



**Worship Illustration: Script**  
**High Seas Adventures**  
**God of Wonders Part 2: Genesis - Joshua**  
**Unit 9, Lesson 43**

# God Sends Manna

**Exodus 16:1-36**

**Running time:** Approximately 6 minutes

**Set:** The set for God of Wonders Units 7-10 is designed as a seventeenth century pirate ship viewed from the port (left) side. The Caribbean Queen's bow is stage right. On stage left, there is a raised wheelhouse with a door to the Captain's quarters. Characters and puppets may pop up from several trap doors in the deck and from the crow's nest near the top of the center stage mast. There is a pulley system to raise the treasure chest from below deck where the Bible is kept. For added interest, build windows, entrances, and levels where the characters and puppets can pop up unexpectedly.

**Characters:** Cody is one of Captain Billy Ocean's "skater" nephews. He is fairly simple, speaks in surfer terms, and is excited by most things, especially God's Word. Matey (Nigel) is a simple, sweet-natured midshipman with a true servant's heart.

**Plot:** Cody is complaining about always having to eat fish. Matey tells him about when the Israelites grumbled and how God provided manna and quail for them to eat. We learn we should be grateful to God because He always gives us just what we need.

**Costumes:** Cody: Skater caps, skater shorts, knee socks, sandals; Matey: Striped shirt, stocking cap, short trousers (Capri pants), slippers

**Props:** Bibles, treasure chest

**Sound effects (SFX):**

1. Intro/Outro music suggestion: "Pirate Theme" from productiontrax.com tracks #19253 or #40794
2. Treasure chest suggestion: Music with voiceover as chests opens to reveal Bible: **"His Words for you are treasures true!"**

**Visual effects (VFX):**

1. Video Intro is available at ResourceWell.org
2. Treasure chest contains the Bible. Whenever it is opened, light shines out and music with voiceover plays.
3. Scripture slide: ***Then the LORD said to Moses, "I will rain down bread from heaven for you." Exodus 16:4a***
4. Closing Slide: **"May the God of Wonders fill your sails and guide your path!"**

**Adaptations:**

1. Sound Effects: instead of using recorded effects, have children make the sounds
2. Voiceovers: may be spoken off stage
3. This illustration is also available in storybook form at ResourceWell.org

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**Voice over** (VFX: Video bump)

**Ahoy lads and lassies! There be a legend centuries old of a lost treasure, more valuable than gold! Though the pirates searched both land and sea, they could not find where it might be! Until Captain Billy sailed the ocean blue and brought that treasure home to you. So grab yer treasure map, climb aboard the Caribbean Queen and join us as Captain Billy Ocean and his crew unveil the greatest wonders God has ever shown!**

**Cody** (pops up)

**Yo! What up, little dudes? It is I, Cody. So far, living onboard the Caribbean Queen has been pretty rough! They don't get cable TV, there's no place to skateboard, and all they eat is fish for every meal! Dudes, I would give anything for a grande burrito with hot sauce!**

**Matey** (pops up)  
**Ahoy there, Cody!**

**Cody**  
**Yo, what up, dude?**

**Matey** (stares overhead)  
**I don't know! I suppose there are clouds and some birds and of course, there's Heaven.**

**Cody**  
**No dude, what up is just an expression, like, "How are you?"**

**Matey**  
**I'm fine, sir or madam, but, you're in a spot of trouble.**

**Cody**  
**Uh-oh! What did I do now?**

**Matey**

**Cap'n Billy told you to wash all the dishes and the pots and pans, but the sink is still full of dishes!**

**Cody**

**Oh man, I don't feel like doing dishes. That kitchen always smells like fish!**

**Matey**

**That's because we had fish pancakes for breakfast!**

**Cody**

**I know, gross me out! I'm sick of eating fish. Dude, why don't we ever have Taco Bell?!**

**Matey**

**You should never grumble about what you eat, sir or madam. You should be grateful to God for the food He sends to you.**

**Cody**

**What? God didn't send me that fish. I saw Simeon catch a whole mess of flounder just yesterday.**

**Matey**

**Well, Simeon may have caught them but God provided them. God always sends us what we need. Here, I'll get out the Traysure map and show ya! (Opens treasure chest, SFX: Voiceover with music, VFX: light shines from Treasure Chest) Remember how God saved the Israelites?**

**Cody**

**Yeah dude, God parted the Rad Sea!**

**Matey**

**That's Red Sea, sir or madam.**

**Cody**

**Right! And the Israelites crossed over to the other side and they were, like, totally safe!**

**Matey**

They were safe and free but they were hungry in the middle of a hot, sandy desert without food.

**Cody**

But they were just happy to be free and not have to be Pharaoh's slaves anymore, right?

**Matey**

Actually they were miserable. The Bible says, they grumbled and complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt? Now we're going to starve to death in the desert!"

**Cody**

Wow, they should have been happy that God had saved them!

**Matey** (VFX: Scripture Slide)

That's what Moses thought, but God always takes care of His people, even if they grumble! The Bible says, *Then the LORD said to Moses, "I will rain down bread from heaven for you."*

**Cody**

Cool! What did God do, drop loaves of Wonder Bread from the sky?

**Matey**

That would make Him the God of Wonder bread! But, no he didn't send loaves. He sent manna! It's a kind of bread. The Bible says thin flakes like frost appeared on the ground.

**Cody**

God sent Frosted Flakes?! They're great! Did he pour milk down from Heaven too?

**Matey**

No! It wasn't cereal. It was manna, bread!

**Cody**

Banana bread?!

**Matey**

Not Banana bread! Manna, manna!

**Cody**

Man alive, that's cool. Did they taste like nachos?

**Matey**

They tasted like wafers made with honey.

**Cody**

Sounds delicious! Did the Israelites fill their tents with manna?

**Matey**

No, they were only able to keep as much as they could eat for one day.

**Capt.**

Dude, I'd be stuffin' my pockets with those heavenly nachos!

**Matey**

If you did that, the next day your pockets would stink and be filled with maggots.

**Cody**

Ewww! Dude, that's totally gross!

**Matey**

Aye, you see, instead of them storing food, God wanted them to depend on Him every day.

**Cody**

What about weekends?

**Matey**

Well, the day before the Sabbath God would send twice as much. That way they wouldn't have to collect manna on the day of rest.

**Cody**

But wouldn't it get stinky?

**Matey**

Nope, that was the only time that the bread would last two days.

**Cody**

Oh, it's like the Lord's Prayer, "give us this day our daily bread!" But dude, did he send anything else?

**Matey**

The first night before God sent manna, He sent quail.

**Cody**

A whale! No way, they could eat an entire whale, dude!

**Matey**

Not a whale! How could there be a whale in the middle of the desert?

**Cody**

You never know with God. He can do like, miracles and stuff.

**Sandy**

That is true, sir, but this was quail - small birds that taste like chicken!

**Cody**

Cool, did they have to drive to Kentucky Fried Quail?

**Matey**

No! They didn't have Kentucky Fried Quail back then!

**Cody**

Then where'd they get the buckets of quail?

**Matey**

It didn't come in buckets. God just sent it.

**Cody**

So like, God's people were hungry so He sent one night's worth of quail and then 40 years worth of manna?

**Matey**

Aye, just what they needed each day. God always gives us just what we need! He wouldn't let His children go hungry. Oh speaking of hunger, I've got to start dinner!

**Cody**

What are we having, fish again?

**Matey**

Nope, quesadillas.

**Cody**

Quesadillas! No way! Can I help?

**Matey**

Sure, after you do the dishes.

**Cody**

You got it, dude!

**Matey**

So long, kids! See you next time!

**Cody** (SFX: Outro music)

**May the God of Wonders fill your burrito and guide your chimichanga!** (VFX: Closing slide)

**Matey**

That's not how it goes!

(they exit)