



Worship Illustration: Script
The Bible Barn
God of Wonders Part 2: Genesis - Joshua
Unit 5, Lesson 26

The Day of Rest

Genesis 2:1-3

Running time: Approximately 6 minutes

Set: The Worship Illustration series for God of Wonders Units 5 & 6 is set in and around the Bible Barn at Camp Venture. The Bible Barn is a large red barn in reminiscent of the American Wild West. There are saloon doors, a Milk & Cookies Bar, a bench or barrel for seating, and a high open window or shelf displaying a row of tin cans for target practice. Each week, one of the cans will contain a slip of paper with a Scripture reference or words related to the lesson. Attach fishing line to the can to the can so someone offstage can pull it down when it is "hit with the slingshot." There is a sliding door labeled "Grain" that contains dried corn and the Bible. When the Grain door opens, lights flash, and "Come and get it!" mixed with stampede or other sound effect plays. For added interest, build windows, entrances and levels where the characters, puppets and the Camp Critter can pop up unexpectedly.

Characters: Catastrophe Jones is a cowboy and a showman in the style of Buffalo Bill. He is an expert marksman with a sling shot. Fishhead Jones is a loveable country boy who enjoys fishing, animals and all of God's creation. He is Catastrophe's cousin.

Plot: Fishhead Jones is very tired after losing a night's sleep. Catastrophe explains that God rested on the seventh day. We learn that we take a Sabbath to spend special time with God.

Costumes:

Catastrophe: White cowboy hat, vest, and chaps; gray wig and goatee
Fishhead: Fishing vest with lures attached, a stuffed fish hat, wader boots

Props: Bible, two rocks, owl (stuffed toy). Place a slip of paper printed with "Genesis 2" in the tin can that is set up to fall.

Sound effects (SFX):

1. Intro and outro music suggestion: Bluegrass style banjo music
2. "Come and get it!" mixed with stampede
3. Ricochet
4. Snores
5. Owl hooting "who, who"

Visual effects (VFX):

1. Scripture slide: ***And God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done. Gen. 2:3***
2. Campers' Code slide:
**I will love God with all my heart,
I will love my neighbor as myself,
I will be a light wherever I go!**
3. Image of John Wayne or another good guy
4. Image of Billy the Kid or another bad guy
5. Image of avalanche

Adaptations:

1. Sound Effects: Instead of using recorded effects, have children make the sounds
2. Voiceovers: May be spoken off stage
3. Worship Illustration is also available for download in storybook form at ResourceWell.org

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SFX: Intro music

Voice over

In the wild, wild west, there was good guys. (image of John Wayne) **And there was bad guys.** (image of Billy the Kid) **And then there was Catastrophe.** (image of avalanche) **Catastrophe Jones, the rootenest, tootenest, high-falootenest, sharp shootenest cowboy that ever rode the wild range! All summer long he and his friends will be bringing their special brand of Bible lessons right here to the Bible Barn at Camp Venture. Let's head on over and learn about the wonders of God's creation!**

Catastrophe

Hoo-oo-oo doggy! Howdy, hi there, Campers. I'm back! I had an awful case of swamp fever but thanks to your prayers and GranMammy's special elixir I feel like a new man! So why don't we start right off by saying our Campers Code? (VFX: Campers' Code slide) **On your feet and raise your right hands and let's say this together:**

**I will love God with all my heart,
I will love my neighbor as myself,
I will be a light wherever I go!**

(SFX: Snores) **Y'all hear that? Sounds like someone's cutting some wood.** (finds fishhead sleeping) **Fishhead, is that you?**

Fishhead

Oh, howdy, Catastrophe! You feelin' better?

Catastrophe

I am, Fishhead, but you don't look so good.

Fishhead

I am powerful tired, Catastrophe. I was up all night snipe huntin.'

Catastrophe
Snipe huntin'?

Fishhead

Yup, snipes is these little tiny birds that only come out at night! And if'n you click two rocks together (clicks rocks together) **and say, "Here snipe, snipe, snipe." They come a runnin' and then you can trap them in a shoebox.**

Catastrophe

Where'd you hear about these here snipes?

Fishhead

Wyoming told me. He said if'n you catch one, you can make him lay a golden egg what's worth about a bajillion dollars!

Catastrophe

Uh, Fishhead, I hate to tell ya this but ... there's no such thing as a snipe. It's just one of those things kids make up to tease each other.

Fishhead

What? How do you know there ain't no such thing?

Catastrophe

'Cause I'm the one what told Wyoming about it when we was kids. He spent three nights lookin' for them.

Fishhead

Well, I've been up for four nights!

Catastrophe

Sorry about that, pal.

Fishhead

Now what I gonna do?!

Catastrophe

I suggest you do what the Bible tells us to do ... get some rest.

Fishhead

The Bible tells us to get rest?

Catastrophe

It sure does. Why don't we shoot down that can and find out today's verse? Y'all get out your pretend slingshots and take aim. Ready! Aim! Fire! (SFX: Ricochet, VFX: Can falls.) **Good shootin' kids!**

Fishhead

Here it is, Cousin! It says, Genesis chapter two. Now, where's that Bible at? (keeps looking in basket)

Catastrophe

Up here, Fishhead. (Opens door, corn rolls out with Bible and lands in bushel basket, SFX: "Come and Get It" with stampede)

Fishhead (Corn falls on his head. Bible falls into his hands.) **I gots it! The Bible says: *By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested from all his work.* God really did make a day for me to rest.**

Catstrophe (VFX: Scripture slide)

Oh, He did more than that. The Bible says: *And God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done.*

Fishhead

I guess God really wants me to rest if'n He made a special day for it.

Catastrophe

But remember the other part. God blessed the day and made it holy.

Fishhead

What does that mean, to make it holy?

Catastrophe

Who knows what the word holy means? (Children respond) **That's right, holy means perfect, set aside or dedicated to God.**

Fishhead

So when God says to make that day holy, He's not just askin' us to sleep, He's asking us to rest from our work and spend time with Him.

Catastrophe

You got it. God wants us to take a Sabbath.

Fishhead

Now what's a Sabbath?!

Catastrophe

It's a time to refresh, and get our strength back so we can focus on what is important. It's a time to stop working and worrying and instead, focus on God.

Fishhead

So, a Sabbath ain't just for sleepin'? We could spend time visiting with family or playing with friends?

Catastrophe

Sure, or you could spend some time talking to God or thinking about Him. You can come to church and worship Him. The important thing is that you rest your mind from worries and think about your friendship with God.

Fishhead

Boy, I'll bet theys a hundred things you could do on a day of rest.

Catastrophe

Actually, there's one hundred and seven.

Fishhead

For real?

Catastrophe

I'm joking with you, Fishhead. You gotta stop believin' everything ya hear. But, I'll bet these here kids can think of several ways that you can honor God on His holy day.

Fishhead

Who can tell us something special you can do on God's day of rest? (Children respond.)

Fishhead

Those are some amazin' answers. I learned a whole mess about what it means to rest.

Catastrophe

Me too. What's your favorite thing you learned about the Sabbath?

Fishhead

My favorite thing I learned is that on the Sabbath day it's important to spend time with God. (SFX: Owl hooting) God, that's who. (SFX: Owl hooting) I said God!

Catastrophe

Calm down, Fishhead. That's just our Critter of the Day.

Fishhead

Who?!

Catastrophe (picks up owl)

Exactly, here he is, today's critter is the owl.

Fishhead

I think I understand why. The wise ol' owl does his hunting at night, but he uses the daytime hours to rest.

Catastrophe

That's right, and that reminds us that it's wise to set aside at least one day each week for holy rest.

Fishhead

Yup, and it reminds me of the day after God made the whole earth, when He rested from His work."

Catastrophe

Good thinkin', Fishhead. Hey campers, I think that's it for today. Be sure to come back next week to the Bible Barn!

(SFX: Outro music)