



Worship Illustration: Script
The Bible Barn
God of Wonders Part 2: Genesis - Joshua
Unit 6, Lesson 28

Cain and Abel

Genesis 4:2-9

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: Wyoming Jones' Granmammy is a cantankerous, elderly woman with a lot of energy and common sense. She loves the Lord and her family and she serves as the community doctor. Fishhead Jones is a loveable country boy who loves fishing, animals, and all of God's creation.

Plot: Fishhead is upset with his brother for giving their mama a better birthday gift. Granmammy tells the story of Cain and Abel. Together we learn that God wants us to love and forgive everyone.

Costumes:

Granmammy: Gray wig, granny glasses, calico

skirt, shawl, bonnet, boots, corn cob pipe
Fishhead: Fishing vest with lures attached, a stuffed fish hat, wader boots

Props: Bible, chewing tobacco (bubble gum), shepherd's staff, rake or shovel, bowl of fruit, can of spam, coyote (stuffed toy). Place a slip of paper printed with "Cain and Abel" in the tin can that is set up to fall.

Sound effects (SFX):

1. Intro and outro music suggestion: Bluegrass style banjo music
2. Granmammy's entrance music: Beverly Hillbillies theme song
3. "Come and get it!" mixed with stampede
4. Banjo picking
5. Spit and metallic clank
6. Howl

Visual effects (VFX):

1. Scripture slide: ***Then the Lord said to Cain, "Why are you angry? Why is your face downcast? If you do what is right, will you not be accepted?" Genesis 4:6-7***
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!** (SFX: Beverly Hillbillies theme song)

Granmammy

Yodel-eh-hee-hoo! Well, hello there boys and girls. Y'all know me, Granmammy Jones. Catastrophe had to go into town to get some supplies so he asked me to learn ya about the Bible. (SFX: Banjo picking)

Fishhead (enters sadly)

Howdy Granmammy. Howdy kids.

Granmammy

How-dee-do, Fishhead! You seem a might upset. What's the trouble?

Fishhead

Well, Granmammy, I am powerful upset at my brother, Shrimphhead.

Granmammy

Shrimphhead? What did he do?

Fishhead

Well, you `member how my Mama, just had a birthday?

Granmammy

`Course I do! She's my own daughter!

Fishhead

Oh yeah. Well, I made her a really nice card with glitter glue and stickers and everything!

Granmammy

Oh, that's real nice.

Fishhead

But Shrimphhead, you know what he done? He got Mama a rockin' chair!

Granmammy

Su-weet! Ain't nothin' your Mama loves more than a rockin' chair!

Fishhead

I know! But I only got her a card ...

Granmammy

Well, a card is nice too.

Fishhead

Yeah but, ole perfect Shrimphhead got her the best gift ever, all I gots was a card. I looks like the bad son.

Granmammy

So, you're mad at your brother for being thoughtful?

Fishhead

Well ... no ... well, yeah ... well, I don't know what to think ...

Granmammy

When I don't know what to think I turn to the Bible.

Fishhead

Granmammy, what are the chances the Bible has a story about family members and gift giving?

Granmammy

Well, maybe the name of our lesson today will give us a clue. I got my chewin' tobacky! You kids get out your pretend slingshots and take aim. Ready! Aim! Fire! (SFX: Spit and clank. Can falls.) **Good shootin' kids!**

Fishhead

It says, "Cain and Abel." Who dat? Who are Cain and Abel?

Granmammy

They was Adam and Eve's sons. Let's get the Bible out. (Opens door, corn rolls out with Bible and lands in Opens door, corn rolls out with Bible and lands in bushel basket, SFX: "Come and Get It" with stampede)

Hey, you know what would be fun? We should get two volunteers to act out this story. (Choose two children.) **Come on up.** (Opens Bible to read Genesis 4:2b.) **"Now Abel kept flocks, and Cain worked the soil."**

Fishhead

Here's your shepherd staff and here's your shovel. (Give first child the staff and shovel.) **Granmammy, what happened next?**

Granmammy

"In the course of time Cain brought some of the fruits of the soil as an offering to the Lord. (Give second child the bowl of fruit.) **But Abel brought fat portions from some of the firstborn of his flock.** (Give second child the can of spam.) **The Lord looked with favor on Abel and his offering, but on Cain and his offering he did not look with favor. So Cain was very angry, and his face was downcast."**

Fishhead

What does downcast mean?

Granmammy

It means sad or pouting. Cain was angry and sad because God liked Abel's gift more than Cain's.

Fishhead

Why do you think God didn't like Cain's offering as much as Abel's?

Granmammy

Well, the Bible doesn't exactly say. But it could be because Abel gave his offering out of love and faith in God but, Cain didn't give from his heart. Or it could be

because Abel gave his very best, the firstborn and Cain didn't give God his best. Or it could be that God could see that Cain was jealous in his heart.

Fishhead

God could tell Cain was jealous of his brother?

Granmammy (VFX: Scripture slide)

Oh yes, in fact the Bible says: *Then the Lord said to Cain, "Why are you angry? Why is your face downcast? If you do what is right, will you not be accepted?"*

Fishhead

Wow, so did Cain do what was right? Did he give his best?

Granmammy

Nope, in fact he made the worstest choice ever. He was so jealous and angry that he picked a fight with Abel out in the field and actually killed him

Fishhead (Puzzled, he scratches his head as he looks at volunteers Cain and Abel) **Hmmm.**

Granmammy (excuses volunteer)

Don't even think about it! We're not going to act that part out! Let's have a round of applause for, Cain and Abel!

Fishhead

Granmammy, this story reminds me of my family. I was angry with my brother for doing the right thing.

Granmammy

And what did you learn?

Fishhead

I should hit my brother in the head with that rockin' chair!

Granmammy

No! Cain did the wrong thing. The Bible says: the Lord asked Cain, "Where is your brother Abel?"

And Cain answered, "I don't know. Am I my brother's keeper?"

Fishhead

So, Cain lied to God! What was he thinkin'?!

Granmammy

Well he sure wasn't thinking about the Camper's Code! That's what God wants from us! Do you remember what it says, Fishhead?

Fishhead (VFX: Campers' Code slide)

Yup. Campers, let's say it together:

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

Granmammy

And who is our neighbor?

Fishhead

Well, everybody, including our friends...

Granmammy

And?

Fishhead

Our brothers and sisters.

Granmammy

Right! God wants us to love everyone. He wants every sister and brother to love one another.

Fishhead, I almost forgot to tell ya, today's Camp Critter is the coyote!

Fishhead

Coyote? Why do you think the coyote is today's Camp Critter?

Granmammy

Well, the coyote has a very sad howl. (SFX: Howl) I think that's how sad God must have felt to see Cain make so many wrong choices.

Fishhead

Granmammy, I'm gonna make a choice that God will really like. I'm gonna do the right thing and forgive my brother.

Granmammy

I think that will make God very happy. It looks like we're out of time for today. We'll see you next time, right here at the Bible Barn!

(SFX: Outro music)