



**Worship Illustration: Script**  
***The Adventures of the Bonzai Brothers***  
**God of Wonders Part 1: Miracles of Jesus**  
**Unit 4, Lesson 20**

# Appearing to Thomas

**John 20:24-31**

**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. Wyoming Jones is a near-sighted expert explorer and a jungle rescuer.

**Plot:** Chauncey tells Wyoming Jones about the day Jesus appeared to Thomas after He rose from the dead. We learn Jesus "rescued" Thomas from his doubts.

**Costumes:** Chauncey: Brown Bomber jacket, khaki pants, aviator cap and goggles, work boots, scarf; Wyoming Jones: Boy Scout uniform, thick glasses

**Props:** Bible, radio reception device, Walkie Talkie.

**Sound effects (SFX):**

1. Intro music suggestion: "The Entertainer" by Scott Joplin
2. Rescue Pack music suggestion: Indiana Jones theme
3. Crackling static
4. Popsy's Walkie Talkie voiceover
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. Cargo crate contains the Bible. Whenever it is opened, light shines out and theme song plays
3. Scripture slide: ***Jesus said, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed. John 20:29"***
4. 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** (enters at hangar)

**Hullo mates! Colonel Bonzai here! We’re all working on our new business, “The Bonzai Family Rescue Patrol!” Mumsy’s sewing uniforms, Algie and I have been tuning up our aeroplanes and Popsy’s repairing runways and making contacts all over the world. Wyoming Jones is scouting out a location for our new helicopter pad!** (SFX: Indiana Jones theme) **Here comes Wyoming now!**

**Wyoming** (cross to other side of room) **Coming through! Coming through! Hello Chauncey! Hello kids!**

**Chauncey**  
**Over here, Wyoming!**

**Wyoming** (crosses to hangar)  
**Ah there you are!**

**Chauncey**  
**I haven’t seen you all day. You must’ve been busy.**

**Wyoming**

**I have walked every inch of this island and I think I found a place to build the helicopter pad.**

**Chauncey**  
**That’s wonderful!**

**Wyoming**  
**Helicopters have to take off and land from a high location so that you can see over the trees. So, I chose the lowest point...**

**Chauncey**  
**Highest!**

**Wyoming**  
**Right! Highest point on the cliffs.**

**Chauncey**  
**That’s a perfect spot.**

**Wyoming**  
**Almost perfect - except that it will take weeks to clear all those trees.**

**Chauncey**  
**Well, Popsy was hoping to have the business ready to take off by next weekend so that we can go to Chief Howzyermomanem’s coronation.**

**Wyoming**  
**That won’t happen! It’s impossible!**

**Chauncey**  
**Nothing is impossible with God! I’ll just call Popsy and tell him to get over there and begin clearing.**

**Wyoming**  
**Well, you can call him but I doubt he’ll be able to do it. We don’t have a bulldozer or a backhoe.**

**Chauncey** (picks up Walkie Talkie)  
**That’s true, but we never know what the God of Wonders might do. I’ll call Popsy.** (SFX: Crackling static) **Chauncey calling Popsy! Come in, Popsy! Do you read me? Over!**

**Popsy** (SFX: Walkie Talkie Voiceover)  
**Popsy here! Over.**

**Chauncey**  
**Wyoming found a spot for the helicopter pad. Can you head over there to start clearing trees? Over.**

**Popsy** (SFX: Walkie Talkie Voiceover)  
**Aye, I'm on the way! Over and out!**

**Chauncey**  
**Never fear! Popsy's on the way! That cliff will be cleared in no time.**

**Wyoming**  
**I'd have to see it to believe it.**

**Chauncey**  
**That's just what Thomas said!**

**Wyoming**  
**Thomas? Who's Thomas?**

**Chauncey**  
**Thomas was one of the disciples of Jesus! He also had doubts...at first.**

**Wyoming**  
**What were his doubts about?**

**Chauncey**  
**Let me show you. Get the Bible out.**

**Wyoming** (pulls on wrong box)  
**Is it in here? I think it's locked!**

**Chauncey**  
**No, we keep it in the box marked Bibles.**  
(SFX: "There Can Be Miracles," VFX: Light shines from Cargo Crate)  
**Jesus appeared to His disciples after He had risen from the dead. It was a miracle!**

**Wyoming**  
**A miracle!**

**Chauncey**  
**A miracle!**

**Wyoming**  
**A miracle! They must have been amazed to see Jesus alive again!**

**Chauncey**  
**They were...all except Thomas.**

**Wyoming**  
**Thomas wasn't happy to see Jesus?**

**Chauncey**  
**Actually, Thomas wasn't there that day. But the other disciples ran and told him, "We have seen the Lord!"**

**Wyoming**  
**And then was Thomas excited?**

**Chauncey**  
**Not exactly. Remember, Thomas had seen Jesus die on the cross. He had not yet seen Jesus alive as the others had. Thomas told them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe it."**

**Wyoming**  
**Wow, I know just how he felt! I just must see the proof for myself.**

**Chauncey**  
**Some of us need more information to help us believe. So one week later, Jesus appeared to give Thomas what he needed to believe. He walked through a locked door and into the room where Thomas and all the disciples were meeting.**

**Wyoming**  
**Did Jesus come to help Thomas believe?**

**Chauncey**  
**Yes. Jesus told Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."**

**Wyoming**  
**What did Thomas say?**

**Chauncey**

He said, "My Lord and my God!"

**Wyoming**

It would have been so amazing to see Jesus! What did He say?

**Chauncey** (SFX: Scripture slide)

Jesus said, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

**Wyoming**

That blessing is for me! I haven't seen Jesus, but I do believe in Him.

**Chauncey**

Me too- the faith Jesus gives us is quite a blessing!

**Wyoming**

So, Jesus wasn't upset with Thomas for having doubts?

**Chauncey**

Not at all, Jesus wanted to help Thomas believe. You might say Jesus came to "rescue" Thomas from his doubts!

**Popsy** (SFX: V.O.)

Popsy calling Chauncey! Come in!

**Chauncey** (picks up Walkie Talkie)

Oh, hello Popsy! Have you found the spot on the cliffs? Over.

**Popsy** (SFX: V.O.)

Aye! Tell Wyoming we cleared all the trees. Over.

**Wyoming** (picks up Walkie Talkie)

What?! I don't believe it!

**Popsy** (SFX: Walkie Talkie Voiceover)

Well, believe it! 800-Pound Gorilla and I had a contest to see who could knock down the most trees. I'm afraid he beat me this time.

**Gorilla** (SFX: Walkie Talkie Voiceover)

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

**Popsy** (SFX: Walkie Talkie Voiceover)

Good idea! He says we've got enough wood for a landing pad. We're going to get started! Over and out! Pass me that hammer!

**Wyoming**

That's incredible!

**Chauncey** (VFX: Closing Slide)

Well, there's a lesson for us all, When in doubt, always remember the Bonzai motto! Let's all say it together: "It's incredible but true, what the God of Wonders can do!" (SFX: "The Entertainer") So long, kids!

**Wyoming** (starts to go down ramp)

Keep the faith!

**Chauncey**

This way, Wyoming!

**Wyoming**

Right!

(they exit)