

## WORSHIP ILLUSTRATION

Lesson 22, Unit 5

### **The Bible Barn** **Letters about Love**

Running time: Approximately 5 minutes

#### **New Testament Letters:**

1 Corinthians 13:1-7, John 4:11-12

**Focus Verses:** 1 Corinthians 13:4-7;  
John 4:11-12

Setting: This series (Units 5 & 6) is set in a barn area of an outdoor camp. The set is designed to look like the interior of a barn. There's a door to enter, a fireplace with stuffed animal heads over the mantle, and a ramp (or steps) to invite kids up to participate in object lessons. There is a mailbag or box that sits on a high shelf, it can have a trap door or simply tip over to dump a pile of letters and a Bible into counselor's hands. There are different openings, trapdoors and windows that the animal of the day can fall out of. For extra fun, build windows where the characters and puppets can pop up unexpectedly.

#### Characters:

Ranger Reggie is the Head Bible Counselor at Camp Venture. He is a former explorer and animal seeker, like the "Crocodile Hunter". (For added humor, pronounce all "R"s and "L"s as a "W".) Safari Sam is the assistant Bible teacher and Ranger Reggie's longtime friend. Like Reggie, he loves animals, children, and the Bible. (For added humor, pronounce all "S"s with a "Th" sound.) Wild William recites the Camp Critter Clue either via video or from an offstage microphone. (Option: the Camp Critter Clue can be found on a slip of paper or appear on a slide and be read by a volunteer or any character.) Orville is a klutzy carrier pigeon (silent toy bird attached to a zip line) that delivers messages.

#### **Creature Feature's Camp Critter:**

##### **Two Love Birds**

Note: Each episode introduces a different creature. These may be ten separate puppets, stuffed animals, or one basic sock puppet to represent the 10 following creatures:

Love Birds (Lesson 22), Meer Kat (Lesson 23), Serpent (Lesson 24), Little Lamb (Lesson 25), Dove (Lesson 26), Race Horse (Lesson 27), Kitten (Lesson 28), Gorilla (Lesson 29), Elephant (Lesson 30), Lion (Lesson 31)

Plot: Safari Sam brings a letter from Paul to the Corinthians. Ranger Reggie reads about God's love in the Bible. Then, Orville brings a letter from John. We learn that love is the most important thing and that God created us to love Him and one another.

Costumes: Safari hats, shorts, boots, vests, camp t-shirts

Props: Clipboard, Bible, letters, large plastic egg, grain, two fake love birds

#### Sound effects: (SFX)

1. Intro/outro music suggestions:  
"Hoe-down Throw down" by Miley Cyrus.
2. Cow mooing sound
3. "I Like to Move It, Move It" from Madagascar
4. "Mail Time Song" from Blues Clues
5. Bird Squawking sound

#### Visual effects: (VFX)

Video Intro is available at  
[www.childrensministrywarehouse.net](http://www.childrensministrywarehouse.net).

1. Video Intro: Video featuring Reggie exploring and teaching Bible lessons.
2. Creature Feature slide
3. Wild William's Camp Critter Clue video
4. Slide of Camp Critter Clue:

**"Wings of love for all to see—  
a symbol of perfect unity."**

5. Slide of Camper's Code:  
I will love God with all my heart.  
I will love my neighbor as myself.  
I will be a light wherever I go!

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### **Letters About Love**

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(VFX: short video intro)

#### **Reggie**

**Hello! Hello, boys and girls!**

**Welcome to the Bible Barn!**

(SFX: Moo) **I'm the Head Bible Counselor here at the Bible Barn.**

(SFX: Moo) **My name is Ranger Reggie. Can you say that with me? Excellent!**

**Sam** (runs in)

**Ranger Reggie! Ranger Reggie! The flag is up that means we have mail!**

#### **Reggie**

**That's great! Everybody, this is my assistant counselor, Safari Sam. Say hello, Sam.**

#### **Sam**

**Hello Sam! I mean, hello kids!**

(Children respond.)

#### **Reggie**

**I just love to get mail from home! Let's open up the mail bag and see what God has sent us! (SFX: "Mail Song" from Blues Clues plays when the mail box is opened.) Ah, here's my Bible! The Bible is just full of love letters from God! Would you like to read today's letter, Safari Sam?**

#### **Sam**

**Sure! Here's a great letter from the Bible! This is the first letter that the Apostle Paul wrote to the Corinthians. (Reads) "Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs.**

#### **Sam continued...**

**Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres."**

#### **Reggie**

**Why this is a letter about love!**

#### **Sam**

**Wow, it sounds like love is really important to God!**

#### **Reggie**

**Love is the most important thing in the world! It's the reason God created us—so that He could love us and we could show love to Him and to each other!**

#### **Sam**

**That gives me a good idea of what today's Creature Feature might be.**

#### **Reggie**

**Thanks for reminding me, Sam! Listen up, campers! Every day here at Camp Venture, we are going to introduce you to a new and interesting critter. We call it our Creature Feature! (SFX: "I Like to Move It, Move It") (VFX: slide reading: Creature Feature) Let's ask our friend, Wild William to come out and give us our Camp Critter Clue so we can find out who is today's featured creature!**

#### **Sam**

**Wild William, "Which critter will be today's featured creature?"**

**Wild William** (VFX: Wild William)

**"Wings of love for all to see—  
a symbol of perfect unity."**

**Sam** (VFX: Camp Critter Clue slide)  
**Wings of love for all to see -  
 a symbol of perfect unity.  
 What does that mean?**

**Reggie**  
**I know! I know! It's a love bird!**  
 (Two love birds drop onto his head.)  
 (SFX: squawking sound) **Ah! They're  
 on my head! Get 'em off! Get 'em  
 off!**

**Sam**  
**I've got them! I've got them! Aren't  
 they beautiful?**

**Reggie**  
**Oh yeah, beautiful like a  
 rattlesnake!**

**Sam**  
**But love birds are a beautiful  
 symbol of love and unity.**

**Reggie**  
**That's true! They are always found  
 in pairs and once they find their  
 true love they stay together for the  
 rest of their lives.**

**Sam**  
**That's because they need each  
 other.**

**Reggie**  
**They need each other! Of course,  
 that's it!**

**Sam**  
**That's what?**

**Reggie**  
**That's the other thing that love  
 birds remind me of, the fact that  
 God made us to love each other!**

**Sam**  
**That's true, the Bible says, "Love  
 comes from God!"**

**Reggie**  
**Do you know what, Safari Sam?  
 Just this morning my friend Orville  
 was showing me a letter that said  
 the same thing.**

**Sam**  
**Well, let's call him. Kids, Orville  
 lives way up there in the tower but  
 if we all shout together we can get  
 him to bring us that letter!**

**Reggie**  
**Let's all call him by shouting, "Hey  
 Orville, come on down!" Ready?**

**Children and Teachers**  
**"Hey Orville, come on down!"**  
 (Orville slides down and drops egg.)

**Reggie**  
**Orville laid an egg. Let's see what's  
 inside. (Opens egg and takes out  
 letter.) It's the letter Orville was  
 showing me from the Apostle John:  
 "Dear friends, since God so loved  
 us, we also ought to love one  
 another. No one has ever seen God;  
 but if we love one another, God  
 lives in us and His love is made  
 complete in us."**

**Sam**  
**I get it, Ranger Reggie! Through  
 these letters, God is showing us  
 that love comes from God.**

**Reggie**  
**That's right. And God's love is the  
 truest form of love!**

**Sam**  
**I thought all love was true love.**

**Reggie**

Oh no, sometimes people use the word love in silly ways. They say things like the "I love hot dogs" or "I love soccer" or "I love Miley Cyrus sparkle lip gloss!"

**Sam**

We all love sparkle lip gloss! But what's the difference between loving things and the God kind of love?

**Reggie**

The love that comes from God lasts forever and it changes lives in powerful ways.

**Sam**

Hey—that's the kind of love that our Camper's Code is all about.

**Ranger Reggie**

That's right Safari Sam!

**Sam**

Every good camper has to know the Camper's Code so stand to your feet, campers, and we'll teach it to you!

**Reggie**

We'll make you official Camp Venture Campers! Raise your right hand and recite our Camper's Code after me!

**All**

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

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

**Sam**

Well, campers, looks like we're out of time for today's Bible Barn. (SFX: Moo.) Let's head over to the flagpole and learn our Camp Critter Song together! (Teach and sing Verse 1 of Camp Critter Song.)

**ALL (Reggie, Worship leader, campers)**

(Sing Camp Critter Song Verse 1)

**I spied a love bird overhead;  
Here is what that love bird said,**

(Clap hands 3 times)

"The truest love,"

(Clap hands 3 times)

"comes from above."

**And the love bird hollered,  
"Yippee-kigh-yay!"**

**...at Camp Venture today!**

(VFX: Lyric slide or poster cue cards:

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(3 claps) "comes from above."

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**Reggie**

**So long campers!!**

(SFX: outro)