

**Guide for Readers' Theater Demo.**  
**(Excerpts adapted from script.)**

**Actor 1 or 2 or 3 presents the intro.**

Welcome to StretchABookClub!

We are going to show you how to turn reading into acting. (note: actors look up when reading, and look at and listen to other actor when other actor is reading.)

**Actor1:** I'm \_\_\_\_\_. **Actor2:** and I'm \_\_\_\_\_. (**Actor 3:** And I'm.....)

**Director's voice/or Mom's part:**

The author created a play, from the book, *Moonbeams for Santa*. (Note: Kids show book cover.) Let's read the dialogue between Santa and Gibbous Moonface after Santa steers his sleigh into the moonstop. And Gibbous has a great part to read when he discovers that he is special.

**Actor 1:** I'll be Santa and....  
Narrator 1.

**Actor 2:** I'll be Gibbous Moonface and Narrator 2.

**Actor 3:** I'll be Narrator 3.

**Santa: Helloooo!** Old Gibbous Moonface, what's the moonlight forecast for a Santa on-the-go? Will you be shining for my flight? Will you please wait until I get home before you turn out your light? And...do YOU have a Christmas wish, Gibbous?

**Gibbous:** I'm just a humpy bumpy moon sittin' in the sky, stuck with this shadow I wear. I need more glow. I need more

flair. Earthlings don't ooh and aah over my slumpy shape. Their eyes look up but never linger on my moonscape. Look at me...more than half but less than full...waxing 'n waning, waxing 'n waning.

**Director/Mom: (praise)**

I like the way you read dramatically and looked up, too. Let's demo the last line again and show how you turned reading into acting.

**Santa:** You can't sit around Complaining...better tell me your wish.

**Gibbous:** Oh, Santa, I wish I could hide my lopsided side. A round moon face is the style, year after year. FULL MOON shines from ear to ear. I want to change these phases of mine. That's it. That's my wish. I want more shine. So what do you say, Santa?

**Santa:** Listen, humpy bumpy Gibbous. As you travel 'round the earth, you play a double role. Without YOUR phases, I couldn't meet my goal. I depend on you to shine down the chimney tops of all the houses where I deliver presents to kids, Moms and Pops. And I expect you to WANE...in time to guide me home to New Candy Cane Lane. You should know how much your shine is worth,

as you tag along with Earth, taking turns at lighting places with your team of eight moon faces. FULL MOON gets ONE turn to shine. But you get TWO. So... Gibbous, why are you so blue? Will you light my way, Gibbous? Will you play your role?

**Gibbous:** I wish I may. I wish I might... grant the wish you wish tonight.

**Narrator 1:** And his wish, sparkling like a firefly, turns into a moon byte flashing across the sky. (Note: Moon byte: A message. To Santa. Wish-come-true.)

**Narrator 2:** Gibbous has waxed almost to the max when a light flashes back across the sky... like a shooting star, a thank you from Santa from the brightest quasar. (Note: Kwa' sar: a heavenly object which emits a powerful blue light and radio waves.)

**Narrator 1:** Gibbous's wish for more shine is about to come true...

**Narrator 2:** as the quasar's light strikes his moon gate and flashes right on through.

**Narrator 1:** And now, with his glow hidden inside, warming his toes, Gibbous glistens like a shower of moon bows.

**Gibbous:** I'm not a humpy

bumpy moon that complains. I'm the brightest moon that waxes AND wanes. Because I'm so good in my double role... Santa counts on ME to help meet his goal. I could be a show-off with all of my flair but with moonbeams inside I don't need earthlings to stare. Best of all, I now know that the light beamed from Santa fired up the moon shine that was already mine... but was hiding in there.

**Director/Mom: (praise)**

That's a wonderful feeling when Gibbous finds his inner glow. Let's demo the last line again and show how you turned reading into acting.

**(repeat)**

Best of all, I now know that the light beamed from Santa fired up the moon shine that was already mine... but was hiding in there.

**Narrator 3:** From now on, Gibbous would stick with his shadow and take turns with his team. He had gotten more than he'd wished for... his own inner glow and TWO turns to beam.

**Director/Mom:**

What did you like about turning reading into acting?

**Actors 1 and 2'** answers...

**Actor 3:** Readers' Theater is Fun.