



Worship Illustration: Script
High Seas Adventures
God of Wonders Part 2: Genesis - Joshua
Unit 10, Lesson 52

Wise Men Follow the Star to Jesus

Matthew 2:1-12

Running time: Approximately 6 minutes

Set: The set for God of Wonders Units 7-10 is designed as a seventeenth century pirate ship viewed from the port (left) side. The Caribbean Queen's bow is stage right. On stage left, there is a raised wheelhouse with a door to the Captain's quarters. Characters and puppets may pop up from several trap doors in the deck and from the crow's nest near the top of the center stage mast. There is a pulley system to raise the treasure chest from below deck where the Bible is kept. For added interest, build windows, entrances, and levels where the characters and puppets can pop up unexpectedly.

Characters: Captain Billy Ocean is a rough and tough former pirate who has given his heart to Jesus and uses his ship to serve God's kingdom. Cody is one of Captain Billy Ocean's "skater" nephews. He is fairly simple, speaks in surfer terms, and is excited by most things, especially God's Word.

Plot: Capt. Billy tells Cody about the Wise Magi who followed the star to find Jesus. We learn that when God sends us a sign we should follow.

Costumes: Captain: Blousy shirt, vest, belt, boots, scarf, and an eye patch; Cody: Skater caps, skater shorts, knee socks, sandals

Props: Bibles, treasure chest

Sound effects (SFX):

1. Intro/Outro music suggestion: "Pirate Theme" from productiontrax.com tracks #19253 or #40794
2. Treasure chest suggestion: Music with voiceover as chests opens to reveal Bible: **"His Words for you are treasures true!"**

Visual effects (VFX):

1. Video Intro is available at ResourceWell.org
2. Treasure chest contains the Bible. Whenever it is opened, light shines out and music with voiceover plays.
3. Scripture slide: ***On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh. Matthew 2:11***
4. Star gobo
5. Closing Slide: **"May the God of Wonders fill your sails and guide your path!"**

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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Advent 4: An Angel Visits the Shepherds Matthew 2:1-12

Voice over (VFX: Video bump)

Ahoy lads and lassies! There be a legend centuries old of a lost treasure, more valuable than gold! Though the Pirates searched both land and sea, they could not find where it might be! Until Captain Billy sailed the ocean blue and brought that treasure home to you. So grab yer treasure map, climb aboard the Caribbean Queen and join us as Captain Billy Ocean and his crew unveil the greatest wonders God has ever shown!

Cody (pops up w/telescope)

Ahoy, lil' dudes! Uncle Captain Billy asked me to meet him on deck. He told me to look up to the sky. I'm not quite sure what I'm supposed to be looking for.

Captain (pops up)

Ahoy kids! Ahoy there, Cody.

Cody

Ahoy Uncle Captain Billy. I was just looking at the sky.

Captain

Aye, good lad. What do you see up there?

Cody

So far nothing, except that one big star over there.

Captain

That's not "nothing." That star is very important. That's our star.

Cody

We own a star?

Captain

Oh no, no one can own a star. God puts all the stars up in the sky. But for a sailor a star can be a very important sign.

Cody

A sign? You mean like, Stop or Do Not Enter or Right Turn Only?

Captain

Well, sort of. God uses stars to give direction to those who are wise enough to follow. In fact, there were some wise men that followed a star way back in Bible times. Let me get out the treasure map right now. (SFX: "Joy to the World," VFX: Light shines in treasure chest)

Cody

I think I remember this story! It's about those wise dudes who followed the star to Jesus!

Captain

Yes, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem, Magi from the east followed the star as far as Jerusalem. They asked King Herod, *"Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him."*

Cody

What's a Magi?

Captain

The Magi were known to be very wise men from the East who studied the stars.

Cody

Wow, I didn't know dudes from that far away came to worship Jesus?

Captain

Aye, remember what we learned? Jesus came for all people! Rich and poor, wise and simple, young and old, near and far.

Cody

Wow, dude, God must really want our worship.

Captain

There is nothing more important than worshiping Jesus. It's the very reason God created us.

Cody

So God used that star to lead them to Jesus?

Captain

Aye, the star went ahead of them until it stopped in Bethlehem over the place where Jesus was.

Cody

You mean the stable?

Captain

Oh no, he wasn't in the stable anymore. It took the Magi some time to get there. By now Jesus was in a house in Bethlehem.

Cody

How do you know?

Captain (VFX: Scripture slide)

Well, it says right here: *On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh.*
Matthew 2:11

Cody

Wow, imagine how Joseph and Mary must have felt to see these rich, important dudes bowing down to their little boy.

Captain

Aye, but remember the angels had told them both that their son was to be the Savior.

Cody

I'll bet those Wise Magi were glad that they followed that star.

Captain

Aye, when God points the way, it's a wise man who follows. And that's why we're gonna follow that star.

Cody

We're gonna follow what?

Captain

We're gonna follow that star.

Cody

But I thought God called us to stay here with the kids?

Captain

Well you know, God did call us here and the Caribbean Queen has been anchored here for quite some time. We've learned so much about worship together. But it's time that we set sail and bring God's word to other places.

Cody

Are you sure?

Captain

Aye, whenever God calls me to another place, he sends me a sign. That star is our sign. I believe it's time to sail on.

Cody

But what about the kids?

Captain

God will send them new friends who will teach them more about His Word. God always takes care of His children.

Cody

Uncle Billy, do we even know where we are going?

Captain

God is leading us. We just have to trust that He'll guide our path. Well, we should say our goodbyes.

Cody

So long, dudes. It's been awesome sailing with you. Remember, your worship is important to God. In fact, your worship is as important to God as the wise men's worship.

Captain

Nice words, Cody. We'll miss you kids. But we know you're in God's hands. So, until we meet again on the high seas. Say it with us: (VFX: Closing slide)

Both

May the God of Wonders fill your sails and guide your path! (SFX: Outro music)

Captain

We love you!

Cody

Be excellent to one another! And write to us! I'm gonna miss you little dudes! Take good care...and wash behind your ears...and read your Bibles...and listen to your moms and dads...and...and...

Captain

Say goodbye, Cody!

Cody

Goodbye, Cody!

(they exit)