



Worship Illustration: Script
The Adventures of the Bonzai Brothers
God of Wonders Part 1: Miracles of Jesus
Unit 1, Lesson 5

Feeding the Five Thousand

John 6:3-13

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 receive a letter telling them their mother, Mumsy, is going to visit and help them distribute supplies. Pepper asks Algie what distribute means. Algie tell the story of the time Jesus fed the five thousand. We learn that when we give what we have, God blesses and multiplies it.

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

Props: Bible, radio reception device, letter

Sound effects (SFX):

1. Intro/outro music suggestion: "The Entertainer" by Scott Joplin
2. Plane flying
3. Plane engine sputter and crash
4. Explosion
5. Ambulance sirens
6. Crackling sound waves
7. 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. Fog
4. Cargo crate contains the Bible. Whenever it is opened, light shines out and theme song plays
5. Lightning flashes
6. Scripture slide: ***Here is a boy with five small barley loaves and two small fish, but how far will they go among so many?***
John 6:9
6. 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")

Algie

Hullo there, mates! Colonel Bonzai here! Chauncey flew up to the island of Togo to pick up our mail. He should be back any moment now. Ah, I think I hear him now. (SFX: Plane flying) **Yes, there he is! Hullo, Chauncey!** (SFX: Plane engine sputter and crash)

Chauncey

Oh no! Not again!

Algernon

Duck and cover! (VFX: Ambulance lights, fog)

Chauncey (pops up)

Tally ho! I made it! Don't worry about me, kids, I landed safely on my head!

Algernon

Chauncey! How are you, old boy?

Chauncey

Algie! Algie! Algie! Algie! Algie! Algie! Algie! Algie! Algie!

Algernon
Whaaat?!

Chauncey
Hi.

Algernon

Hullo, dear brother! So good to see you! Did you bring mail from Togo?

Chauncey

It is mail, but not just any mail! I hold in my hand a letter from our own sweet mother, Mumsy.

Algernon

Well, what does she say? What does she say? For heaven's sake open the letter!

Chauncey (opens envelope)

Right you are! It says, "Dear Algernon and Chauncey..."

Algernon

That's us!

Chauncey

You're right! "Dear Algernon and Chauncey, I miss my sweet little Monkey Toes and Schnookie-kins."

Algernon

Chauncey, not in front of the children.

Chauncey

Right you are, Monkey Toes! "I miss you both so much that I have decided to fly down for a visit." Mumsy's coming to visit us!

Algernon

Hooray!

Chauncey

"I've told all of our friends and neighbors here in England about the fine work my two boys are doing distributing God's gifts to missionaries all over the world!"

Algernon

I think she means us!

Chauncey

Well, we are her only children.

Algernon

Then she must be talking about us!

Chauncey

I think you're right, old chum!

"Our friends gathered many gifts and supplies to help your ministry. I shall bring them with me so that you may distribute them to others who need them. See you next time. Love and Kippers, Mumsy."

Algernon

Chauncey! Mumsy's coming!

Chauncey

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Chauncey

Oh my! I must go and get everything perfect for Mumsy; I should fly over to China and pick up some of Mumsy's favorite tea!

Algernon

Good thinking, Chauncey!

Chauncey

I say, Algie can I borrow your aeroplane? I seem to have crashed mine!

Algernon

Certainly, dear brother! Fly safely!

Chauncey

Ha-ha, silly Algie! Safe is my middle name! Ta-ta, Monkey toes! (exits)

Algernon

Au revoir, Schnookie-kins Oh my, my, I am so excited! We're going to see our dear sweet Mumsy!

Pepper (pops up)

Algie! Algie! Algie! Algie! Algie! Algie!
Algie! Algie! Algie! Algie!

Algernon

WHAAAAT?!!!

Pepper

Hi.

Algernon

Oh, hullo Pepper, guess what?

Pepper

Let me see...your mom's bringing supplies for you to distribute?

Algernon

Why yes. How did you know?

Pepper

You and your brother are so loud; it's kinda hard to miss. But, I do have a question for you. What's with all this distributing business?

Algernon

Pepper, old chap, distributed means to divide up and give things out to others.

Pepper

But you guys live in a grass hut on a deserted jungle island. If I were you, I'd be holding onto every little thing I got.

Algernon

Ah, that's what some people might think, but we want to be more like Jesus. Jesus loved to distribute!

Pepper

There's that word again!

Algernon

Distribute? Ah yes! Jesus loved to give to others. Like the day He fed 5,000 people.

Pepper

Jesus fed 5,000 people?! Holy guacamole! What did He do? Take them to McDonald's?!

Algernon

Oh, heavens no! The disciples found someone willing to share his food. Let me get the Bible and show you! (SFX: "There Can Be Miracles," VFX: Light shines from Cargo Crate) **Listen to what the disciple Andrew said:** (VFX: Slide) **John 6:9 "Here is a boy with five small barley loaves and two small fish, but how far will they go among so many?"**

Pepper

Five pieces of bread and two lousy fish! That wouldn't even fill my belly! For 5,000 people? No way!

Algernon

That's what the disciples thought. But, raise your hand if you believe Jesus can do a miracle? Of course He can! Jesus thanked God and distributed the boy's bread and fish. And when everyone had enough to eat, Jesus told the disciples to gather the pieces that were left over.

Pepper

Leftovers! Ha! Fat chance! How much could possibly be leftover?

Algernon

Only enough to fill twelve baskets!

Pepper

What?! Twelve baskets?! But there were only two fish and five loaves to begin with! I call that impossible.

Algernon

Do you know what I call it? A miracle!

Pepper

A miracle!

Algernon

A miracle!

Pepper

I think I get it. When you give what you have, God blesses more people than you can imagine!

Algernon

That's what the church is all about. We give what we have to build His Kingdom everywhere.

Pepper

I'm in, Monkey toes! I don't have much but I'll share what I got.

Algernon (SFX: Closing slide)

Pepper, you're going to learn what these kids already know! Let's all say it: "It's incredible but true, what the God of Wonders can do!" (SFX: "The Entertainer")
Ta-ta kiddies! Stop in next time and meet Mumsy!

Pepper

See you later!

(exit)