



Worship Illustration: Script
The Adventures of the Bonzai Brothers
God of Wonders Part 1: Miracles of Jesus
Unit 2, Lesson 11

Banishing an Evil Spirit

Luke 4:33-36

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: Algie (Algernon) is a former World War1 British Air Force pilot turned missionary. He is one of the two Bonzai Brothers. Popsy is the Bonzai Brothers' father. He is brave, brash and very Scottish.

Plot: Popsy arrives! He tells Algie how Jesus banished an evil spirit. We learn that Jesus is the highest authority.

Costumes: Algeron: Brown Bomber jacket, khaki pants, aviator cap and goggles, work boots, scarf; Popsy: Kilt, tam, mustache, boots

Props: Bible, radio reception device

Sound effects (SFX):

1. Intro music suggestion: "The Entertainer" by Scott Joplin
2. Plane engine sputter and crash
3. Ambulance sirens
4. Plane flying
5. Cargo Crate theme song suggestion: "There Can Be Miracles" from Disney's The Prince of Egypt soundtrack
6. 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. Fog
4. Plane lights overhead
5. Cargo crate contains the Bible. Whenever it is opened, light shines out and theme song plays
6. Scripture slide: ***With authority...He gives orders and they come out. Luke 4:36b***
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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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 (enters at hangar with binoculars) **Hullo there, mates! Colonel Bonzai here! I just came out to have a look about! Chauncey and Mumsy took 800 Pound Gorilla out for some flying time. I thought I heard them fly by, but when I looked up, I saw a strange plane circling the island.** (SFX: Plane engine sputter and crash) **Uh-oh! Duck and cover!** (SFX/VFX: Ambulance lights, fog, siren)

Popsy (enters and stands in audience) **Saints alive! That was quite a drop! Lucky for me I landed on me heed!** (pats his head.)

Algie
Popsy? Popsy? Is that you? What are you doing here?

Popsy (Cross through audience to hangar) **I missed me beautiful bride and me two favorite boys! So I came for a visit! Come give your old Popsy a hug! I’d know you anywhere, Chauncey!**

Algie
I’m Algie.

Popsy

Of course you are and don’t you forget it either! Now where is my wee little Chauncey? He must be here somewhere! (Choose a child) **Ah, there you are boy-o! Let me give you some noogies for old time sake!**

Algie

Popsy! Popsy! That is not Chauncey!

Popsy

It’s not?

Algie

No! That’s one of the kids!

Popsy (cross to hangar)

I thought his heed felt a little too soft. Sorry old bean! So then, where is Chauncey and me beautiful bride?

Algie

Chauncey and Mumsy are with 800 Pound Gorilla.

Popsy

What?! An 800 Pound Gorilla! Where is he? Where is he? I’ll wrassle him to the ground! I’ll tear him limb from limb if he hurts my sweet little Mumsy!

Algie

Calm down, Popsy! They’re safe! 800 Pound Gorilla is our friend.

Popsy

You’re friends with an 800 Pound Gorilla?

Algie

Yes, Mumsy and Chauncey are giving him flying lessons.

Popsy

You’re friends with an 800 Pound flying Gorilla?!

Algie

Better to have him as a friend than an enemy.

Popsy

Aye, you're right about that, laddie! Why, I've certainly faced my fair share of fierce beasts in my day!

Algie

I remember, Popsy. (to children) One time when I was a little boy, I saw my Popsy wrestle two alligators at the same time!

Popsy

Aye, I tied their tails together and they chased each other in circles for the rest of the day!

Algie

And this other time, he wrestled a giant grizzly bear!

Popsy

He started out as an angry monster but I held him down and tickled his belly until he said, "uncle". By the time I was through with him, he looked like Winnie, the Pooh!

Algie

My Popsy's not afraid of anything! Are you, Popsy?

Popsy

Nothin' on God's green earth. Why, one time I flew to Kuala Lampur just so I could have a tussle with the famous Koala Bear.

Algie

A Koala Bear? Well, they're just harmless little critters.

Popsy

Aye, but this one missed his nap and boy was he in a bad mood! And remember that time we went on that boat ride and I wrassled with that great, big dinosaur!

Algie

How could I forget? They threw us out of Universal Studios!

Popsy

Yeah, but I showed that brontosaurus who was boss! You see the thing is, kids, I had to **SHOW them that I was in charge, but with Jesus, everyone already knows that He's the Boss!**

Algie

Jesus is the top authority – the one in charge, isn't He Popsy?

Popsy

Aye, you can say that again!

Algie

Okay! Jesus is the top authority – the one in charge, isn't He Popsy?

Popsy

He surely is! He has power over everything and everyone. He is the Lord God Almighty, so it was no trouble at all for Jesus to banish a demon!

Algie

Do you mean an evil spirit?!

Popsy

Aye! I do! Let me get the Bible out and show ye. (SFX: "There Can Be Miracles," VFX: Light shines from Cargo Crate) Now that's impressive! Ah, here we are! It's in the book of Luke. In the synagogue, Jesus met a man who was controlled by an evil spirit and the man shouted out at the top of his voice: "Ha! What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us?"

Algie

Wowzers! Sounds like that evil spirit was afraid of Jesus!

Popsy

As well it should be! After all, the Bible just says the demon was evil – not stupid! Evil spirits know Jesus is all powerful – far more powerful than any of them. In fact, the evil spirit said this to Jesus: "I know who You are—the Holy One of God!"

Algie

What did Jesus do?

Popsy

He said: "Be quiet! Come out of him!" Then the evil spirit threw the man down and came out without even hurtin' the fella. It was a miracle!

Algie

A miracle!

Popsy

A miracle!

Algie

A miracle! Wowzers! So the evil spirit did what Jesus told it to do?

Popsy

Aye! Even evil spirits know who's the boss. The Bible says, (VFX: Scripture slide) "With authority...Jesus gives orders and they come out." Luke 4:36b

Jesus is the highest authority –that means He is the one in charge – with the most power of all.

Algie

That's incredible!

Popsy

Well, you know what I always taught you boys! (VFX: Closing slide)

Algie

Indeed, I do! Let's all say it together, kids: "It's incredible but true, what the God of Wonders can do!"

Popsy

(SFX: Plane flying, VFX: Plane lights overhead) I hear an aeroplane!

Algie

It's Chauncey and Mumsy! They should be crashing in any moment now! Let's get back to the hut and surprise them! (SFX: "The Entertainer")

Popsy

Great idea, son! Fare thee well, children! And remember, always obey the Lord!

(exits)