



Micah and God's Courtroom

Micah 6:1-2, 6, 8; 7:8b-9, 13, 18-19

Running time: Approximately 6 minutes

Setting: The Love Sub scripts (Lessons 35-52) will be set onboard a kaleidoscopic submarine in the late 1960's. The set is designed to look like the interior of an old submarine that also serves as a time travel device. There is a sliding board (the Time Tube) used for the entrance of visitors from the past and a ramp (or steps) to invite children up to participate in object lessons. There are two working portholes; the stage left porthole squirts water and the stage right porthole contains the Bible. Everything is painted in vibrant colors and has 1960's decor. For extra fun, build windows where characters and puppets can pop up unexpectedly.

Characters: Shiloh is Woodstock's nephew. He is very easygoing and easily amused. Ambassador Nofutu is a very joyful but confused dignitary. He knows nothing about our culture but loves God and has the curiosity and enthusiasm of a child. For fun, add an unusual accent. "Handsome" is a human hand (Actor's body is hidden except for his hand.) Handsome assists everyone by handing them props.

Plot: Shiloh tries to bring back Dr. Woodstock but instead he picks up Ambassador Nofutu. They read about the prophet Micah and decide to walk humbly with God. We learn what God expects from His people.

Costumes: Shiloh wears 1960's clothes, sandals, a blonde wig, and sunglasses. Nofutu wears a crazy patterned shirt, shiny tunic, silk pantaloons, silly hat, and clogs.

Props: Bible, remote control, gavel, trophy

Sound effects (SFX):

1. Intro/outro music suggestion: 1960's Surfer music
2. Porthole music suggestion: Song about God's power such as "Power in the Blood"
3. 3 dings: Microwave timer dings or bells
4. Remote control beeps
5. Submarine alarm sounds, bells
6. Warning siren
7. Choice bell
8. Promise fanfare
9. Gavel tapping on a desk
10. Voiceover: Time Travel Alert

Visual effects (VFX):

1. Video Intro featuring animated submarine is available at ResourceWell.org.
2. Stage right porthole holds the Bible. When it opens, a light shines out and music plays.
3. Warning Lights: Red beacons
4. Warning Slide: ***I will destroy you because you because you have sinned so much.***
Micah 6:13b
5. Choice Lights: Blinking spotlight
6. Choice Slide: ***He has showed you, O man, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.***
Micah 6:8
7. Promise Lights: Flashing lights
8. Promise Slide: ***You will again have compassion on us; You will tread our sins underfoot and hurl all our iniquities into the depths of the sea. Micah 7:19***
9. Fallback Slide: ***No matter where you are in time, God is good all the time!***

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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Video Intro: (available at ResourceWell.org)
(VFX: Scientific images, SFX: Newsreel music) **Since the dawn of man, scientists have longed to travel through time! In the late 1960's a crack team of geniuses combined their talents to attempt to break the time barrier. In the Florida Keys, Dr. Woodstock P. Havens was given the task of building a special space shuttle— (SFX: Record scratch) Woodstock: Yeah, but I decided to make a submarine instead, man! (SFX: Intro music, VFX: Animated sub) So, come on and join me as we float through time. Climb aboard the Love Sub!**

Shiloh

Hey, groovy guys and gals. Welcome back to "The Love Sub!" Handsome and I are working on a groovy experiment. We sent Uncle Woodstock way back in time. I hope he met some cool prophets! (SFX: 3 dings) (Handsome pops up holding remote control.) Hey, kids! Handsome is here! Say, hello, Handsome. (Handsome waves.) Hand me the remote and I'll bring Uncle Woodstock back to the future. (Handsome gives a thumbs up.) All right, here goes nothing! (SFX: Remote control beeps, VFX: Red beacons)

Voiceover

Time Travel Alert! Time Travel Alert! We have a time travel visitor in 3-2-1! (SFX: Submarine alarm sounds, bells)

(A judge's gavel slides down the Time Tube.)

Shiloh

Whoa! That's not Uncle Woody! I must have done something wrong. (Handsome makes a "no" gesture.) What's that, Handsome? A judge's gavel? Handsome, is Uncle Woody in Space Court again? (Handsome makes a "no" gesture.) I have to punch in a more accurate description? (Handsome makes a "yes" gesture.) Okay, let's see ... orange pants, groovy glasses, colorful clothes ... Is that a good description? (Handsome gives a thumbs up.) Okay, Uncle Woodstock back to the future, take two!

Voiceover

Time Travel alert! Time Travel Alert! We have a time travel visitor in 3-2-1! (SFX: Submarine alarm sounds, bells)

Nofutu

Merry Easter! Happy Christmas! Booga, booga, booga, Kong-a-loosh!

Shiloh

Whoa, dude, you're not Uncle Woodstock!

Nofutu

I'm not? Oh, you are right! I am not! I am Ambassador Nofutu from planet Jerusalem! What is an Uncle Woodstock?

Shiloh

He's the dude who built this beautiful submarine, the Love Sub!

Nofutu

I am loving this submarine! It's nice to meet you, Uncle Woodstock!

Shiloh

No, dude, I'm not Uncle Woodstock. I'm Shiloh!

Nofutu

Nice to meet you! (sits) Okay, Bible story time!

Shiloh

What?

Nofutu

Bible story time! Whenever I go on board the Skylab Omega, the Commander Cosmos reads me wonderful stories from God's Word, which is called the Bible.

Shiloh

Well, I don't know who this Commander Cosmos is but I guess I could read from the Power Source. (Opens stage right porthole and removes Bible, SFX: Porthole music, VFX: Beam of light shines from porthole)

Nofutu

Wow! That's what I call power!

Shiloh

I know; isn't God's Word groovy?

Nofutu

It's so groovy, it's Neato Burrito!!

Shiloh

I wish I said that! Dude, look what I found! It's the book of Micah.

Nofutu

Oh yes, Micah. I have that on my kitchen counters!

Shiloh

No, dude, that's "for-mica."

Nofutu

Oh, no, it's for everyone! Why should Micah be the only one with kitchen counters?

Shiloh

Okay, dude, you're making my brain hurt. Micah was a prophet and God told Micah that God was like the totally, most powerful judge in any courtroom and God had a case against the people.

Nofutu

Splendid! Then, I will have a case of chocolate Yoo-hoo. That's my favorite drink.

Shiloh

No, dude. I'm talking about like a case in court where God said the people were guilty. Let me just read Micah's message from God:

I will destroy you because you have sinned so much.

(SFX: Warning siren, VFX: Warning lights and slide)

Nofutu

Ah! It's the dream police! They live inside of my head!

Shiloh

Dude, it's not the dream police. Those are the warning lights.

Nofutu

Before you set off alarms, you should give a guy a warning!

Shiloh

That is the warning signal. (points to screen) And, that is the warning God gave to Micah.

Nofutu

That's very frightening. You should have warned me. If I had a choice, I would not want to be destroyed!

Shiloh

You do have a choice, dude!

Nofutu

I dude?

Shiloh

Totally, man! (SFX: Choice bell, VFX: Choice lights and slide) And, there are the choice lights!

Nofutu

You have the best toys!

Shiloh

Go ahead. Read the choice, dude.

Nofutu

Okay ... doood.

He has showed you, O man, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

Dude! I totally want to do that!

Shiloh

Me, too! And, check out the promise Micah tells us about! (SFX: Promise signal, VFX: Promise lights and slide) (Shiloh points to the screen.) **That's God's promise. Micah said this about God:**

You will again have compassion on us; You will tread our sins underfoot and hurl all our iniquities into the depths of the sea.

Nofutu

But, what is an iniquity?

Shiloh

It's another word for sin. It's when we do something wrong in God's eyes, man.

Nofutu (takes gavel and taps it on his head)
Guilty! No more Yoo-hoo!

Shiloh

Totally! I'm guilty too, man, but God promised to make a way to forgive us.

Nofutu

Is that when He will stomp on our sins and toss them in the ocean? Groovy!

Shiloh

Yeah, man! It's Neato burrito!

Nofutu

I wish I said that!

Shiloh

You did, man.

Nofutu

Well, what are we waiting for? Why don't we act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with our God?!

Shiloh

Man, I'm totally down with that!

Nofutu

Oh, don't be down. Get back up again!

Shiloh

I mean, I can dig it.

Nofutu

Dig what? Do you need a shovel?

Shiloh

Never mind. Let's just make the choices God expects us to make ... and find Uncle Woodstock.

Nofutu (points to Time Tube)

Maybe he will have some chocolate Yoo-hoo for Nofutu?

Shiloh

We'll see, dude. Okay, kids, we're gonna keep looking for my Uncle. Keep walking with the Lord and remember what Uncle Woodstock always says, "No matter where you are in time, God is good all the time!"
(SFX: Intro/outro music, VFX: Fallback slide)

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