



**Worship Illustration: Script**  
***The Adventures of the Bonzai Brothers***  
**God of Wonders Part 1: Miracles of Jesus**  
**Unit 3, Lesson 16**

# Ascending Into Heaven

**Luke 24:50-53**

**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:** Chauncey is a former World War 1 British Air Force pilot turned missionary. He is one of the two Bonzai Brothers. Mumsy, a former nurse and commander in the Women's Air Brigade, is the Bonzai Brothers' mother. She is loving but very forceful and commands authority. 800 Pound Gorilla is a fur-covered arm and hand that only speaks in gibberish.

**Plot:** Mumsy returns! Chauncey asks her to tell the story of how Jesus went up to His throne. We learn we should joyfully praise Jesus as He sits on His throne in heaven.

**Costumes:** Chauncey: Brown Bomber jacket, khaki pants, aviator cap and goggles, work boots, scarf; Mumsy: White wig, colorful blouse, culottes, furry boots, hat

**Props:** Bible, large envelope.

**Sound effects (SFX):**

1. Intro music suggestion: "The Entertainer" by Scott Joplin
2. Plane flying
3. Plane engine sputter and crash
4. Ambulance sirens
5. Cargo Crate theme song suggestion: "There Can Be Miracles" from Disney's The Prince of Egypt soundtrack
6. Jungle drums
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. Fog
4. Cargo crate contains the Bible. Whenever it is opened, light shines out and theme song plays
5. Scripture slide: **While He was blessing them, He left them and was taken up into heaven. Luke 24:52**
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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**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** (enter at hangar)

**Tally ho! Colonel Bonzai, here! I’ve been waiting anxiously for Mumsy and Popsy and 800 Pound Gorilla to arrive. Today is the day they’re supposed to return from their vacation to Easter Island. Oh wait, I think I hear them now.** (SFX: Plane flying) **Yes, there she is! Hullo Mumsy!**

**Mumsy** (SFX: Plane engine sputter and crash) **Oh, dear! Look out below!**

**Chauncey**

**Duck and cover!** (SFX/VFX: ambulance lights, fog, sirens)

**Mumsy** (enter at hangar)

**Jolly good! I made it! A perfect landing! Now, where’s my little boy?**

**Chauncey**

**Here I am, Mumsy!**

**Mumsy** (hugs him)

**Give Mumsy a hug! Oh, I missed you boys so very much. We had such a wonderful time on Easter Island. Popsy and 800 Pound Gorilla frolicked about like two little children. They never found any giant Easter eggs, but we did find an old friend of yours.**

**Chauncey**

**Who might that be, Mumsy?**

**Mumsy**

**Some chief something or other, he gave us a letter for you. Oh, 800 Pound Gorilla!**

**Gorilla** (enters at stage with letter)

**Bluh-bluh-bluh-bluh-bluh-bluh.**

**Chauncey**

**Wait a tick, if you are there and 800 Pound Gorilla is there, where’s Popsy?**

**Mumsy**

**Oh, he decided to swim back.**

**Chauncey**

**What? Swim?! Mumsy, that’s over 2,000 miles!!**

**Mumsy**

**Oh, you know your father - he won’t get bored.**

**Chauncey**

**I’m not worried about him getting bored! I’m worried about him getting eaten by sharks!**

**Mumsy**

**I’d be more worried about the sharks! You know how Popsy loves to wrestle with ocean beasties.**

**Gorilla**

**Bluh-bluh-bluh-bluh-bluh-bluh.**

**Mumsy**

Oh, I'm terribly sorry, 800 Pound Gorilla.  
Chauncey, he wants you to take your  
letter so he can tell Pepper about our trip.

**Chauncey** (takes letter)

Thank you, 800 Pound Gorilla.

**Gorilla**

Bluh-bluh. (exits)

**Chauncey**

Oh my, it's from our old friend Chief  
Howzyermomanem!

**Mumsy**

Who?

**Chauncey**

Chief Howsyermomanem - he's the ruler of  
Easter Island. I haven't seen him in years.  
I wonder what he wants.

**Mumsy**

Well, open it up and find out.

**Chauncey**

Okay, here goes. (Open and close envelope,  
SFX: drums while envelope is open) **He always  
communicates by jungle drums.** (Open and  
close envelope. SFX: drums while envelope is  
open)

**Mumsy**

Well, how do you know what it says?

**Chauncey**

**I speak fluent jungle drum.** (Open and close  
envelope, SFX: drums while envelope is open)  
**It says he's welcoming his son home from  
a long battle. Hey Ho.**

**Mumsy**

**Hey Ho Howzyermomanem? Oh yes, we  
met him; he's a perfectly lovely young  
man. It's so good to have him home.**

**Chauncey** (Open and close envelope, SFX:  
drums while envelope is open) **The chief  
invites all of us to see his son's welcome  
home ceremony.**

**Mumsy**

Oh, that's a lovely ceremony! All eyes  
watch the chief's son as he receives his  
headdress and goes up the steps to take  
His rightful seat by his father. And when  
he sits down, everyone applauds!

**Chauncey**

I say, Mumsy, that reminds me of the  
story that you used to tell Algernon and  
me when we were small boys. Do you  
remember?

**Mumsy**

How could I forget? The story of the day  
Jesus was taken up into heaven!!!

**Chauncey**

Oh, Mumsy, would you tell it again, for old  
time's sake?

**Mumsy**

Of course, I will, dear. Let's get the Bible  
**out right now!** (SFX: "There Can Be Miracles,"  
VFX: Light shines from Cargo Crate) **Ah yes,  
here it is! Now remember dear, this took  
place after Jesus had risen from the dead  
and had appeared to His followers many  
times. He had even filled their fishing net  
with a miracle catch of fish!**

**Chauncey**

Yes, and He ate breakfast on the shore  
with them too!

**Mumsy**

That's right, and then He led them straight  
out to the village of Bethany.

**Chauncey**

Oh, Mumsy, please read us the part that  
comes next!

**Mumsy** (SFX: Scripture Slide)

**Jesus lifted up His hands and blessed  
them. "While He was blessing them, He  
left them and was taken up into heaven."  
It was a miracle!**

**Chauncey**

**A miracle!**

**Mumsy**  
**A miracle!**

**Chauncey**  
**A miracle! And that was always my favorite part, Mumsy! That was when I knew that Jesus was Lord!**

**Mumsy**  
**And that's when the Lord Jesus took his rightful place in heaven!**

**Chauncey**  
**And when I was young boy, He took His rightful place in my heart!**

**Mumsy**  
**You know, kids, just like Chauncey we can all let Jesus take His rightful place as the Lord of our hearts!**

**Chauncey**  
**And we can all do what the disciples did when they saw Jesus being taken up into heaven.**

**Mumsy**  
**Oh, that's my favorite part! They joyfully went to the temple to praise the Lord.**

**Chauncey** (VFX: Closing Slide)  
**The Lord Jesus is incredible! And you know what we Bonzais like to say! Let's all say it together: "It's incredible but true, what the God of Wonders can do!"**  
(SFX: "The Entertainer")

**Mumsy**  
**Jolly Good, Chauncey! Ta-ta, kids! May the Lord Jesus live in your hearts forever!**

**Chauncey**  
**And be sure to praise Him forever too!**

**Mumsy**  
**Love and Kippers!**  
(they exit)

**Suggestion:** Follow this sketch with a time of joyful worship. Singing a praise song together is a great way to respond to the story.