "Nobody 215
will notice your costume. You know Mother would have made you a whole sheep suit if she had 233
time. Be a good sport. Please." 239

Ramona shook her head and blinked to keep tears from falling. "I told Daddy I wouldn't 254
be in the program, and I won't." 261

"Well, OK, if that's the way you feel," said Beezus, forgetting to act like Mary. She left 276
her little sister to her misery. 282