



Worship Illustration: Script
Commander Cosmos
Prophets & Promises Part 1: Acts- Revelation
Unit 3, Lesson 16

Priscilla and Aquila

Acts 18:1-28

Running time: Approximately 6 minutes

Setting: This series (Units 1- 4) is set on board a spaceship. The set is designed to look like the interior of the spaceship Skylab Omega. There are colored Plexiglas panels with lights behind them, computer parts, knobs and buttons, and a built-in view screen. The Command Center is on the B-deck (upper level or stage right area). The A-deck (lower level or stage left) has a sliding entrance upstage center and a Teleport. There is a tube where messages and the Bible can be received. The Virtual Bible is a screen or monitor displaying the Bible verses in the script. For extra fun, build windows where the characters and puppets can pop up unexpectedly.

Characters: Aquila is an elderly Jewish man who has been alive since the time of the apostles. He is very friendly and warm. Priscilla, his wife of all of those years, is sweet-natured but anxious. She nudges Aquila endlessly but underneath their banter they truly love one another deeply.

Plot: Aquila and Priscilla have dropped by to visit their friend Commander Cosmos. They tell us about their missionary journeys with the apostle Paul. We learn we should always take the time to serve together and teach others about Jesus.

Costumes: Priscilla wears a Biblical robe, sandals, and a head scarf. Aquila wears a Biblical robe, sandals, a fedora, and glasses.

Props: Bible, remote control, cane

Sound effects (SFX):

1. Intro/outro music suggestion: Space-themed songs
2. Computer Voiceover: Voice with echo
3. Teleport sounds and fanfare
4. Plexiglas window suggestion: Handel's Messiah "Hallelujah Chorus." Music plays when window is opened to reveal Bible.
5. Virtual Bible theme suggestion: "Close Encounters" Theme

Visual effects (VFX):

1. Video Intro featuring space ships and rockets available at ResourceWell.org
2. Strobes and fog (at teleport)
3. Sliding Plexiglas window holds the Bible. When opened, light shines out and music plays.
4. Scripture Slide (on Virtual Bible): ***He began to speak boldly in the synagogue. When Priscilla and Aquila heard him, they invited him to their home and explained to the way of God more adequately. Acts 18:26***
5. Closing Slide: "Jesus is the same yesterday, today, and forever!"
6. Fall back slide: Traveling rocket ship

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 located at ResourceWell.org

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Voiceover (VFX: short video intro)
Scripture...the finest frontier. These are the voyages of Skylab Omega. Its five month mission to spread the Gospel to the galaxy, to share God's love with civilization, to boldly go where one Savior has gone before! Come with us now as we blast through the Bible with Commander Cosmos: Space Ranger!

Computer
Visitor arriving! Visitor arriving! Important Dignitary from planet Corinth is teleporting aboard in 5-4-3-2-1. (SFX: Teleport sounds and fanfare, VFX: Strobes and fog)

Aquila (enters through teleport, speaks to the children) **Oy, hello, Shalom. God be with you. Ah, children! I love children! Allow me to introduce myself. I'm the mayor of planet Corinth, but you can call me Aquila. You might have heard of me. I'm mentioned in the Bible. That's right, I'm in the Bible. Which makes me...pretty old! Must be something in the Corinthian water. Priscilla and I are healthy as horses. Oh, Priscilla, she's my wife.**

Priscilla (enters through teleport)
Did I hear someone call me? Hello?

Aquila
She heard me! Ears like a bat, that woman.

Priscilla
Aquila? Is that you?

Aquila
Yes, my turtle dove.

Priscilla
Are you talking to the Commander?

Aquila
No. I haven't found him yet. I was talking to some kids.

Priscilla (speaks to the children)
Oh, hello there. I'm Priscilla. How nice to meet you. We're friends with Commander Cosmos.

Aquila
He invited us on board. We were supposed to meet him. But we're a little early.

Priscilla
An hour early. I told you, you don't need to be early for everything.

Aquila
I like early.

Priscilla
But an hour? Mashugana! (to Aquila) Did you tell the kids about Paul?

Aquila
I was just about to...

Priscilla
Well, tell them about Paul.

Aquila
I was going to.

Priscilla
We're friends with Paul. Did you tell them?

Aquila
I'm telling 'em.

Priscilla
Tell 'em about Paul! So Paul came to Corinth and stayed with us for a little while. Well, a year and a half! He taught us so much about Jesus. The man's a saint. Tell them all how he taught us to serve Jesus.

Aquila
Yes my sweetness. I'll read it to them.

Priscilla
Why don't you read it to them?

Aquila
I was gonna.

Priscilla
Go ahead; get the Bible out.

Aquila
I'm gonna!

Priscilla
Read to the kids from the Bible.

Aquila
I'M GONNA! Sheesh! Okay, here we go...
(Opens window, SFX: "Hallelujah Chorus," VFX:
Beam of light shines from window.) **Oy, nice
music. I found it! Priscilla, Aquila, and
Apollos! I told ya' we were in the Bible!
Listen.** (Read Acts 18:18a.) ***Paul stayed on in
Corinth for some time. Then he left the
brothers and sailed for Syria, accompanied
by Priscilla and Aquila.***

Priscilla
See that? We traveled with Paul!

Aquila
For a while. Then, Paul went to Syria and
we stayed in Ephesus, you know, helping
out the Ephesian church. We just felt like
God had a reason for us to stick around.

Priscilla
Then, along came Apollos! Tell them about
Apollos.

Aquila
I was going to, my sunshine.

Priscilla
We met this Greek fellow named Apollos.
Did you tell them?

Aquila
I'm telling them.

Priscilla
Oh, what a story. Tell 'em that one!

Aquila
I'm tryin'.

Priscilla
They want to hear. Tell 'em about Apollos!

Aquila
I'M TELLIN' 'EM, Sheesh! Well, Apollos
came to Ephesus. Oy, he was a smart
fellow.

Priscilla
He studied so hard. Oh, he knew his Bible.

Aquila
He was so on fire for God. He told
everyone about Jesus.

Priscilla
Yeah, but he didn't know the whole story
like we did. Guess what we did?

Aquila
They can't guess, honey. Let's show them
with the **Virtual Bible**. (SFX: Virtual Bible
theme)

Priscilla
Good idea.

Aquila (VFX: Scripture Slide)
***He began to speak boldly in the
synagogue. When Priscilla and Aquila
heard him, they invited him to their home
and explained to him the way of God more
adequately.***

Priscilla
We invited him to our house. He just
needed someone to tell him the rest of the
story.

Aquila
That's all the boy needed, a little
encouragement. And boy, oh boy, did it
work! He went on to be a great preacher.

Priscilla

Oh, we were so proud of him. Let that be a lesson to you, kiddies. Always take the time to work with others and teach them about Jesus.

Aquila

That's right! Paul took the time to invite us to serve with him.

Priscilla

And, we took the time to help Apollos understand God's ways.

Aquila

And, God still has Commander Cosmos and his crew going around the galaxy spreading the same message even today. Which makes sense, after all...

Priscilla

Tell them what Commander Cosmos always says.

Aquila

I was just about to...

Priscilla

You know, the thing that he says.

Aquila

I was going to.

Priscilla

Did you tell them what he says?

Aquila

I'M TELLING 'EM! Sheesh! Let's all say it together!

All

Jesus is the same yesterday, today, and forever! (SFX: Outro music, VFX: Fallback slide)

Aquila

Let's go find Commander Cosmos.

Priscilla

We should find the Commander.

Aquila

I just said that.

Priscilla

Did you find the Commander?

Aquila

I'm looking for him.

Priscilla

Well, let's find Commander Cosmos.

Aquila

I'M FINDING HIM! Sheesh!

(they exit)