



Worship Illustration: Script
The Adventures of the Bonzai Brothers
God of Wonders Part 1: Miracles of Jesus
Unit 2, Lesson 8

Healing the Sick Woman

Mark 5:24b-34

Running time: Approximately 7 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). 800 Pound Gorilla is a fur-covered arm and hand that only speaks in gibberish.

Plot: Mumsy is sick. The brothers read about how Jesus healed a woman who touched His clothing. We learn Jesus can heal anyone, including those who doctors cannot heal.

Costumes: Chauncey and Algeron: Brown Bomber jacket, khaki pants, aviator cap and goggles, work boots, scarf; 800 Pound Gorilla: Fur covering for arm

Props: Bible, radio reception device, medicine bottle, basket full of laundry.

Sound effects (SFX):

1. Intro 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
7. Outro music suggestion: "The Entertainer" by Scott Joplin

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. Scripture slide: **If I just touch His clothes, I will be healed. Mark 5:28b**
5. 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")

Algernon (at puppet stage)

Hullo there, mates! Colonel Bonzai here! So good to see you all! Mumsy has not rested one moment since she got here. Day and night she's had us painting and hanging curtains. Our hut is looking fabulous, but Mumsy has worn us out. It was non-stop until she came down with a nasty cold. I made her lie down for a bit so I could, I mean so she could finally get some rest!

Pepper (pops up)

Mumsy! Mumsy! Mumsy! Mumsy!

Algernon

Tally ho, there, Pepper! Mumsy's not here. She is resting. I'm afraid she's not feeling well.

Pepper

Not feeling well?! Not feeling well?! She can't get sick! She's a nurse!

Algernon

Nurses can get sick, too, you know.

Pepper

But she was supposed to take 800 Pound Gorilla out for flying lessons.

Gorilla (pops up)

Bluh-bluh-bluh-bluh-bluh-bluh!

Algernon

What did he say?

Pepper

He's disappointed. He's afraid he'll be the last flying Gorilla on the island.

Algernon

I don't think there's much danger of that happening.

Gorilla

Bluh-bluh-bluh-bluh-bluh-bluh!

Pepper

Great idea 800 Pound Gorilla!

Algernon

What did he say?

Pepper

He said we should go pray for her!

Algernon

That is a wonderful idea! I have to wait here for Chauncey. He flew to Togo to get some medicine.

Gorilla

Bluh-bluh-bluh-bluh-bluh?

Pepper

What a sweet idea, 800 Pound Gorilla. Mumsy would love a bouquet of bananas. We can pick them from the banana tree by the runway. See you guys later! (exits)

Algernon

**Give Mumsy my love! Oh, I do hope
Chauncey hurries back with that cold
medicine. (SFX: Plane flying) Ah,
there he is now! Hulloo Chauncey! Oh my! It
looks like he's going to land safely!
Hooray! Uh-oh! Watch out, Chauncey!
Look out for that banana peel on the
runway!**

**Chauncey (SFX: Screech to a crash)
Oh no! Not again!**

Algernon

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

Chauncey (at runway)

**Tally ho! I made it! Fortunately for me,
kids, I crashed head first!**

Algernon

Chauncey! Did you see the medicine man?

Chauncey (cross to Algernon)

**Oh, I don't need a medicine man. I have
a very thick skull!**

Algernon

I meant for Mumsy!

Chauncey (pulls out bottle)

**Oh, yes! Dr. Umgawa said if we give her a
spoonful of this syrup she'll be up and
running around like a new Mumsy in no
time.**

Algernon

**I'm still exhausted from trying to keep up
with the old Mumsy. I don't suppose we
could hide that for a couple of days, could
we?**

Chauncey

Algie!

Algernon

Sorry! Did I say that out loud?

Chauncey

**Do you know what I think? I think the
best medicine for Mumsy would be a
lovely Bible story!**

Algernon

**Good show! Let's get our Bible out right
now! (SFX: "There Can Be Miracles," VFX: Light
shines from Cargo Crate)**

Chauncey

**I think I have just the right story! It's
called "The Healing of the Sick Woman!"**

Algernon

Chauncey! We know a sick woman!

Chauncey

**Indeed, we do! But, in this story the
woman was sick for many years.**

Algernon

Do tell!

Chauncey

**She was sick for 12 years. Her doctors
could not heal her. Then one day Jesus
came to town.**

Algernon

Oh, this will have a happy ending!

Chauncey (VFX: Scripture slide)

**I think you're right, old chum! The Bible
says, "She thought to herself: 'If I just
touch His clothes, I will be healed.'" Mark
5:28b**

Algernon

**She thought she could be healed simply by
touching His clothes?!**

Chauncey

**That's right! But, there was a great crowd
of people around Jesus and she couldn't
get near Him!**

Algernon

**So, she got in her aero plane and skydived
into the crowd!**

Chauncey

No, no, no, Algie! There are no aeroplanes in the Bible!

Algernon

Well then, whatever did she do?

Chauncey

She worked her way through the crowd, stre-e-etched out her hand and touched His cloak.

Algernon

And? And?

Chauncey

She was healed! It was a miracle!

Algernon

A miracle!

Chauncey

A miracle!

Algernon (exits)

A miracle! Ooh, I'll be right back!

Chauncey

Algie? Wherever are you going?

Algernon (enters with laundry basket)

To get some laundry! I'm going to dump these clothes all over Mumsy so she shall be healed and it will be a miracle!

Chauncey

A miracle!

Algernon

A miracle!

Chauncey

Wait a tick. You can't heal Mumsy by dumping clothes on her.

Algernon

Why not? Jesus healed people with His clothes.

Chauncey

Oh no, Algie, it isn't about clothes.

Algernon

It isn't?

Chauncey

Heavens no! This story is about God's power. When she touched His clothes, Jesus knew that some power had gone out from Him.

Algernon

Do you mean Jesus had so much power that all you had to do was touch Him and to be healed?

Chauncey

Jesus still has so much power that all you have to do is reach out for Him and He can change your life.

Algernon

That's incredible!

Chauncey

That's because: "It's incredible but true, what the God of Wonders can do!" (VFX: Closing slide)

Algie

Let's go pray with Mumsy and we can reach out to Jesus together.

Chauncey

Ta-ta, kids! We're going to pray for Mumsy's healing!

(exit)