



Worship Illustration: Script
The Adventures of the Bonzai Brothers
God of Wonders Part 1: Miracles of Jesus
Unit 1, Lesson 4

Healing Jairus' Daughter

Luke 8:40-42, 49-56

Running time: Approximately 6 minutes

Set: The Worship Illustration series for God of Wonders Units 1-4 is set in and around a remote jungle airstrip on an uncharted island north of Togo. It is the home of the Bonzai Brother's Flight School. The set should in some way denote the beginning of a journey; a dilapidated airplane hanger covered with vines and cargo netting. There is a cargo crate that contains the Bible. When it is opened, lights flash and a sound effect or theme song plays. For added interest, build windows, entrances and levels where the characters and puppets can pop up unexpectedly.

Characters: The main characters, Chauncey and Algernon Bonzai are former World War 1 British Air Force pilots turned missionaries. Pepper is a bird puppet (pelican or parrot).

Plot: Algie and Chauncey both have an arm in a sling. They tell the story of the time Jesus healed Jairus' daughter. We learn God can heal us "right away, along the way, or someday."

Costumes: Chauncey and Algeron: Brown Bomber jacket, khaki pants, aviator cap and goggles, work boots, scarf, slings

Props: Bible, radio reception device.

Sound effects (SFX):

1. Intro/outro music suggestion: "The Entertainer" by Scott Joplin
2. Plane engine sputter and crash
3. Explosion
4. Ambulance sirens

5. Crackling sound waves
6. Cargo Crate theme song suggestion: "There Can Be Miracles" from Disney's The Prince of Egypt soundtrack

Visual effects (VFX):

1. Video Intro: Black and white footage of experimental flight and failures in the Wright Brothers era (available at ResourceWell.org)
2. Ambulance lights
3. Cargo crate contains the Bible. Whenever it is opened, light shines out and theme song plays
4. Lightning flashes
5. Scripture slide: ***Don't be afraid; just believe, and she will be healed. Luke 8:50***
6. 3 Graphic slides: **"Right Away," "Along the Way," "Someday"**
7. Closing Slide: "It's incredible but true, what the God of Wonders can do!"

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 at ResourceWell.org

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(VFX: Bonzai Brothers Video intro)

Video Intro Voiceover

Since the dawn of time, man has longed to fly like the birds! (image of man with wings trying to fly) **Over in England, those amazing twin flyboys, the Bonzai Brothers, were making their first flight...and crashing** (image of a failed test flight) ... (image of another failed test flight), **and crashing ...and crashing** (image of another failed test flight)...**and, of course...crashing!** (image of another failed test flight) **Could it be possible that God would now use their "special talents," in the remotest places on Earth.** (animated plane flying over map) **Journey with us now to their island getaway to see what has become of the long lost Bonzai Brothers! And see the Wonders that God can do!** (SFX: "The Entertainer")

Chauncey (arm in a sling)
Tally ho, mates! Colonel Bonzai here!

Algernon (arm in a sling)
And Colonel Bonzai here, as well!
Chauncey! You hurt yourself!

Chauncey
Ah, just a broken wing, Algie! But what about you?

Algernon
It seems I crashed a little harder than usual this week.

Chauncey
Well, we are quite the pair. Two pilots with broken wings!

Algernon
Whatever shall we do, Chauncey?!

Chauncey
Do? We're not going to do anything! God is going to heal us!

Algernon
Are you quite sure?

Chauncey
Of course, he healed Jairus' daughter, didn't he?

Algernon
I don't think I know anyone named Jairus.

Chauncey
I don't suppose you do. He was in the Bible.

Algernon
Aha! I love the Bible!

Chauncey
I, too, love the Bible! Let's get ours out right now! (opens Cargo Crate, SFX: "There Can Be Miracles," VFX: light shines from Cargo Crate)

Algernon (arm up)
Let's read about ole Jairus! Ow!

Chauncey
Steady, old boy! You see, Jairus asked Jesus if he could please heal his 12-year-old little girl because she was dying!

Algernon
The poor thing! What did Jesus do?

Chauncey (VFX: Scripture slide) **Listen to this: Jesus said to Jairus, "Don't be afraid; just believe, and she will be healed." Then He went to Jairus' house, took the girl by the hand and said, "My child, get up!"**

Algernon
And? And?

Chauncey
She got up!

Algernon
She got up!

Chauncey
It was a miracle!

Algernon
A miracle!

Chauncey
A miracle!

Algernon
Chauncey? We believe in Jesus!

Chauncey
We do!

Algernon
Do you believe Jesus can heal us?

Chauncey
He created us; He made every part of us,
so, of course I believe He can heal us.

Algernon
Then I'm going to believe that I am
healed!

Chauncey
Just a moment Algie...

Algernon
My arm is no longer broken! It's a miracle!
(raises arm) Ow!

Chauncey
Be careful, Algie!

Algernon
I don't understand, Chauncey, I thought
God heals people with miracles!

Chauncey
He does, Algie.

Algernon
Then why is my arm still broken?

Chauncey
Well, you see, Algie, God *can* heal us with
a miracle and that's always our first
prayer, that God would do a miracle right
away! But sometimes he heals in other
ways.

Algernon
You mean there's more than one way that
God can heal?

Chauncey
As I see it, God heals us in three different
ways.

Algernon
Three ways? Do tell! What are those three
ways?

Chauncey (VFX: Graphics)
God can heal us "Right away!" "Along the
way!" Or "Someday!"

Algernon
Well, now you've got me curious, dear
brother. What is "right away?"

Chauncey
That's when God heals someone straight
away, on the spot, like he did for Jairus'
daughter.

Algernon
You mean a miracle!

Chauncey
A miracle!

Algernon
A miracle! But what is "Along the Way?"

Chauncey
Do you remember that time when you
crashed into the Eifel Tower and broke
your nose?

Algernon
I do!

Chauncey
And do you remember the time you
crashed into the Leaning Tower of Pisa
and broke your leg?

Algernon
I do!

Chauncey

And do you remember the time you fell out of the Tower of Terror and broke your hip?

Algernon

That was you, dear boy.

Chauncey

So it was, and all of those times it took us months to heal! But over time God used our bodies and doctors and medicines and time to heal us "along the way!"

Algernon

Well, that's a whole different sort of miracle. But, what about our dear departed Uncle Bunny Bonzai?

Both

God rest his soul!

Algernon

He was sick for so very long and then he passed away!

Both

God rest his soul!

Chauncey

But, where is Uncle Bunny now?

Algernon

Well, he truly loved Jesus so I would say old Uncle Bunny is in heaven now.

Chauncey

And do you think Uncle Bunny is still sick?

Algernon

Heavens no! The Bible says...
"There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain..."

Chauncey

So you see God did heal Uncle Bunny...

Algernon

Someday! I see! Someday in heaven we will all have perfect health and it will be...a miracle!

Chauncey

A miracle! Whether it's right away, along the way, or someday, God will heal us all in His way!

Algernon

That's incredible!

Chauncey (VFX: Closing slide)

Ah! You know what else is incredible?
Let's all say it together:

All

"It's incredible but true, what the God of Wonders can do!"

(SFX: "The Entertainer")

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