

WORSHIP ILLUSTRATION:

Lesson 49, Unit 10

THE LOVE SHUTTLE

God's Promise to Mary

Running time: Approximately 6 minutes

Bible Story: Luke 1: 26-38

Key Verse: Luke 1:37

Set: The set for Prophets and Promises Unit 7-10 is "The Love Shuttle," an old rusted out space freighter that has been spruced up with psychedelic 1960's design. A playground slide or curved tube leads into the room, this is the time tube. From the upper level (A Deck) a fireman's pole takes us down to B deck. There is a lit up power panel called the Power Source that conceals the Bible. For added interest, build windows, entrances and levels where the characters and puppets can pop up unexpectedly.

Characters:

Dr. Woodstock P. Havens is a hippie, inventor who has traveled forward in time aboard the Love Shuttle. Shiloh is Dr. Woodstock's nephew from 1973. He has a very relaxed attitude and is a bit naïve and clueless. "Handsome" is a human hand (Actor's entire body is hidden except for his hand.) Handsome assists everyone by handing them props as needed.

Plot:

Dr. Woodstock tells Shiloh about the angel who appeared to Mary and told her that she would give birth to the Savior. We learn that nothing is impossible with God.

Costumes:

Long wigs, tie-dyed shirt, bell-bottom pants, vest, headband, colored glasses.

Props:

Bible, remote control, angel ornament.

Sound effects: (SFX)

1. Intro music suggestion: "The Power of Love" by Huey Lewis and the News
2. Voiceover: Time Travel Alert countdown (Song: "Up, Up and Away" by The 5th Dimension)
3. Power Source suggestion: "We've Got the Power" by Snap.
4. Three bell rings: Handsome's entrance
5. Trumpet fanfare
6. Outro music suggestion: "The Power of Love" by Huey Lewis and the News or "For Unto Us" (Unit 10 Bible Memory Verse Song located at childrensministrywarehouse.net, or traditional Christmas hymn such as "Angels We Have Heard On High."

Visual effects: (VFX)

1. Video Intro: features space ships and rockets (available at www.childrensministrywarehouse.net)
2. Power Source holds the Bible. Whenever it is opened, light (L.E.D.) shines out and theme music plays. (Song: "We've Got the Power" by Snap.)
3. The Promise slide: **"For nothing is impossible with God." Luke 1:37**
4. Closing Slide:
"No matter where you are in time, God is good all the time!"

SFX/VFX Signals:

Promise signal: fanfare, flashing lights

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(VFX: Love Shuttle Video intro)

Shiloh (enters on upper level)

Hey, Dudes and dudettes, long time no see! I'll be right down! (slides down fire pole) **Man, I have been learning so much about the prophets. Those dudes were awesome. God trusted them with such important messages.** (SFX: 3 rings, Handsome pops up) **Oh, hey Handsome! Give me five!** (they slap hands) **Hey dude, you haven't seen Uncle Woody, have you?** (Handsome holds up remote) **Oh that's right! He traveled back in time with Isaiah! And he's due back right now? Awesome! Well, bring him back!** (SFX: remote beeps, LGTS: Red beacons)

Voiceover

Time Travel alert! Time Travel Alert! We have a time travel visitor in 3-2-1! (SFX: Up, Up and Away)

Woodstock

Whoa! Dudes, I'm back on board "the Love Shuttle!" No matter how far back I travel it always feels good to come home.

Shiloh

Uncle Woody!

Woodstock (they hug)

What's up, Shiloh!

Shiloh

How was your trip? Did Isaiah get home safely?

Woodstock

Oh yeah, I got him back to his time but...I felt bad leaving him there.

Shiloh

You did? How come?

Woodstock

Well, he lived in a time before Jesus had even been born. A time when God's people were still hoping and praying and waiting for God to send a Savior.

Shiloh

Far out, man. I can't even imagine my life without Jesus. I wonder what people put their hope in.

Woodstock

They put their hope in God. I know Mary did. She learned that nothing was impossible with God. I can show you in the Power Source. Here, let me get it out! (SFX: "We Got the Power", LGTS: LED shine from Power Source)

Shiloh

Wasn't Mary Jesus' mother?

Woodstock

She was about to be His mother and she found out about it from an angel!

Shiloh

An angel? I've never seen an angel. (SFX: 3 rings, Handsome holds angel) **Oh, thanks Handsome, but what I meant was I've never seen a real live angel.**

Woodstock

Neither did Mary until one appeared to her! His named was Gabriel.

Shiloh

Whoa! What did Gabriel say?

Woodstock

He said she'd found favor with God.

Shiloh

What does that mean?

Woodstock

It means that God was really pleased with her. He had chosen her. Then Gabriel told her that she was going to give birth to a son named Jesus who would be the Son of the Most High.

Shiloh

He told a young girl with no husband that she was going to give birth to the Son of God? How can that even happen?

Woodstock

That's what Mary asked.

Shiloh

What did the Gabriel say to that?

Woodstock

He said not to worry; the Holy Spirit of God would take care of all the details.

Shiloh

But...but...that seems impossible!

Woodstock

It is impossible for us, but not for God. "For nothing is impossible with God." Luke 1:37 (SFX: Promise signal, Promise slide.)

Shiloh

Dig it! Is that what Gabriel said?

Woodstock

He sure did. It was God's promise to Mary.

Shiloh

Now that's a promise no one can argue with. God has done so many

impossible things like...when He made the earth in seven days!

Woodstock

Yes! And when He created man and breathed life into us!

Shiloh

And remember that time God breathed life into those bones right in front of Ezekiel's eyes?

Woodstock

God is quite an expert at creating life where there was none before.

Shiloh

Out of sight! So what did Mary say when Gabriel told her the good news?

Woodstock

Let's read it and find out! "I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May it be to me as you have said." Then the angel left her.

Shiloh

Whoa, Dude! That Mary was one smart Dudette.

Woodstock

It's a wise servant who trusts in God. After all, He has proven to us again and again that nothing is impossible with God!

Shiloh

Amen! Now I see why they call it the miracle of Christmas.

Woodstock

Christmas is a great time to celebrate the most awesome miracle of all, Jesus, our Lord and Savior! After all, "No matter where you are in Time." Say it with us, "God is Good all the Time!" (SFX: Outro music) (they exit) Merry Christmas!