Paul and the Shipwreck

Acts 25:23-27; 26:1-32

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: Lieutenant Ruby Starlight is the first mate. She is young and bubbly and always ready to learn. Ambassador Nofutu is the quirky, child-like representative from Planet Jerusalem. He is very silly, high energy, and full of curiosity. For fun, add an unusual accent.

Plot: Ambassador Nofutu tells Ruby how he and Captain Yago were rescued from a shipwreck. We learn God has a plan for our lives and will make that plan happen.

Costumes: Ruby wears a space suit and boots. Nofutu wears a crazy patterned shirt, shiny tunic, silk pantaloons, silly hat, and clogs.

Props: Bible, remote control

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. Computer keyboard typing sounds. (For more humorous elements, add SFX such as cowbell, foghorn, etc.)
6. 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 (Teleport)
3. Sliding Plexiglas window holds the Bible. When opened, light shines out and music plays.
4. Scripture Slide (on Virtual Bible): ***So keep up your courage, men, for I have faith in God that it will happen just as He told me. Acts 27:25***
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

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!

Ruby
Hello, Space Cadets! Ruby Starlight here! Skylab Omega has been busy. We've been to three planets, all successful visits! But, I have been worried about Captain Yago and Ambassador Nofutu. We lost contact and haven't heard from them all week.

Computer V.O.
Visitor arriving! Visitor arriving! In 5-4-3-2-1! (SFX: Teleport sounds and fanfare, VFX: Strobes and fog)

Nofutu (hugs Ruby)
Boogah, boogah, boogah, Kong-a-loosh! Oh, Ruby Tuesday! It's so good to see you! It's so good to see anyone!

Ruby
Ambassador Nofutu! Where have you been? We were worried sick!

Nofutu
You were worried? We were worried! Everyone was worried!

Ruby
Well, where did you go?

Nofutu
We got shipwrecked!

Ruby
Shipwrecked? But, I thought Captain Yago was an excellent pilot.

Nofutu
He is! He told me so, himself. But, we ran into a meteor storm and the ship was struck. We lost engine power and began hurtling towards Planet Galatia!

Ruby
What did you say?

Nofutu
We said, "Ahhhhhhh!!"

Ruby
I mean, what did you do?

Nofutu
We crashed.

Ruby
I mean after! How did you get to safety?

Nofutu
Well, Captain Yago kept telling the crew that if we all stayed with the ship we would be all right.

Ruby
Praise God!

Nofutu
We did! And we prayed, alot. The ship was too damaged to fly, but Captain Yago was able to repair the radio.

Ruby
What did you say?

Nofutu
We said, "HELP!!"

Ruby
And, did someone rescue you?

Nofutu
No... Of course, we were rescued! How else would I be here?

Ruby
I'm so glad you made it! Is Captain Yago okay?

Nofutu
Yes, he said it made him trust God even more!

Ruby
That's true. It's those times of real emergency when we learn to put our trust in God. Paul learned that when his ship was wrecked. Guess where you can find that story?

Nofutu
I know! I know! In the Music Bible! Let me get it for you! Music Bible time! Music Bible time! (Opens window, SFX: "Hallelujah Chorus," VFX: Beam of light shines from window.) **Here you go! Story time!**

Ruby
Paul was on a ship with a bunch of men.

Nofutu
What do you know? So were we!

Ruby
And they were caught in a storm.

Nofutu
What do you know? So were we!

Ruby
And they feared the ship would be torn apart.

Nofutu
What do you know? So did we!

Ruby
But, an angel appeared to Paul and told him they would all survive if they stayed with the ship.

Nofutu
That's just what Captain Yago said to us!

Ruby
Maybe Captain Yago knew what Paul knew, that God had a plan. It's like it says in the Virtual Bible...

Nofutu

Ooh, the Beepity Beeps! Let me get Beepity Beeps! (SFX: Virtual Bible Theme, VFX: Scripture Slide) *So keep up your courage, men, for I have faith in God that it will happen just as He told me.* **Wow, God had a plan for Paul's life!**

Ruby
God has a plan for all of our lives!

Nofutu
God had a plan for their future! I wonder if God has a plan for me and Captain Yago and I...and me?

Ruby
He has a plan for all of you and us. We just have to trust Him.

Nofutu
I do! I do trust him! And Captain Yago trusted Him to rescue us! I'm going to call Captain Yago and tell him God has a plan for us just like He did for Paul!

Ruby
And we can trust God to complete His plan! After all, say it with us kids!

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

Ruby
So long, kids!

Nofutu
Kong-a-loosh!

(exit)